

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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June 7, 2018  
Start: 11:18 a.m.  
Recess: 11:50 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: ANDREW COHEN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Karen Koslowitz  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: Alright. Good

4 morning and welcome to today's hearing. My name is

5 Andrew Cohen and I am the Chair of the State and

6 Federal Legislation Committee. On today's agenda we

7 will be considering four state legislative

8 resolutions. First, I'd like to introduce the

9 committee members who are here, Council Member Rafael

10 Espinal and Councilman Karen Koslowitz. I'm going to

11 turn the page onto this side. The first State

12 Legislative resolution this committee will be

13 considering and voting on today is Senate Bill 7780,

14 and Assembly Bill A.9943. This bill is an act

15 relating to granting retroactive eligibility to apply

16 for enhanced Tier 3 status to the family of former

17 New York City Police Officer Mark Rivera who died of

18 a heart attack on March 21, 2015 at the age of 37.

19 Just for everybody's clarification, this is—we

20 allowed other people to apply for these benefits last

21 year because Officer Rivera died before we passed

22 that bill, we're going to pass this bill to right

23 that. [coughs] The second State Legislative

24 resolution is Senate Bill S.8497 and Assembly Bill

25 10696 an act to amend the retirement and Social

2 Security Law in relation to the definition of  
3 additional member contributions and basic member  
4 contributions for certain New York City employees,  
5 retirement system members who are subject to certain  
6 retirement plans under Articles 14 and 15 of the  
7 Retirement and Social Security Law to allow such  
8 additional member contributions to be used to offset  
9 a deficit of basic member contributions or to allow  
10 an excess of basic member contributions to offset a  
11 deficit of additional member contributions upon  
12 retirement. The third [coughs] State Legislative  
13 Resolution this committee will be considering and  
14 voting on today is Senate Bill S.8941 and Assembly  
15 Bill 11123, which would amend the Real Property Tax  
16 Law by adjusting the State Board of Real Property  
17 Services Class Equalization Rule for one year only to  
18 cap the maximum class growth at half a percent for  
19 New York City. This formula is used to determine the  
20 tax rates for each of the four property classes. The  
21 effect of this change would be to reduce the amount  
22 by which the current base proportions for any class  
23 including Classes 1, 2 and 3-family homes is allowed  
24 to grow, resulting in citywide saving of about \$270--  
25 \$272 for a typical owner of a Class 1 single-family

2 home. If it does not pass, the Council must adopt a  
3 Default SBRPS formula and tax rates for Class 1  
4 residential homes, which would rise to 7%. The final  
5 bill is Senate Bill S.6044-C and Assembly Bill  
6 Assembly Bill A.7798-C. This bill seeks to amend the  
7 Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to expanding the  
8 School Speed Safety Program by increasing the cap to  
9 290 schools from the current cap of 140 schools. The  
10 purpose of this—of the expansion is to cover more  
11 children and increase safety. At this moment, I  
12 would like to open the hearing to any of our  
13 committee members who want to make a statement. Going  
14 once, going twice. I mean, do we have any—is anybody  
15 going to testify? Also going once, going twice.  
16 Alright, I'm going to I guess the clerk to call the  
17 roll.

18 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
19 roll call vote committee on State and Federal  
20 Legislation. All items are coupled. Chair Cohen.

21 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: I vote aye.

22 CLERK: Espinal.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Koslowitz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: Rodriguez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

4 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the  
5 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
6 all items have been adopted by the committee.

7 CHAIRPERSON COHEN: I think we're going  
8 to ask the clerk to keep the--the record open.

9 [background comments, pause] Okay, we'll keep it open  
10 for 30 minutes. Thank you. Alright, thank you,  
11 everybody. [pause]

12 CLERK: Continuation roll call the  
13 Committee on State and Federal Legislation. All  
14 items are coupled. Council Member Cornegy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: The final vote all items have  
17 been adopted by the committee 5 in the affirmative, 0  
18 in the negative and no abstentions.

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Date June 25, 2018