

(Applause)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. It's been quite a day. I think this is the new norm. For as the New York State Assembly, we actually start early and work late. But there are still yet some things to do, Mr. Speaker. They (sic) are 15 proposed Rule changes from the Minority. I, because we have been here so long, Mr. Speaker, I don't choose to try and speak on every piece of their proposals that they are going to submit, but I would be remiss if I didn't make members aware that in many cases, the effort here is to change the Majority rule to Minority rule. And I think that, you know, we have been in this position as changing Rules many times in our past. If we think from a historical perspective, it kind of started in 1975 when this House actually changed, in terms of its Party affiliation. And then in 2005, when we used to be able to vote in our office from the LOB, and in 2007 when a lot of things changed. And, certainly, Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of our current Speaker, Mr. Heastie, many things have changed. Many of our Rules have changed to make it more transparent, more available to both our constituencies, as well as our families and staff that are watching these proceedings.

So, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate and honor the fact that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have these 15 amendments or changes that they would like to make to our Rules, 13 of which we have previously voted down; we will have 15 of them

before us today. I would ask my members to please stay with us as we go through this process. And, you know, we'll hear their comments, but, Mr. Speaker, I -- I'm going to ask that we give all due consideration to the fact that our Rules are in a fairly decent shape, they have been since Mr. -- Speaker Heastie has been our Speaker. And we look forward to working in the future with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to craft some new Rules and Regulations that are truly bipartisan, as opposed to what's before us today.

With that, Mr. Speaker, if we can have comments, I'm sure, from Mr. Goodell and we can begin with Rule --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Certainly.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: -- change number one.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We would certainly --

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We want to give Mr. Goodell equal time, but only equal.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And thanks for those comments, Majority Leader.

I -- as you know, we always look for the best ideas, right? And when we have an open mind and a thoughtful approach, we often see there's opportunities to improve on what we're doing. And you'll see that we have several very fine proposed Rules -- Rule amendments. And we would welcome your bipartisan support on all

of them. Some of which you may, privately or publicly, hopefully publicly, also rejoice. Opportunities to increase your ability, for example, to get a bill on the floor of the Assembly for a vote, more transparency in our Committee Meetings, implementing the normal and customary rules of mathematics and calculating percentages. All of these great ideas are embodied in these Rules and I look forward to your strong and enthusiastic bipartisan support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Goodell. And we shall start.

Mr. Stec for the first of these spectacular recommendations.

(Laughter/Applause)

MR. STEC: I like your attitude, Mr. Speaker. Happy New Year.

I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Proceed, Mr. Stec.

MR. STEC: Thank you. This resolution would require that a standing Committee be discharged from consideration of a bill or resolution when the same measure is supported by at least six -- 76 members of the Assembly. This proposal mirrors one advanced by the Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus in their report entitled, *Break the Gridlock*, which was recently agreed to by Speaker Pelosi.

When a bill or resolution has the support of the majority of the House, a motion to discharge shall be in order. Since the motion itself requires a majority to pass, it only makes sense that if we get 76 sponsors among the members of this House, it should go straight to the floor to be considered for a vote. Holding an up or down vote helps ensure all good ideas supported by a majority of the House receives a chance.

I urge your consideration of this nonpartisan resolution so we can increase member involvement in determining what bills should make it to the floor, and expand timely and easy online access to all floor votes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 25, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 7 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules in relation to Committees.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Hawley.

MR. HAWLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request an opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

MR. HAWLEY: Briefly explaining, we have all read

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ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: One minute. Let the Clerk read, and then you'll explain it.

MR. HAWLEY: Good.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Okay? Good.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 27 (sic), Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 7 of Rule III of the rule -- of the Assembly Rules in relation to the reading of bills.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: And now, Mr. Hawley.

MR. HAWLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We've all read the editorials that have expressed displeasure with the Legislature debating and voting on controversial and complex bills in the middle of the night. The citizens and businesses of this State also share the very same and real concerns. The Message of Necessity leaves the Legislature with insufficient time to review and properly consider such legislation, and the public with insufficient time to review and comment.

These are fair criticisms. We should not abuse the Message of Necessity process, which circumvents the aging process for legislation. Messages of Necessity should be used and approved by this Body only whether the facts necessitate immediate action, which should be few and far apart. Transparency in the light of day

for all our citizens should be our primary goal as representatives.

While the Rules currently provide that messages of necessity must be approved by majority vote in the Rules Committee, we believe these extraordinary measures should only be taken when approved by two-thirds of the members of the entire House. The public, the media and each of us deserve no less. Again, let us take a step toward greater transparency by ensuring that we only use or accept the message of necessity process when absolutely warranted, and that we don't unduly interfere with the public's ability to review and give us their input before legislation is voted on. I urge your consideration of this resolution.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Crouch.

MR. CROUCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 27, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules in relation to Standing Committees.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Crouch.

MR. CROUCH: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This amendment applies the mathematic principles we use in our everyday aspect of our lives, and -- to the membership of the Standing Committees of the Assembly. These -- there are currently a 150 members of the State Assembly, with 43 members in the Minority. The Majority represents 71.3 percent. This resolution amends the current Rule that provides for "all fractional members are credited to the Majority," to provide that all -- fractional members of one-half or greater be credited to the Majority.

This amendment merely applies to the basic -- applies the basic math rule of rounding up taught in every elementary school math class in this State. We do not seek an unfair advantage, we just believe that nearly six million New Yorkers represented by members of the Minority Conference should also be represented fairly on Committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Palumbo.

MR. PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain

it, please.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 28, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 5 of Rule III of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the introduction of resolutions.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Palumbo to explain.

MR. PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Procedure is the cornerstone of the legislative process. The Legislature uses resolutions to make declarations, State policies and render decisions. Legislators should not be expected to vote on resolutions if they have not been afforded ample time to review and research.

This resolution would amend our existing Rule requiring that before the House can vote on a resolution, copies of the resolution must be placed on each member's desk at least three days prior to such vote. This resolution seeks to make a simple yet very important change to our legislative process. Currently, we require that no bill be considered for the Third Reading unless it shall have been -- shall have been on the Calendar on two legislative days, but we have no such requirement for resolutions. The three-day requirement will allow all members to be fully informed about the contents of any resolution placed before the House, enabling informed votes on the same to -- to the benefit of all citizens of this State.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you.

On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Johns.

MR. JOHNS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 29, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to ensuring that each member is entitled to have at least one substantive piece of legislation discharged from Committee and brought to a vote during each two-year term.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Johns to explain the resolution.

MR. JOHNS: Mr. Speaker, we vote for a lot of bills down here and we label them as one form of equality or another. What I'm proposing here is legislative equality. And what this bill, or what this Rule change suggests is that every member of this Chamber, Democrat, Republican, Majority or Minority member would be allowed to bring one bill to the floor every two years. That isn't really equality, but it's the least that you can ask for. You can't have less than one piece of legislation every two years.

And, as the Majority Leader says, these bills could still go through Committee. They could be voted up or down in Committee, but we know the bills come out of Committee and never come up to the floor for a vote. So, whether the bill passes Committee or not, we would be able to bring one piece of legislation, Statewide significance, to the floor for a debate, a discussion, an up or down vote. The public back home ask me why don't we vote on term limits, two-year budget cycles, unicameral legislature; it would save \$150 million a year. Get rid of gerrymandered districts. Have referendum bills. None of these come up for a vote. But just think about it. If we had legislative equality, we could be bringing these bills forward, get ourselves on record, pass good reform legislation and force the Senate to take up the bills and have them be accountable, as well.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution,
the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Ra.

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the
following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 30, Mr.

Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the limiting time of the number of terms of the Minority Leader of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Assembly.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Ra to explain his...

MR. RA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I -- I always get worried about offering this one, that I'm being set up in some way, but...

In order to best serve the public, it's -- it is important that the Legislature continues to evolve and permit a fresh flow of ideas to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers. In short, stagnation limits progress. The purpose of this amendment is to limit the time a member may serve as Majority Leader of the Assembly or Minority Leader of the Assembly to four consecutive two-year terms. Changing leadership periodically would help provide fresh perspective and limit the absolute power perceived -- perceived from long tenures of holding the same leadership position.

(Speaker Heastie takes a seat by Mr. Ra.)

(Laughter)

Mr. Goodell has the one that applies to Speaker, Mr. Speaker. This is just -- - this is just for Majority and Minority Leader.

SPEAKER HEASTIE: All right. I'll be back.

(Laughter)

MR. RA: So, I -- with the great work that our -- our new Majority Leader is doing, with all due respect to that, and,

certainly, Leader Kolb, this is a -- a measure that exists in the Rules of -- of our State Senate and, in fact, was one of the issues that was raised with the new Majority in the U.S. House of Representatives with Speaker Pelosi. And that's just one of the things she actually agreed to in order to get some of the votes that she was struggling to get for Speaker, was that there would be some type of term limit for leadership going into the future.

This is -- this is a measure designed, like I said, to -- to keep fresh ideas and fresh leadership coming forward, and I urge our members to support it. Thank you.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Byrne.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly No. 31, Mr. Kolb.

Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to Committee agendas.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Byrne --

MR. BYRNE: Thank you --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: -- proceed.

MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This resolution will require that no bill can be removed from the Committee agenda once voting on the bill has started. It would also require Committee roll calls to be provided to the Ranking Minority member. The Committee process is a vital part of the business of the Assembly. Committee members play an integral role by reviewing, debating and voting on bills in their respective Committees.

However, this important Committee work is sometimes obstructed when a vote does not go on as planned. In cases when a vote does not go as intended, the Chair can pull the bill from the agenda instead of recording the vote as it happened. The debate and the vote on the bill are thereby erased from existence. Only those who watch the Committee meeting know what happens, there is no public record and, consequently, the public will never know how its representatives voted on an important bill in Committee.

In 2016, this House took an important step towards transparency by reforming the Assembly Rules to require that Committee votes be posted electronically. Now, I urge this House to take the next step and require that all Committee votes be recorded, regardless if the outcome is different than was intended.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir. On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Norris.

MR. NORRIS: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 32, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Subdivision (c) of Section 1 of Rule I of the Assembly Rules, in relation to substitution of Committee members, and amending Section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the substitution of Committee members.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Norris to explain.

MR. NORRIS: This resolution would prohibit the Speaker from substituting a member of a Committee and the Chair from permitting a substitution unless 24-hour notice is given to the Ranking Minority member of the Committee. Committee members gain expertise over laws and topics that are regularly considered by the Committee. That is why the Committee process is an integral step so that the bills are vetted by members with knowledge and experience before they make it to the Assembly floor for a vote.

It is also important that we keep the integrity of each Committee intact. Members should not be substituted at the very last minute to ensure a vote goes a certain way or to protect a member

from having to take a difficult vote.

In 2016, we amended the Rules to require Committee meetings to be televised, and we're looking forward to seeing that happen soon. Next, we should take another step towards transparency and require that 24-hour notice is given for any Committee substitution so that there are no surprises at the time of the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Ms. Walsh.

MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request an opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 33, Mr.

Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Subdivision (a) of Section 3 of Rule III of the Assembly Rules, in relation to processing of multi-sponsorship forms.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Walsh on the resolution.

MS. WALSH: Yes, thank you. This resolution would require that all multi-sponsorship forms signed by the

introducer and the multi-sponsor must be processed by the Index Clerk within five days of the date of submission. The Assembly Rules permit any number of Assemblymembers to sign on as multi-sponsors of a bill. The Rules also state that the introducer retains exclusive control of a bill at all times. Therefore, when an introducer signs a multi-sponsorship form, the intent is clear: The introducer has given his or her permission for the member to sign onto the bill. Therefore, once the receive -- once received, the Index Clerk should process the multi-sponsorship form as soon as possible.

Currently, the Assembly Rules do not provide a timeframe, though, for the -- for the Assembly Index Clerk to process multi-sponsorship forms. I urge you to join me in adopting this resolution so that we can set a reasonable timeframe for multi-sponsorship in the Assembly Rules.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? The Clerk will announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Morinello.

MR. MORINELLO: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 34.

Assembly Resolution amending Section 4 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to public hearings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Morinello to explain the resolution.

MR. MORINELLO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In this time of much needed reform, we must provide the public greater access to our Committee process and, frankly, bring about the meaningful reform desired by all New Yorkers who support the cause of good government and enhanced transparency while increasing respect for this House and all who serve in it. That starts with the public fully vetting legislation on a contentious issue.

This amendment would require a Committee Chairperson to call a public hearing upon a petition signed by one-third of the members of the Committee. Neither Conference has an absolute monopoly on good ideas and we all benefit from public hearings on controversial or complex legislation or issues. This amendment would empower Committee members to call for public hearings should they feel that additional input is needed or the public generally wants to be heard on important legislative matters, while preserving the understanding that majority rules. The best input we, as legislators, receive is from the constituents we represent. By bringing greater openness to the legislative process through public hearings, we would be giving every single New Yorker an opportunity to have their voices heard.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Montesano.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 35, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 9 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, in relation to staff, materials and other perquisites.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Montesano to explain the resolution.

MR. MONTESANO: Thank you. This resolution would amend our existing rule regarding the additional allotment of staff and other resources provided to members in the Majority and Minority Committee, Subcommittee and Task Force leadership positions. Specifically, this resolution would ensure Ranking members of Committees or members in Minority leadership positions have sufficient staff and resources necessary to deal with the activity of that Committee or position.

For example, under this proposal, the Ranking Member of the Codes Committee would receive an allowance for staff and other prerequisites that is 61.1 percent of the additional allowance provided to the Committee Chair. While Ranking members of Committees do not share all of the responsibilities of Committee Chairs they do, in fact, have similar responsibilities. They must have sufficient staff and resources to review all bills that are referred to their Committee and perform the same fair-minded analysis and thorough oversight functions as the Majority Chair.

The current system of allocating resources is unjust and disproportionate. It punishes not just our members, but also the constituents they serve. Simply stated, there needs to be a fair allocation of resources for Assemblymembers to fulfill their official duties.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Goodell.

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 36, Mr.

Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending --

(Speaker Heastie enters Chamber floor.)

(Laughter)

Assembly Resolution amending Rule I of the
Assembly Rules in relation to a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Goodell to
explain the resolution.

(Speaker Heastie takes a seat beside Mr. Goodell.)

(Laughter)

MR. GOODELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Addressing Speaker Heastie) Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

(Laughter)

We can never have too many Speakers in the room.

(Laughter)

This Rule change would provide for an eight-year
term of office for the Speaker. Now, we all know how hard the
Speaker works.

(Laughter)

It is an extraordinarily demanding job.

(Laughter)

It's much like the CEO of a large corporation.

(Laughter)

We can only imagine how taxing and difficult and draining this job can be. Changing the Speaker periodically gives the Speaker a break from these demanding responsibilities.

(Laughter)

And enables one of the rest of us, presumably a Republican --

(Laughter)

-- to step forward and share those awesome responsibilities. And for that reason, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, I urge your support of this humanitarian resolution.

(Laughter)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? It's a lonely world, Mr.

Goodell.

(Laughter)

Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Raia.

MR. RAIA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In three more hours, this prospective Rules change would mean a whole lot more to us, but in my 17 years serving in this august Body, many of our finest moments -- finest pieces of legislation we've been -- we've passed,

have been in the middle of the night. That's not been one of our finest moments. Passing legislation in the middle of the night means the public doesn't get a chance to see what we're doing. That's partial because this House has chosen to conduct many of its key legislative votes in the middle of the night. Certainly, there's no sunshine in that. With this -- you know, I screwed up.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Yes, you did.

MR. RAIA: Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution and request the opportunity to explain it.

(Laughter)

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 37, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule II of the Assembly Rules, in relation to hours in Session.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Raia, from where you stopped.

MR. RAIA: Absolutely. You see --

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, sir.

MR. RAIA: -- but this is why those really long nights are not good for any of us, because we get a little tired and tongue-tied.

That being said, today, I propose another good government reform designed to make the New York State Assembly a more accountable and responsive part of State government. This amendment to Section 2 of Rule II would increase the number of

members needed to override the Rules controlling the hours in Session from a simple majority to two-thirds of members elected to the Assembly. The People's work should and would be done in the light of day, not in the middle of the night. Good government watchdog groups and taxpayers have spoken loud and clear, all-night Sessions do not serve the constituents, or us, in this great State.

Late night Sessions reduce openness, transparency, accountability and are a glaring impediment to citizens' oversight of their Legislature. Today, we have a chance to show real leadership and build upon our previous successes. By joining me in voting for this wonderful resolution, we will honor the voices of all the voters, strengthen the legislative process and take back the People's House and get a good night's sleep once and for all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mr. Brabenec.

MR. BRABENEC: Top of the evening, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Top of the evening to you, Mr. Brabenec.

MR. BRABENEC: I offer the following resolution

and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 38, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to the term of a Committee Chairperson.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Mr. Brabenec to explain the resolution.

MR. BRABENEC: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Assembly Committees are tasked with an important role of vetting all legislation prior to it reaching the floor for a vote by the entire membership. The Legislature and the residents of New York State would be better served by a more open exchange of ideas and solutions in Assembly Committees. The purpose of this amendment is to limit the time a member may serve as a Committee Chairman for a particular Committee to eight years. Changing Committee Chairs periodically would help to inspire fresh perspectives from Committees and allow more members the opportunity to serve in an important Committee Chairman's role.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Thank you, Mr. Brabenec.

On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Ms. Malliotakis.

MS. MALLIOTAKIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I offer to following resolution and request the opportunity to briefly explain it.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Clerk will read.

THE CLERK: Assembly Resolution No. 39, Mr. Kolb. Assembly Resolution amending Section 2 of Rule IV of the Assembly Rules, in relation to broadcast of Committee meetings.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: Ms. Malliotakis to explain the resolution.

MS. MALLIOTAKIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For years, as you may recall, the Assembly Minority Conference had offered a resolution that required that all our Committee meetings be recorded and broad -- broadcast live on the Assembly website. After being rejected numerous years in a row, we finally did pass that Rules change on March 21st, 2016 in a bipartisan manner, which was a great step; however, here we are more than two Sessions later, and we have not yet implemented that component of this. And we live in an era where everything is currently recorded, there are millions of videos posted on the Internet, many of which are recorded by cellphone and uploaded within seconds. And I'm sure our colleague, Jose Rivera, will volunteer for us. You can watch Committee meetings of the New York State Senate currently; however, you're still not able to watch your elected Assemblymembers vote in Committee.

So, New Yorkers have a right to witness these proceedings and for transparency, we should require that the recording and broadcast of our Standing Committees begin by April 1st, 2019. And that would -- that's what this resolution would do. And I ask that it be given your consideration and adopted so that way we don't have to do this next year and we could leave early and eat. Thanks.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: On the resolution, the Clerk will record the vote.

(The Clerk recorded the vote.)

Are there any other votes? Announce the results.

(The Clerk announced the results.)

The resolution is lost.

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: Mr. Speaker, do we have any more resolutions?

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: We have numerous fine resolutions, we will take them up in one vote. All in favor of the resolutions signify by saying aye; opposed, no. The resolutions are adopted.

(Whereupon, Assembly Resolution Nos. 41-46 were unanimously approved.)

Mrs. Peoples-Stokes.

MRS. PEOPLES-STOKES: I now move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January the 23rd, tomorrow being a Session day.

ACTING SPEAKER AUBRY: The Assembly
stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 8:49 p.m., the Assembly stood
adjourned until Wednesday, January 23rd at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday
being a Session day.)