
**BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004**

The Legislature convened at 3:33 p.m. with a call to order by the Chair, Daniel A. Schofield. The Clerk, Louis P. Augustini, read the fire exit announcement and called the Attendance Roll, Present-19, Absent-0.

The Chair, Mr. Schofield, led the members of the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a prayer offered by Legislator Hudak.

Mr. Marinich and Mr. Pasquale were designated as participants with Chairman Schofield in the 'Short Roll Call'. Resolutions were acted upon out of order, but for the purpose of clarity, they are presented here in numerical order.

RESOLUTION NO. 251

By Finance Committee Seconded by Mr. Howard
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HOME RULE REQUEST IN RELATION TO THE GREATER BINGHAMTON ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY AND TO EMPOWER THE COUNTY OF BROOME TO INCREASE THE HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BY THREE PERCENT

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A10759 and Senate Bill S6827 have been introduced into the New York State Assembly and Senate in relation to creating a Greater Binghamton Entertainment Authority and authorizing the County of Broome to increase the hotel and motel tax from three to six percent, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of New York, it is necessary for this Legislature to enact a Home Rule Request for the purpose of said legislation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature hereby urges and approves the adoption and passage of said Assembly Bill A10759 and Senate Bill S6827 entitled "An Act to amend the Public Authorities Law and the Tax Law, in relation to the establishment of the Greater Binghamton Entertainment Authority, and to repeal Title 14 of Article 8 of the Public Authorities Law relating thereto" and hereby declares that a necessity exists for the passage of such bill and that the local Legislative Body of the County of Broome does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Home Rule Request be submitted to the Senate and Assembly of the New York State Legislature indicating the necessity exists for the enactment of said legislation.

Held over 'under the rules' by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Howard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shafer, to suspend the Rules in order to address Intro. Resolution #52 entitled RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MINORITY PLAN FOR RESTRUCTURING THE METHOD OF FINANCING MEDICAID IN NEW YORK STATE. **Motion to suspend the Rules carried**, Ayes-16, Nays-3 (Brunza, Pasquale, Reynolds).

RESOLUTION NO. 301

By County Administration and Finance Committees Seconded by Mr. Shafer
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MINORITY PLAN FOR RESTRUCTURING THE METHOD OF FINANCING MEDICAID IN NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, Assemblymen Robert J. Warner, Clifford W. Crouch and Gary D. Finch along with the Assembly minority members have proposed a Medicaid Restructuring plan that will save a total of \$625.5 million in cost saving measures, including \$539 million in state share savings that were proposed in the Executive budget, and

WHEREAS, the minority members of the Assembly, have proposed a method whereby the state would take over the local share of Medicaid costs over a five year period in exchange for the local municipalities giving the state, by the end of the five year period, up to one percent of the local sales tax authorized, and

WHEREAS, if Medicaid expenses exceed the up to one percent of the local sales tax authorized, the state would pay the difference, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature supports the New York State Assembly Minority plan for Restructuring the method of financing Medicaid in New York State by cost saving programs and taking over the local share of Medicaid in exchange for the local municipalities giving the state up to one percent of the percentage of local sales tax authorized to be collected, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Thomas W. Libous, Assemblyman Robert J. Warner, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Assemblyman Gary Finch and the New York State Association of Counties.

Held over 'under the rules' by Mr. Pasquale.

Mr. Howard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Marinich. **Motion to adjourn carried.**
The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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