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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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B E F O R E: Chairperson
Gale A. Brewer

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Eric Dinowitz
Oswald J. Feliz
Frank Morano
Althea V. Stevens
Carl Wilson
Susan Zhuang

SERGEANT AT ARMS: This is sound check on the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation. Today is May 19th, 2026.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: We are on HR 2. It was recorded by Roman Petrov. Good afternoon and welcome to today's New York City Council vote on the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation. At this time, during today's vote, no one may approach the dais. Please silence any electronic devices that you may have. Chair, you may begin.

CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Thank you very much. Uh, good morning, I'm Gale Brewer. I chair the Committee on Government Operations, State and Federal Legislation. I wanna thank everyone for joining us today, particularly my colleagues, including Councilmembers Zhuang, Dinowitz, and Wilson. And I'd like to welcome, of course, Councilmember Wilson, particularly because this is his first government operations vote. Today we'll be voting on 21 state legislative resolutions, also known as home rules or SLRs, in support of various state legislation. I believe Councilmember Moran was also on the Zoom. These SLRs cover a variety of issue areas, including

requiring body armor worn by New York City emergency services personnel to be replaced every 5 years, which seemed to make sense to me, establishing community improvement projects, modifying disability presumptions, and amendments to various pension rules. The passage of these SLRs would be beneficial to people and is a great example of our local and state governments working together for the betterment of the lives of New Yorkers. Now I will point out, because there's always controversy about everything, that in some cases, without getting into the specifics, some of them include parity, like for instance with police, correction, sanitation, often wanna be parity with NYPD. I know that there's also an issue of retention. I know there's a, one of them that deals with changing the age when you can retire. I believe that is for a retention issue. Some say it costs more. I think it costs less, and it kind of balances out with one of the pension fund home rules. Um, I also wanna point out that, uh, in some cases, the, uh, like, with the TWU, it removes a cap on overtime for pensions in order to make them parity with other aspects of the uniformed services. There's also an offset one where Social Security benefits are

reduced by the pension and that would be eliminated. So they, again, parity with other uniformed services. So I'm here to say, I know that these do cost, no question about it, but I feel that not all of them can be bargained. There's a whole issue. Can this be bargained? I don't think so. Otherwise we wouldn't be dealing with them. That's why they're on the list. They need state legislation in order to pass. Bargaining is not going to work. So anyway, I am here to say thank you to everybody who put this together. Um, I want to thank the committee staff, particularly for all of their work, as well as, um, staff on my city council. I'd like the clerk to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good afternoon. William Martin, committee clerk, roll call vote committee on governmental operations, state and federal legislation. All items are coupled. Chair Brewer.

CHAIRPERSON BREWER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote however Councilmember Wilson votes, the brand new member. Well, maybe I'm kidding, I don't know. I vote aye on all. We'll see.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz. Stevens. Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wilson.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Sorry, I'm still learning the rules. I wasn't sure if I could weigh in there, but, uh, aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on All, uh, I honor with the exception, uh, I don't have the, uh, the bill number, but on the exception of the alternate side, uh, parking bill.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions, all items have been approved by the committee with the alternate side— bless you— bill being adopted by the committee with 4 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Santa, particularly thank you to you. Thank you, Santa. I'd like to adjourn. Thank you.

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Date September 12, 2026