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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON STATE AND
FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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HELD AT: Remote Hearing, Virtual Room 1
B E F O R E: Alan N. Maisel
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Alan N. Maisel
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Darma V. Diaz
Daniel Dromm
Karen Koslowitz
Mark Treyger
Eric A. Ulrich
Kalman Yeger

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sergeant Martinez, can you give us the opening, please?

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SERGEANT AT ARMS MARTINEZ: Good morning and welcome to today's remote New York City Council hearing of the Committee on State and Federal

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Legislation. At this time would all panelists please

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turn on their video. To minimize disruption, please

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silence your electronic devices. Thank you for your

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cooperation. We are ready to begin. Thank you, Mr.

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Chair.

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CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Ah, good morning.

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Ah, this is Council Member Alan Maisel. I'm the

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chairman of the Committee on Federal and State

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Legislation. And we are here this morning to, ah,

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vote on, ah, several items that will be going, Home

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Rule messages that will be going to the state

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legislature. Um, joined with me today are, ah,

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members of the council, Councilwoman Koslowitz, ah,

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Ulrich, Council Member Ulrich, ah, I'm actually, ah,

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Council Member Darma Diaz, ah, Council Member Dromm.

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Ah, did I leave anybody out?

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Members
3 Cornegy and Yeger [inaudible].

4 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Ah, good. Ah,
5 Council Member Cornegy and Council Member Yeger. Um,
6 these items will be, um, voted on today and to be
7 sent to the state legislature for, ah, what is the
8 last two or three weeks of the state legislative
9 session. Um, let me pass this on to the, ah,
10 Counsel.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you, Council
12 Member. So you'd like me to read the seven items
13 that we'll be voting on today?

14 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Yes, please. Yes.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Today the Committee
16 on State and Federal Legislation will consider seven
17 Home Rule resolutions. SLR 0001 of 2021 concerns the
18 pensions of employees of the New York City Transit
19 Authority who incur certain lung diseases during the
20 tenure at the Transit Authority. SLR 2-2021 concerns
21 modifications to the retirement program for certain
22 Triborough Bridge and tunnel members to allow for
23 earlier retirement for certain members who have
24 completed 20 years of service. SLR 3-2021 concerns
25 critical street safety legislation. This legislation

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2 will allow New York City to reduce the citywide speed
3 limit to 20 mph and add other street calming measures
4 to increase the safety of our streets. SLR 4-2021ces
5 a pilot program for mobile overweight vehicle
6 inspection on a stretch of the Brooklyn Queens
7 Expressway, which this council has noted is quickly
8 deteriorating. This will help extend the use of the
9 BQE by better enforcing weight restrictions for
10 vehicles. SLR 5-2021 will allow for the construction
11 of a storm sewer in Idlewild Park in Queens. SLR 6-
12 2021 will eliminate disparities in the calculation of
13 base pay for pension members of the New York City
14 Fire Department in tier two of the pension system.
15 And finally SLR 7-2021 will increase fines for parked
16 or unattended trailers on New York City streets.
17 Chair Maisel, I turn it back over to you to see if
18 any council members have questions about these items
19 before the vote.

20 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Thank you, ah,
21 Committee Counsel. Ah, does anybody have any
22 questions or a wish to, ah, speak about, ah, these,
23 these pieces of legislation? I don't see or hear
24 anybody. I guess we can then go on to a vote.
25 Counsel?

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: We now call on the
3 clerk to take a roll call vote on these seven items
4 before the committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Ah, before we do
6 that, I think we've joined by Council Member Mark
7 Treyger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Yes, thank you.
9 Thank you, Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: So...

11 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Good morning,
12 Matthew DiStefano, committee clerk, Committee on
13 State and Federal Legislation. Roll call vote. All
14 items are coupled. Chair Maisel.

15 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: In favor.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Dromm.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yes.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Cornegy.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Treyger.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Darma Diaz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Ulrich.
3 Council Member Ulrich?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank, thank you,
5 thank you, ah, Karen. I appreciate that. Um, ah, I
6 apologize for the technical issue. I'm actually
7 abstaining on the, ah, the bills right now. I didn't
8 get a text of them until last night and haven't had a
9 chance to read them yet. I don't really like to vote
10 on things that I haven't had a chance to read and
11 review. So I'll be voting, or explaining my votes
12 later at the full Stated, but for now I'm abstaining
13 on these votes.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Thank you.
15 By a vote of 6 in the affirmative, zero in the
16 negative, and 1 abstention, the items have been
17 adopted.

18 CHAIRPERSON MAISEL: Ah, thank you very
19 much. There is no other business before us, so at
20 this time I'd like to adjourn our meeting. Ah, thank
21 you all who participated, and I will see you in
22 about, ah, two hours. Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK DISTEFANO: Thank you.

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Date July 12, 2021