

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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October 10, 2017
Start: 1:10 p.m.
Recess: 1:15 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:
I. DANEEK MILLER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Daniel Dromm
Costa G. Constantinides
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.

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

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4 [background comment]

5 [gavel]

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good afternoon
7 everyone. I'm Council Member I. Daneek Miller and
8 I'm the chair of the Committee on Civil Service and
9 Labor.

10 First bill introduced during this current
11 session was the Introduction expanding the 2013
12 Earned Sick Time Act, also known as Paid Sick Leave;
13 this Committee considered and passed that important
14 legislation and since, Local Law 7 of 2014 has
15 increased the number of New Yorkers covered by Paid
16 Sick Leave by almost a million folks.

17 The Earned Sick Time Act gives New
18 Yorkers who work for employers who have more than
19 five employees the right to earn up to five days or
20 40 hours of Paid Sick Leave to use in cases of sick,
21 to stay at home for medical emergencies, medical
22 appointments and to maintain and take care of their
23 family members. Currently Paid Sick only can be used
24 for these purposes, but today this Committee will be
25 voting on Proposed Intro 1313-A, a Local Law to amend

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2 the Administrative Code of New York City in relation
3 to safe time for victims of family offenses, sexual
4 offenses, stalking, and human trafficking, as well as
5 their family members, sponsored by Council Member
6 Julissa Ferreras-Copeland in conjunction with Mayor
7 de Blasio. This bill would expand the Earned Sick
8 Time Act into Earned Sick and Safe Time Act so that
9 it could be used by survivors of domestic violence,
10 stalking, etc. Accrued time will be able to be used
11 to seek crisis services, legal advice and shelter,
12 among other resources. I'm very proud to be voting
13 on this important piece of legislation that will
14 expand upon the Council's biggest accomplishment;
15 this Committee's biggest accomplishment in recent
16 years.

17 And I'd like to thank Council Member
18 Ferreras-Copeland for her leadership in particular in
19 moving this bill ahead. I'd also like to thank those
20 who came in in June in support of this bill and
21 testified on behalf, from the Mayor's Office to
22 Combat Domestic Violence, Department of Consumer
23 Affairs, the Office of Labor and Policy and
24 Standards, Sanctuary Families, NYLAG, Safe Horizons,
25 and others. Domestic violence is a terrible and

1 pervasive problem and I'm happy that this Committee
2 has lent its assistance in the ongoing effort to
3 assist New Yorkers plagued by this issue and this
4 measure is designed to address those problems.
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6 I'd like to acknowledge the members of
7 the Committee -- Council Member Robert Cornegy,
8 Council Member Danny Dromm, Council Member Costa
9 Constantinides; as well as the staff who worked on
10 this, obviously Matt Carlin; today we have Aminta...
11 Kilawan -- there you go -- and Kevin Kotowski and
12 Kendall Stephenson, and of course my office, Brandon
13 Clarke, Joe Goldbloom and Gregory Rose.

14 Billy, [background comments] we're good.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
16 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Civil
17 Service and Labor, Introduction 1313-A. Chair
18 Miller.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I vote
24 aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, the item has been adopted by the Committee.

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 11, 2017