

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

1

----- X

TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER
PROTECTION

----- X

October 5, 2023
Start: 10:20 a.m.
Recess: 10:27 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Marjorie Velázquez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Erik D. Bottcher
Gale A. Brewer
Amanda Farias
Shekar Krishnan
Julie Menin
Julie Won

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a sound check
3 for the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.
4 Today's date is October 5, 2023, being recorded by
5 Danny Huang in the Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Committee on Consumer and Worker
8 Protection.

9 At this time, we ask that you please
10 place phones on vibrate or silent mode. Thank you.

11 We are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Good morning. My
13 name is Marjorie Velázquez, and I'm the Chair of the
14 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, and I'd
15 like to welcome you to our vote on Proposed Intro.
16 818-A.

17 I'd also like to recognize my fellow
18 Committee Members, Bottcher, Abreu, Menin, Krishnan,
19 and Brewer.

20 Proposed Intro. 818-A sponsored by
21 Council Member Brewer would establish an outreach and
22 education campaign to provide information to workers
23 who might not know about the Temporary Schedule
24 Change Act. The Temporary Schedule Change Act which
25 was enacted by Local Law in 2018 protects workers who

2 seek temporary changes to their work schedules for
3 personal events. Under this Local Law, workers can
4 request changes without fear of retaliation. The
5 strength of the Temporary Schedule Change Act depends
6 on workers' awareness that such protections exist. At
7 the hearing, we learned that since the law was
8 enacted, the Department has received only 16
9 complaints related to the Temporary Schedule Change
10 Act. An ongoing outreach and education program
11 related to this Local Law would provide workers with
12 critical information related to their rights in the
13 workplace.

14 Before I hand it over to Council Member
15 Brewer to make a statement, I'd like to thank the
16 Administration and the Council Staff for the work
17 that they have done in finalizing this legislation. I
18 would like to turn it now over to Council Member
19 Brewer to deliver a statement on her bill.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Madam
21 Chair, this is William Martin, the Committee Clerk.
22 Council Member Brewer is currently not here.

23 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Okay, so we're not
24 turning it over to Council Member Brewer, but I will
25 call on you to call the roll.

1 COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION 4

2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
4 Roll call vote Committee on Consumer and Worker
5 Protection, Proposed Introduction 818-A. Chair
6 Velázquez.

7 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
9 you. Abreu.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

20 Won.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
23 vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the
24 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted

25

2 by the Committee, and, Madam Chair, we are expecting
3 Council Member Brewer soon.

4 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Perfect. In the
5 meantime, I'd like to recognize Council Members
6 Farias and Won as well.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Chair
8 Velázquez, currently we are live and joined by
9 Council Member Brewer.

10 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Read your
11 statement and I think also take a vote.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm just voting. I
13 vote aye. Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
15 you, Council Member. Final vote now Committee on
16 Consumer and Worker Protection is eight in the
17 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
18 abstentions. Council Member Velázquez to close.

19 CHAIRPERSON VELAZQUEZ: Thank you all and
20 we're closed.

21

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date October 6, 2023