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2014 SESSION ANALYSIS

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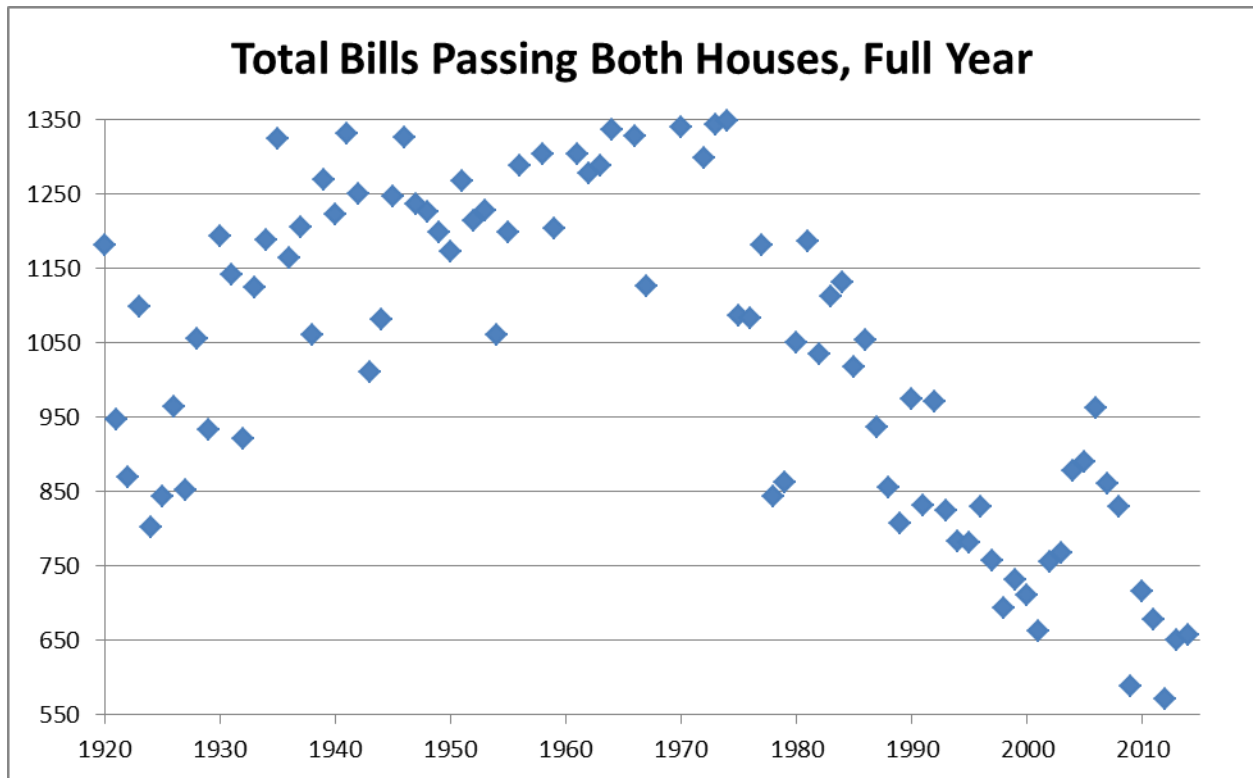
Background

As part of NYPIRG’s ongoing review of legislative activity, the following analysis examines the 2014 New York legislative session to date. This analysis does not analyze or draw conclusions on the substance of bills or a particular legislator’s impact, or the overall legislative output, since legislative “productivity” is more complicated and subjective than simple numbers. It is up to New Yorkers to assess their legislators’ effectiveness and impact. In order to be informed New Yorkers deserve information on the functioning of their Legislature and we hope that the following information will stimulate dialogue between lawmakers and their constituents.

Unless otherwise noted, the following numbers are based on data compiled by the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. This data was obtained between June 2 and June 23, and subsequent revisions made to publicly released voting results might not be reflected. Numbers are subject to revision in the event of a special or extraordinary session.

Bill Passage Totals by Year, January 1, 1995 - June 20, 2014

Year	Passed Assembly, Jan-July	Passed Senate, Jan-July	Passed Both, Jan-Jul	Passed Assembly, Full Year	Passed Senate, Full Year	Passed Both, Full Year
2014	1,143	1,460	658	TBD	TBD	TBD
2013	1,071	1,408	650	1,071	1,408	650
2012	1,056	1,256	571	1,056	1,256	571
2011	999	1,289	677	1,001	1,291	679
2010	1,196	1,124	700	1,210	1,143	716
2009	1,242	640	554	1,256	694	588
2008	1,641	1,794	811	1,645	1,822	830
2007	1,531	1,770	847	1,538	1,828	861
2006	1,961	1,842	958	1,965	1,848	963
2005	1,628	1,603	882	1,630	1,619	890
2004	1,702	1,522	777	1,793	1,607	879
2003	1,403	1,366	761	1,408	1,374	768
2002	1,654	1,294	745	1,654	1,314	755
2001	1,283	1,050	549	1,394	1,149	662
2000	1,537	1,424	711	1,537	1,424	711
1999	1,470	1,317	607	1,586	1,412	732
1998	1,547	1,369	674	1,563	1,391	694
1997	1,132	1,234	475	1,469	1,408	758
1996	1,580	1,543	813	1,585	1,558	830
1995	1,362	1,401	776	1,362	1,407	782



Governor	Average Two House Bills per Year
Miller	908.00
Smith 1923-1928	936.17
FDR	1,047.25
Lehman	1,214.10
Dewey	1,189.00
Harriman	1,289.25
Rockefeller	1,356.20
Wilson	1,348.00
Carey	1,041.38
Cuomo I	941.75
Pataki	785.33
Spitzer	861.00
Paterson	711.33
Cuomo II	639.00

Total number of bills passing continues to decline.

While the total number of bills that passed both houses in 2014 was higher than the total for either 2012 or 2013 (and may increase further if a special session convenes), the total of 658 bills is remarkably low by historical standards. This is part of a broader trend: Since 1915, the four years that saw the fewest bills pass both houses are 2009, 2012, 2013, and 2014.¹ It seems that a smaller quantity of two-house bills is a new reality in New York State. There are several reasons this might be the case, and they seem to be rooted in both structural changes in the legislative process and in changes in the productivity and total output of legislation (for better or worse) of the state Legislature.

Some of this decrease may be due to the increasing importance of the state budget. In 1969, one of the years with the highest number of bills passed, the budget was 577 pages. In 2012, it was 2,890. While much of this increase is due to the dramatic growth in government spending, there

¹ Historic totals from 1920 through 1994 were obtained from the New York State Red Book. Earlier years were obtained from archives held by the New York State Library.

appears to be a trend toward including a greater number of issues in the annual budget’s appropriation and Article VII bills, thus increasing the length of the budget bills and reducing the number of policy changes that may have passed as separate bills.

An additional factor in this trend might be the relatively small majorities in the state Senate. While the total number of bills passing this chamber has barely changed in the past two decades, it is possible that the need for near-unanimity within the Majority Coalition has made it more difficult to pass significant legislation. This may be true because one or two dissenters can be enough to keep a bill from seeing a vote. It seems feasible that this dissent is more likely to surface in a Republican-controlled chamber over bills that are supported by Assembly Democrats than over one-house bills sponsored by their co-partisans, which could lead to relatively constant numbers of one-house bills, but fewer agreements between both chambers. This potentiality is indicated by the fact that the average number of bills passing the Senate per year over the course of the current two-year session – 1,434 – is higher than the average over the past ten two-year sessions, despite the existence of a relatively small number of two-house bills.

Another possible explanation for the gradual decline in recent decades is a relative decline in the creation of new areas of law. In earlier decades, as government grew, it created new areas of law to tackle issues, such as welfare and housing, in which it had not ventured. New legislation became necessary to establish these programs and additional bills were often passed in subsequent years to reform, tinker with, and fix problems in these nascent state programs. As the programs matured, they entered into a more settled status, which required less frequent adjustment. In recent decades, the state has entered fewer new fields of governance. While there have been many new issues addressed, few represented radical departures from established law.

Bills Passing Both Houses by Decade

Decade	Average Two-House Bills per Year
1920s	955
1930s	1,159
1940s	1,213
1950s	1,230
1960s	1,363
1970s	1,192
1980s	1,019
1990s	818
2000s	791
2010s (so far)	655

Messages of Necessity continue to be less frequent than in years past.

While there was considerable controversy and public criticism over the use of a message of necessity to pass the SAFE Act in January 2013, the data show that Governor Cuomo relies on this method of passing bills far less frequently than his immediate predecessors. In his tenure of four legislative sessions, an average of 13.5 bills per year has passed either house with a message, compared to 41 under the Spitzer/ Paterson dyad and 89.2 under Pataki.

Bills Passing Either House With Message of Necessity	
Year	
2014	17
2013	3
2012	5
2011	29
2010	57
2009	43
2008	41
2007	23
2006	39
2005	34
2004	84
2003	58
2002	102
2001	80
2000	83
1999	118
1998	100
1997	109
1996	144
1995	119

Little apparent change in the percentage of bills vetoed by the governor.

Note that the combined total of bills that have been approved and vetoed does not exactly match the total number of bills passing each house. Due to the governor’s line-item power, many appropriation bills count in both categories. Constitutional amendments are included in the tally of bills passing both houses, but ultimately are subject to voter approval or rejection, not gubernatorial action to be chaptered or vetoed.

Year	Chaptered	Vetoed	Vetoed as a % of Bills Passing Both Houses
2014, through 6/22	41	3	TBD
2013	558	87	13.39%
2012	505	61	10.68%
2011	610	68	10.01%
2010	567	150	20.95%
2009	507	79	13.44%
2008	652	177	21.33%
2007	691	164	19.05%
2006	750	219	22.74%
2005	770	119	13.37%
2004	755	132	15.02%
2003	697	73	9.51%
2002	698	55	7.28%
2001	591	70	10.57%
2000	609	101	14.21%

The number of concurrent resolutions to amend the constitution passing both houses.

Eight constitutional amendments received second passage last year, resulting in New Yorkers being provided the opportunity to vote for six amendments in 2013 and two in 2014. However, none were given first passage over the course of this two-year legislative session, meaning there can be no additional amendments placed on the ballot until 2017, the same year voters will be asked if they wish to convene a Constitutional Convention, an option that the state constitution requires be put before voters every 20 years.

Year	Constitutional Amendments Passing Both Houses
2014	0
2013	8
2012	6
2011	2
2010	1
2009	2
2008	1
2007	5
2006	3
2005	3
2004	1
2003	2
2002	2

2001	1
2000	1
1999	1
1998	0
1997	3
1996	2
1995	5

Legislative Activity by Month

The Senate: While the Senate left a significant amount of its workload for June, a month in which they passed 73.37% of their bills, the last week of session was slightly more subdued than in 2013. In the last week of this year, Senators passed 427 bills, representing 28.93% of the session's total legislation; in 2013, they passed 524, representing 36.44%. Nonetheless, the end of session was still busier than normal: Nearly a quarter of the time the Senate spent in session was between June 16 through June 20.

Month	Senate Time in Session ²	Bills Passed	% of Session's Bills	Minutes of Session Per Bill Passed ³
January	4 hours	22	1.49%	10.91
February	3 hours 44 minutes	24	1.63%	9.33
March	23 hours 4 minutes	110	7.45%	12.58
April	3 hours 54 minutes	30	2.03%	7.80
May	16 hours 18 minutes	207	14.02%	4.72
June	33 hours 58 minutes	1083	73.37%	1.88
June 16-20	20 hours 4 minutes	427	28.93%	2.82
	84 hours, 58 minutes			3.45

The Assembly: The Assembly spent more than twice as much time in session as the Senate, despite the fact it passed several hundred fewer bills. Some of this might be due to the frequency with which fast roll calls and voice votes are used in the Senate.

Month	Assembly Time in Session	Bills Passed	% of Session's Bills	Minutes of Session Per Bill Passed
January	12 hours 57 minutes	95	8.19%	8.18
February	14 hours 22 minutes	62	5.34%	13.90
March	61 hours 26 minutes	129	11.12%	28.57
April	12 hours 28 minutes	45	3.88%	16.62
May	31 hours 59 minutes	126	10.86%	15.23
June	62 hours 13 minutes	703	60.60%	5.31
June 16-20	37 hours 5 minutes	542	46.72%	4.11
	195 hours, 25 minutes			10.11

² Time in session was based on the time LRS e-mail alerts were sent. It is possible that some were delayed.

³ Time spent in session includes time spent on housekeeping, introductions, and resolutions, so the minutes of session spent debating the average bill is lower than the numbers reflected in this column.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS AND PASSAGE

Assembly bill Introductions. 14 Assemblymembers were the prime sponsors of more than 150 bills that were active in 2014:⁴

Assemblymember	Bills Active in 2014
Englebright	408
Pretlow	260
Rosenthal	256
Thiele	249
Ortiz	245
Wright	209
Kavanagh	203
Gabryszak	191
Gunther A	190
Brennan	184
Cusick	168
Dinowitz	163
Cahill	162
Paulin	151

Senate bill introductions. 11 Senators prime-sponsored at least 150 bills active in 2014:

Senator	Bills Active in 2014
LaValle	292
Golden	262
Maziarz	245
Lanza	232
Young	209
Ball	187
Grisanti	184
Espailat	180
Carlucci	177
Savino	153
Avella	150

Ten legislators – all Assemblymembers – sponsored fewer than ten bills that were active in 2014.

⁴ Active bills include those that were introduced in 2013 and carried over into the New Year and bills that were newly-introduced in 2014.

Legislator	Active Bills in 2014
Johns	8
Duprey	7
Friend	6
Hikind	6
Pichardo	6
Palumbo	5
Davila	3
Arroyo	1
Rivera	0

Bill Passage

In each house, members of the majority conference(s) averaged higher numbers of bills passing both their own house and passing both houses. Members of both majority and minority conferences in the Senate tended to pass more bills than their counterparts in the Assembly, largely due to the differences in size between the two houses.

Conference	Average Bills Passing Both Houses/Member	Average Bills Passing Own House/ Member
Assembly Dems	5.87	10.71
Assembly GOP	1.65	1.78
Senate Dems	3.00	5.17
Senate IDC	14.80	33.00
Senate GOP	16.27	38.20

Bills Passing Members' Own Houses

In Assembly: 14 Assemblymembers – all Democrats – were the prime sponsors of at least 20 bills that passed the Assembly in 2014:

Assemblymember	Passed Own House
Abbate	37
Paulin	33
Wright	31
Sweeney	29
Dinowitz	28
Magnarelli	28
Englebright	27
Gunther	24
Gottfried	24
Magee	23
Rosenthal	22
Thiele	22
Lentol	21
Zebrowski	20

In Senate: 11 Senators – all members of the majority coalition – were the prime sponsors of at least 45 bills that passed the Senate in 2014:

Senator	Passed Own House
Lanza	77
Golden	73
Young	65
LaValle	58
Martins	56
Flanagan	56
Grisanti	54
Hannon	53
Marcellino	51
Carlucci	47
Ranzenhofer	45

Bills Passing Both Houses

In Assembly: Ten Assemblymembers prime-sponsored a dozen or more bills that passed both houses:

Assemblymember	Passed Both
Abbate	29
Paulin	21
Magnarelli	21
Magee	21
Gunther	19
Thiele	18
Morelle	16
Sweeney	14
Englebright	13
Zebrowski	12

In Senate: 11 Senators prime-sponsored twenty or more bills that passed both houses:

Senator	Passed Both
Golden	36
Martins	34
Lanza	28
Young	27
Hannon	24
Carlucci	24
Bonacic	24
Maziarz	23
Seward	22
Flanagan	21
Grisanti	20

Resolutions

The Assembly (715) adopted far fewer resolutions than the Senate (3,090). These are the sponsors of the most resolutions that were adopted in each house:

Resolutions		Resolutions	
Name	Adopted	Name	Adopted
Kolb	40	Bonacic	428
Finch	38	Breslin	344
Barclay	24	Parker	249
Oaks	24	Martins	233
Brindisi	23	Ritchie	151
Gunther A	21	Nozzolio	126
Palmesano	17	Larkin	114
Lupardo	16	Skelos	102
Magee	16	Griffo	84
Weisenberg	16	Smith	79

VOTING

Floor Votes on Bills Lost by Calendar Year

13,722 different bills have passed the Assembly since the last day a floor vote on a bill sponsored by an Assembly Democrat lost. This was an attempted veto override in 2004; it has been even longer since a vote requiring a simple majority has lost in the Assembly.

One bill lost a floor vote in the Senate this year: A.2597-A/ S.2378-B (“Enacts the New York state DREAM ACT; repealer”).

This chart does not include totals for votes on hostile amendments or rules.

Year	Floor Votes on Bills Lost in Senate	Floor Votes on Bills Lost in Assembly
2014	1	0
2013	0	0
2012	1	0
2011	1	0
2010	2	0
2009	9	0
2008	0	0
2007	1	0
2006	0	0
2005	0	0

Opposition to Bills that Passed the Senate

The vast majority of bills voted on in the Senate passed with no or negligible opposition. While this has been the case in each of the previous years in which NYPIRG has analyzed voting trends, there was a significant increase this year. The percentage of votes with no opposition jumped from 51.59% in 2013 to 60.24% this year.

Senate, Total Nay Votes	Number of Bills	Percentage of All Votes on Bills
0	888	60.24%
1-9	514	34.87%
10-19	58	3.93%
20-29 ⁵	13	0.95%

Opposition to Bills that Passed the Assembly

Similarly, there was a slight increase in unanimity in the Assembly as well. Whereas 41.97% of the bills in 2013 faced no opposition, 47.33% of those passing in 2014 did so unopposed.

Assembly, Total No Votes	Number of Bills	Percentage of All Votes on Bills
0	549	47.33%
1-10	353	30.43%
11-25	116	10.00%
26-50	134	11.55%
50 or more	8	0.69%

⁵ This includes the DREAM Act, which, as mentioned above, failed with 30 votes in favor and 29 opposed.

Absences

In the Senate: Seven senators were not present for more than a hundred votes:

Senator	Abs/Exc
Espaillet	891
Smith	808
Hassell-Thompson	766
Golden	354
Diaz	219
Kennedy	145
Hoylman	144

In the Assembly: Eighteen Assemblymembers were not present for more than 150 votes. Former Assemblymember Boyland missed more than 99% of the votes taken during his foreshortened tenure in 2014.

Member	AB/EL/ER/NV
Kellner	937
Weisenberg	823
Tenney	480
Hikind	368
Camara	331
Simotas	275
Hevesi	264
Nojay	245
Robinson	244
Magnarelli	240
Rodriguez	212
Boyland	199
Gantt	174
Heastie	173
Markey	172
Gottfried	169
Scarborough	168
Katz	163

Legislators Voting in the Negative

In the Senate: Nine senators voted in the negative on more than 5% of the votes they cast.

Senator Valesky was the only member who voted in the affirmative 100% of the time. This is his second consecutive year of not voting “nay” on any bills.

Senator Skelos voted in the negative once. Co-leader Klein voted “nay” on only three bills: S.2621 (“Regulates farm pond dams”), S.1946-A (“Relates to the definition of all terrain vehicle or ‘ATV’”), and S.6222 (“Relates to water withdrawal reporting and FOIL protection”).

Senator	Aye Votes	Nay Votes	% of Nay Votes
Perkins	1271	192	13.12%
Ball	1292	175	11.93%
Krueger	1306	167	11.34%
Montgomery	1309	162	11.01%
Hoylman	1218	111	8.35%
Rivera	1368	105	7.13%
Squadron	1382	91	6.18%
Sanders	1366	89	6.12%
Hassell-Thompson	671	36	5.09%

In the Assembly: Nine Assemblymembers – all Republicans – voted in the negative more than 20% of the time.

10 Democrats – Silver, Brook-Krasny, Camara, Cook, Davila, DenDekker, Ortiz, Perry, Rivera, and Rosa – never voted no.

Member	Yes Votes	No Votes	% of no votes
Nojay	571	344	37.60%
Friend	763	385	33.54%
DiPietro	735	343	31.82%
Lalor	804	291	26.58%
Fitzpatrick	841	285	25.31%
Tenney	510	170	25.00%
Katz	772	225	22.57%
Borelli	911	249	21.47%
Hawley	914	232	20.24%

Conference Loyalty: The Senate

Percent of Conference Votes Cast the Same as Leaders

Conference	Vote same as Klein	Vote Same as Skelos	Vote Same as Stewart-Cousins
Dem	95.56%	95.39%	96.16%
IDC	99.35%	99.19%	98.58%
GOP	98.15%	98.37%	97.09%

As was the case in 2013, the five-member IDC was the conference most likely to cast their votes the same as their leader; the Democrats were the least likely.⁶

Co-leaders Klein and Skelos, who sign off on any decisions to bring bills to the floor as part of their co-leadership agreement, remained very unified: They voted the same way on 99.73% of Senate floor bills. This number is remarkably similar to that from 2013, when they voted the same way 99.79% of the time. The likelihood that a conference would agree with its leaders was essentially the same as last year, though the Republicans (who voted with Skelos 98.37% of the time in 2014 and 98.39% in 2013) and IDC (99.35% in 2014; 99.62% in 2013) saw slight increases in dissention. Non-IDC-affiliated Democrats, on the other hand (96.16% in 2014; 95.25% in 2013), grew slightly more unified.

Senator Ball was the Republican who disagreed with his leadership the most frequently, as he voted with Senator Skelos only 88.14% of the time. Among Democrats, Senator Perkins, who voted with Senator Stewart-Cousins 88.18% of the time, was the most likely dissenter. The IDC was much more unified: Senator Avella, who voted with Klein 98.03% of the time, cast more than three times as many votes independent of his leadership than any of the longer-tenured members of his conference.⁷

Senator	% of votes same as Klein	Senator	% of votes same as Skelos	Senator	% of votes same as Stewart-Cousins
Klein	100.00%	Skelos	100.00%	Stewart-Cousins	100.00%
Valesky	99.80%	Valesky	99.93%	Addabbo	99.11%
Skelos	99.73%	Klein	99.73%	Breslin	99.11%
Carlucci	99.46%	Felder	99.73%	Latimer	98.97%
Savino	99.46%	Grisanti	99.66%	Klein	98.85%
Felder	99.45%	Lanza	99.66%	Savino	98.85%
Grisanti	99.39%	Robach	99.66%	Carlucci	98.71%
Lanza	99.39%	Golden	99.55%	Peralta	98.69%
Robach	99.39%	Young	99.52%	O'Brien	98.64%
Golden	99.38%	Flanagan	99.52%	Valesky	98.64%

⁶ Two Democratic Senators, Sampson and Smith, were excluded from this analysis since both do not sit with any conference.

⁷ While Senator Avella remained part of the Democratic conference at the beginning of session, he is treated as a member of the IDC for the duration of session for the purposes of this section.

Addabbo	99.32%	Boyle	99.38%	Skelos	98.64%
Young	99.25%	Savino	99.32%	Sampson	98.55%
Flanagan	99.25%	Ritchie	99.32%	Smith	98.50%
Boyle	99.17%	Farley	99.25%	Lanza	98.44%
Smith	99.10%	Gallivan	99.25%	Felder	98.43%
Marcellino	99.05%	Carlucci	99.19%	Kennedy	98.34%
Ritchie	99.05%	Addabbo	99.18%	Boyle	98.34%
Hannon	99.05%	Martins	99.12%	Robach	98.30%
Farley	98.98%	Maziarz	99.12%	Young	98.30%
Martins	98.98%	Hannon	99.11%	Grisanti	98.24%
Gallivan	98.98%	Sampson	99.10%	Marcellino	98.23%
Sampson	98.96%	Smith	99.10%	Golden	98.21%
Stewart-Cousins	98.85%	Marcellino	98.91%	Tkaczyk	98.10%
Maziarz	98.84%	Nozzolio	98.85%	Flanagan	98.10%
Latimer	98.76%	Libous	98.74%	Martins	98.03%
O'Brien	98.71%	O'Brien	98.71%	Farley	97.96%
Breslin	98.63%	Breslin	98.63%	Ritchie	97.96%
Nozzolio	98.58%	Stewart-Cousins	98.58%	Hannon	97.96%
Libous	98.47%	Seward	98.57%	Diaz	97.85%
LaValle	98.37%	Latimer	98.48%	Gianaris	97.83%
Seward	98.30%	Larkin	98.40%	Avella	97.83%
Kennedy	98.27%	LaValle	98.24%	Gallivan	97.82%
Diaz	98.25%	Little	98.20%	Stavisky	97.76%
Peralta	98.14%	Griffo	98.17%	Maziarz	97.75%
Larkin	98.12%	Peralta	98.14%	Espaillet	97.60%
Avella	98.03%	Kennedy	98.12%	LaValle	97.56%
Little	97.92%	Diaz	98.09%	Nozzolio	97.49%
Griffo	97.90%	Marchione	97.96%	Libous	97.35%
Espaillet	97.77%	Ranzenhofer	97.83%	Seward	97.21%
Marchione	97.69%	Avella	97.76%	Little	97.16%
Ranzenhofer	97.55%	O'Mara	97.76%	Dilan	97.12%
Tkaczyk	97.49%	Espaillet	97.60%	Larkin	97.08%
O'Mara	97.49%	Tkaczyk	97.49%	Griffo	96.74%
Gianaris	97.08%	Bonacic	97.28%	Marchione	96.74%
Bonacic	97.01%	Gianaris	96.81%	Parker	96.64%
Stavisky	96.88%	Stavisky	96.61%	Gipson	96.61%
Dilan	96.35%	DeFrancisco	96.30%	O'Mara	96.54%
Gipson	96.27%	Zeldin	96.27%	Ranzenhofer	96.46%
Zeldin	96.06%	Dilan	96.21%	Serrano	96.20%

DeFrancisco	96.02%	Parker	96.01%	Bonacic	96.05%
Parker	96.01%	Gipson	96.00%	Hassell-Thompson	95.34%
Serrano	95.32%	Serrano	95.05%	DeFrancisco	95.13%
Hassell-Thompson	94.77%	Hassell-Thompson	94.77%	Sanders	94.99%
Squadron	94.03%	Sanders	93.82%	Zeldin	94.91%
Sanders	93.96%	Squadron	93.76%	Squadron	94.64%
Rivera	93.08%	Rivera	92.81%	Rivera	94.10%
Hoylman	91.88%	Hoylman	91.58%	Hoylman	92.93%
Montgomery	88.93%	Montgomery	88.93%	Montgomery	89.95%
Krueger	88.87%	Krueger	88.60%	Krueger	89.89%
Ball	88.00%	Ball	88.14%	Perkins	88.18%
Perkins	87.09%	Perkins	86.82%	Ball	86.98%

Conference Loyalty: The Assembly

Percent of Conference Votes Cast the Same as Leaders

Conference	Votes Same as Silver	Votes Same as Kolb
Dem ⁸	98.61%	84.63%
GOP	84.22%	88.72%

The Assembly Democrats were remarkably cohesive: 53 members of their conference voted the same way as Speaker Silver on more than 99% of bills. Only one member of this conference (Schimminger, 91.47%) voted with the Speaker on fewer than 95% of occasions. This is a significant change from past years: in 2013, 26 members voted with Speaker Silver less than 95% of the time. This increase in conference unity can also be seen by looking at the likelihood a Democratic member’s vote was cast differently from Speaker Silver’s. This fell from 3.09% in 2013 to a negligible 1.39% this year.

In contrast, Republicans became more willing to vote against Minority Leader Kolb, agreeing with him only 88.72% of the time. Three of the four members who disagreed with Kolb the most frequently (DiPietro (R), Friend (R), Kellner (D), and Nojay(R)) were Republicans.

⁸ Former Assemblymember Boyland, who was only present for 2 of the 201 votes taken before his March conviction, was excluded from this study, as were former Assemblymembers Gabryszak and Stevenson, each of whom missed every vote taken during the portion of session that overlapped with their legislative tenures.

Assemblymember	% of Votes Same as Silver	Assemblymember	% of Votes Same as Kolb
Brook-Krasny	100.00%	Kolb	100.00%
Camara	100.00%	Corwin	93.10%
Cook	100.00%	Blankenbush	92.97%
Davila	100.00%	Barclay	92.30%
DenDekker	100.00%	Oaks	92.16%
Mr. Speaker	100.00%	Tedisco	92.07%
Ortiz	100.00%	Stec	91.98%
Perry	100.00%	Giglio	91.49%
Rivera	100.00%	Schimminger	91.21%
Rosa	100.00%	Butler	91.15%
Lentol	99.91%	Finch	91.13%
Morelle	99.91%	McKevitt	91.12%
Otis	99.91%	Palmesano	91.04%
Schimel	99.91%	Duprey	90.78%
Farrell	99.91%	McDonough	90.78%
Mosley	99.91%	Saladino	90.67%
Abbate	99.91%	Johns	89.83%
Hooper	99.91%	McLaughlin	89.80%
Arroyo	99.91%	Lopez P	89.79%
Lupardo	99.83%	Curran	89.60%
Mayer	99.83%	Raia	89.26%
Pichardo	99.83%	Montesano	89.17%
Lavine	99.83%	Hawley	89.09%
Crespo	99.83%	Crouch	89.06%
Weprin	99.83%	Graf	88.98%
Kim	99.82%	Walter	88.97%
Cymbrowitz	99.82%	Ra	88.79%
Aubry	99.74%	Garbarino	88.27%
Clark	99.74%	Gantt	88.13%
Millman	99.73%	Lupinacci	88.05%
Weisenberg	99.70%	Ceretto	87.84%
Lifton	99.66%	Simotas	87.68%
Wright	99.64%	Goodell	87.67%
Nolan	99.61%	Gjonaj	87.43%
Markey	99.60%	Palumbo	87.28%
Sweeney	99.57%	Santabarbara	87.24%
Titus	99.53%	Weisenberg	87.24%

Hikind	99.49%		Barrett	86.57%
Steck	99.48%		Cusick	86.21%
Rodriguez	99.47%		Nolan	86.09%
Russell	99.46%		Simanowitz	86.05%
Jacobs	99.43%		Quart	86.02%
Scarborough	99.40%		Ramos	86.01%
Colton	99.37%		Magee	85.95%
Robinson	99.34%		Skartados	85.88%
Fahy	99.22%		Gunther A	85.80%
Moya	99.22%		Kearns	85.78%
Benedetto	99.21%		Brindisi	85.70%
Jaffee	99.20%		Miller	85.51%
Magnarelli	99.13%		Thiele	85.50%
O'Donnell	99.13%		Malliotakis	85.38%
Galef	99.12%		Stirpe	85.34%
Simotas	99.10%		Borelli	85.34%
McDonald	99.05%		Wright	85.19%
Braunstein	98.97%		Camara	85.04%
Heastie	98.89%		McDonald	85.00%
Sepulveda	98.86%		Russell	85.00%
Englebright	98.71%		Lavine	84.96%
Pretlow	98.71%		Katz	84.95%
Paulin	98.70%		Cymbrowitz	84.92%
Abinanti	98.68%		Lupardo	84.91%
Goldfeder	98.62%		Skoufis	84.91%
Hevesi	98.55%		Zebrowski K	84.91%
Ryan	98.41%		Magnarelli	84.89%
Weinstein	98.39%		Rosa	84.84%
Cahill	98.28%		Mosley	84.83%
Rozic	98.27%		Morelle	84.83%
Brennan	98.27%		Schimel	84.83%
Kellner	98.21%		Perry	84.80%
Solages	98.10%		Brook-Krasny	84.78%
Gantt	98.07%		Kim	84.76%
Magee	97.93%		Braunstein	84.74%
Titone	97.93%		Bronson	84.74%
Gottfried	97.88%		Cook	84.74%
Bronson	97.76%		Lifton	84.74%
Kearns	97.76%		Mr. Speaker	84.74%
Roberts	97.75%		Solages	84.74%

Ramos	97.72%		Davila	84.74%
Quart	97.63%		Abbate	84.71%
Kavanagh	97.60%		Rodriguez	84.70%
Thiele	97.55%		Farrell	84.66%
Rosenthal	97.48%		Lentol	84.66%
Zebrowski K	97.41%		Otis	84.66%
Skoufis	97.24%		Crespo	84.65%
Glick	97.00%		Roberts	84.63%
Buchwald	96.98%		Weprin	84.62%
Miller	96.89%		DenDekker	84.61%
Gunther A	96.86%		Arroyo	84.59%
Santabarbara	96.81%		Mayer	84.57%
Skartados	96.77%		Pichardo	84.57%
Barrett	96.64%		Clark	84.55%
Brindisi	96.56%		Hooper	84.54%
Peoples-Stokes	96.54%		Hevesi	84.49%
Stirpe	96.12%		Hikind	84.47%
Dinowitz	95.95%		Aubry	84.47%
Simanowitz	95.45%		Moya	84.46%
Gjonaj	95.43%		Millman	84.44%
Hennessey	95.09%		Sepulveda	84.43%
Cusick	95.00%		Steck	84.40%
Johns	92.50%		Goldfeder	84.38%
Ceretto	91.55%		Scarborough	84.38%
Schimminger	91.47%		Englebright	84.31%
McKevitt	91.38%		Fahy	84.31%
Saladino	90.95%		Sweeney	84.31%
Duprey	90.69%		Ortiz	84.29%
Tedisco	90.60%		Weinstein	84.25%
Raia	90.26%		Jaffee	84.22%
McDonough	89.57%		O'Donnell	84.19%
Lopez P	88.74%		Hennessey	84.14%
Giglio	88.48%		Pretlow	84.14%
Curran	87.85%		Colton	84.13%
Crouch	87.85%		Galef	83.99%
Lupinacci	87.79%		Ryan	83.97%
Butler	87.50%		Jacobs	83.93%
Stec	87.14%		Benedetto	83.86%
Palumbo	86.76%		Abinanti	83.85%
Finch	86.75%		Lalor	83.84%

Kolb	86.46%		Tenney	83.82%
Ra	86.29%		Peoples-Stokes	83.81%
Garbarino	85.68%		Robinson	83.73%
Oaks	85.60%		Rivera	83.67%
Blankenbush	85.43%		Cahill	83.53%
McLaughlin	85.35%		Markey	83.40%
Barclay	85.21%		Titus	83.35%
Corwin	85.09%		Fitzpatrick	83.30%
Walter	84.31%		Buchwald	83.19%
Graf	83.85%		Titone	83.19%
Montesano	83.71%		Rozic	83.18%
Palmesano	83.39%		Brennan	82.99%
Goodell	83.10%		Rosenthal	82.47%
Malliotakis	83.02%		Paulin	82.41%
Hawley	79.76%		Kavanagh	82.33%
Borelli	78.53%		Heastie	82.27%
Katz	77.43%		Glick	82.08%
Tenney	75.00%		Gottfried	81.74%
Fitzpatrick	74.69%		Dinowitz	81.12%
Lalor	73.42%		DiPietro	79.96%
DiPietro	68.18%		Friend	77.53%
Friend	66.46%		Kellner	76.68%
Nojay	62.40%		Nojay	74.54%

Participation in Floor Debates: The Senate

As of the day before this report’s release, transcripts of Senate floor debates were available for every regular session between the beginning of 2014 and June 9, except for the session held on April 28. An analysis of these transcripts reveals that Senator Kruger said more words in debate than any other member of her chamber; Senator Sampson said the fewest during this time period.

Of course, the length of a member’s comments does not necessarily reflect how much of substance they said, but we believe this information provides an additional measure through which one can analyze legislative activity.

Senator	Words Spoken
Senator Krueger	27199
Senator Rivera	20423
Senator Libous	19466
Senator Squadron	17232
Senator Parker	13569
Senator DeFrancisco	13440
Senator Stavisky	10435
Senator Montgomery	10130
Senator Diaz	9917
Senator Hassell-Thompson	9771
Senator Ball	8582
Senator Hoylman	8487
Senator Klein	8462
Senator Kennedy	7973
Senator Hannon	7335
Senator Flanagan	7017
Senator Stewart-Cousins	6878
Senator LaValle	6265
Senator Larkin	6043
Senator Tkaczyk	5826
Senator Peralta	5817
Senator Nozzolio	5757
Senator Carlucci	5687
Senator Sanders	5440
Senator Gianaris	5361
Senator Savino	5180
Senator Espaillat	4592
Senator Latimer	4302
Senator Griffo	4246
Senator Perkins	4184
Senator Gipson	4170
Senator Ranzenhofer	4152
Senator Grisanti	3934
Senator Marcellino	3540
Senator Smith	3531
Senator Valesky	3497
Senator Serrano	3174
Senator Little	2956

Senator Marchione	2897
Senator Bonacic	2874
Senator Skelos	2822
Senator Robach	2151
Senator Golden	1934
Senator Ritchie	1864
Senator O'Brien	1829
Senator Gallivan	1748
Senator Farley	1669
Senator Martins	1630
Senator Breslin	1611
Senator Boyle	1487
Senator Maziarz	932
Senator Seward	917
Senator Felder	841
Senator Young	772
Senator O'Mara	728
Senator Avella	722
Senator Zeldin	693
Senator Dilan	630
Senator Lanza	436
Senator Addabbo	209
Senator Sampson	1 ⁹

Several members also served as Acting President at various points in the 2014 session. The following chart shows the words they said in this capacity, omitting days when they were the only legislator in the chamber and did little beyond gavel in and out.

Acting President	Words Spoken
Acting President Griffo	13586
Acting President Savino	5644
Acting President Carlucci	4946
Acting President Valesky	3318
Acting President Avella	2198
Acting President Marcellino	2057
Acting President Boyle	1074
Acting President Gallivan	1059
Acting President Robach	904
Chairman DeFrancisco	450
Acting President O'Mara	389

⁹ "Aye"

15 other individuals spoke on the floor during this time period:

Speaker	Words Spoken
The Secretary	61833
General Howard	1885
Colonel Naessens	1189
Reverend Young	926
Rabbi Butman	497
Rabbi Eligberg	438
Reverend Chueh Chuan Shih	343
Rabbi Soussan	259
Imam Iqbal	242
Rabbi Rubin	224
Chaplain Moore	199
Reverend Joseph	186
Reverend Asse	132
Reverend Nunez	85
Ms. Wood	2

Appendix A: Senate Bill Introduction and Passage Totals

Name	Passed Both	Passed Own	Active	Resos Adopted
Addabbo	2	6	110	1
Avella	8	17	150	39
Ball	7	29	187	10
Bonacic	24	44	105	428
Boyle	10	15	56	9
Breslin	11	11	56	344
Budget	11	11	12	
Carlucci	24	47	177	21
DeFrancisco	15	38	95	62
Diaz	2	6	121	7
Dilan	2	5	71	1
Espailat	2	4	180	2
Farley	13	21	63	23
Felder	6	18	52	5
Flanagan	21	56	117	15
Gallivan	18	42	147	39
Gianaris	3	4	62	1

Gipson	5	5	64	74
Golden	36	73	262	59
Griffo	14	33	110	84
Grisanti	20	54	184	14
Hannon	24	53	149	30
Hassell-Thompson	3	4	68	7
Hoylman	1	3	74	19
Kennedy	3	6	108	37
Klein	13	44	122	1
Krueger	2	3	134	1
Lanza	28	77	232	5
Larkin	10	24	68	114
Latimer	5	8	71	1
LaValle	18	58	292	52
Libous	7	19	67	54
Little	16	27	89	48
Marcellino	15	51	146	71
Marchione	9	21	53	60
Martins	34	56	140	233
Maziarz	23	44	245	13
Montgomery	3	4	97	52
Nozzolio	9	36	105	126
O'Brien	1	4	38	6
O'Mara	9	15	39	54
Parker	3	7	440	249
Peralta	1	5	75	19
Perkins	3	5	98	10
Ranzenhofer	17	45	139	69
Ritchie	16	33	104	151
Rivera		2	46	2
Robach	7	24	77	10
Rules	12	13	46	
Sampson			57	14
Sanders	1	5	51	2
Savino	15	31	153	2
Serrano	1	4	53	1
Seward	22	43	124	41
Skelos	2	8	26	102
Smith			29	79
Squadron	4	7	115	5

Stavisky	1	2	98	15
Stewart-Cousins	6	7	47	16
Tkaczyk	7	7	53	29
Valesky	14	26	74	17
Young	27	65	209	28
Zeldin	11	24	61	7

Appendix B: Assembly Bill Passage and Introduction Totals

Name	Passed Both	Passed Own	Active	Resos Adopted
Abbate	29	37	137	
Abinanti	3	13	91	
Arroyo		1	1	
Aubry	1	3	34	1
Barclay	1	1	39	24
Barrett	8	14	22	4
Benedetto	4	8	41	7
Blankenbush			17	5
Borelli			24	1
Boyland			39	
Braunstein	3	6	38	6
Brennan	10	16	184	1
Brindisi	5	6	40	23
Bronson	2	5	30	7
Brook-Krasny	1	1	18	2
Buchwald	6	10	22	3
Budget	11	11	12	
Butler	2	2	19	7
Cahill	11	19	162	6
Camara		2	80	6
Ceretto	1	1	22	4
Clark		3	112	4
Colton	1	5	69	
Cook	1	7	52	
Corwin	3	3	23	8
Crespo	5	10	135	5
Crouch	3	5	106	14
Curran	1	1	51	4
Cusick	5	12	168	7
Cymbrowitz	9	16	66	5
Davila	1	3	3	

DenDekker	4	6	53	1
Dinowitz	6	28	163	1
DiPietro	6	6	46	3
Duprey	3	4	7	5
Englebright	13	27	408	2
Fahy	9	14	25	7
Farrell	8	10	32	5
Finch			19	38
Fitzpatrick	3	3	49	
Friend	1	1	6	6
Gabryszak			191	
Galef	7	11	99	4
Gantt	3	8	108	2
Garbarino	2	3	13	9
Giglio	3	3	24	2
Gjonaj	3	3	12	1
Glick	7	18	71	3
Goldfeder	3	3	23	
Goodell	1	2	28	2
Gottfried	7	24	97	7
Graf			22	4
Gunther A	19	24	190	21
Hawley	1	1	48	7
Heastie	2	5	51	
Hennessey	3	8	20	3
Hevesi	2	5	63	
Hikind			6	
Hooper	5	9	48	1
Jacobs			21	2
Jaffee	6	9	42	3
Johns			8	8
Katz	1	1	50	
Kavanagh	5	15	203	
Kearns			24	2
Kellner		2	68	
Kim	2	4	16	5
Kolb	2	2	97	40
Lalor	1	1	27	2
Lavine	6	13	67	3
Lentol	10	21	148	2

Lifton	3	4	34	2
Lopez P	5	5	24	13
Lupardo	10	14	44	16
Lupinacci	1	1	12	
Magee	21	23	82	16
Magnarelli	21	28	84	10
Malliotakis			20	5
Markey	4	6	18	5
Mayer	5	8	26	1
McDonald	7	8	34	11
McDonough			21	1
McKevitt			36	
McLaughlin	2	2	14	4
Miller		3	75	6
Millman	8	14	67	5
Montesano	2	2	34	
Morelle	16	18	79	8
Mosley	3	4	20	
Moya		4	30	
Mr. Speaker	10	16	29	
Nojay	1	1	20	6
Nolan	7	13	86	1
Oaks			42	24
O'Donnell	9	19	86	2
Ortiz	1	10	245	3
Otis	5	6	27	9
Palmesano	5	5	17	17
Palumbo	1	1	5	7
Paulin	21	33	151	1
Peoples-Stokes	8	18	110	4
Perry	3	6	111	3
Pichardo		1	6	
Pretlow	9	17	260	
Quart	3	7	55	1
Ra	1	1	20	2
Raia			44	4
Ramos	5	6	30	1
Rivera				
Roberts	3	5	14	10
Robinson	3	4	31	11

Rodriguez	1	6	33	
Rosa	2	4	23	2
Rosenthal	9	22	256	10
Rozic	4	7	70	1
Russell	8	12	40	3
Ryan	9	10	51	1
Saladino	1	1	26	5
Santabarbara	7	11	30	4
Scarborough		4	49	2
Schimel	9	10	43	2
Schimminger	7	10	108	2
Sepulveda		2	47	2
Simanowitz	2	3	42	14
Simotas	3	9	68	2
Skartados	2	4	28	4
Skoufis	10	12	25	3
Solages		2	12	4
Stec	9	9	27	12
Steck	6	8	41	3
Stevenson			24	
Stirpe	4	4	13	2
Sweeney	14	29	54	6
Tedisco	3	3	101	13
Tenney			63	3
Thiele	18	22	249	10
Titone		4	107	5
Titus	2	11	68	5
Walter			20	4
Weinstein	11	19	61	6
Weisenberg	11	13	64	16
Weprin	1	12	140	2
Wright	9	31	209	1
Zebrowski K	12	20	133	2

Appendix C: Voting Totals for Senators

Senator	Aye Votes	Nay Votes	Abs/ Exc
Addabbo	1456	11	7
Avella	1442	32	
Ball	1292	175	7
Bonacic	1429	41	4
Boyle	1437	9	28
Breslin	1444	19	11
Carlucci	1463	11	
DeFrancisco	1403	55	16
Diaz	1232	23	219
Dilan	1371	53	50
Espaillet	570	13	891
Farley	1462	12	
Felder	1460	5	9
Flanagan	1464	8	2
Gallivan	1456	12	6
Gianaris	1428	46	
Gipson	1416	58	
Golden	1114	6	354
Griffo	1446	28	
Grisanti	1468	6	
Hannon	1454	13	7
Hassell-Thompson	672	36	766
Hoylman	1219	111	144
Kennedy	1305	24	145
Klein	1471	3	
Krueger	1307	167	
Lanza	1468	6	
Larkin	1415	24	35
Latimer	1430	21	23
LaValle	1447	27	
Libous	1415	19	40
Little	1416	27	31
Marcellino	1457	17	
Marchione	1443	31	
Martins	1460	14	
Maziarz	1456	14	4
Montgomery	1310	162	2
Nozzolio	1456	18	

O'Brien	1454	20	
O'Mara	1439	34	1
Parker	1374	56	44
Peralta	1426	26	22
Perkins	1272	192	10
Ranzenhofer	1439	33	2
Ritchie	1463	11	
Rivera	1369	105	
Robach	1468	6	
Sampson	1436	12	26
Sanders	1367	89	18
Savino	1465	9	
Serrano	1402	72	
Seward	1446	22	6
Skelos	1473	1	
Smith	661	5	808
Squadron	1383	91	
Stavisky	1425	49	
Stewart-Cousins	1454	20	
Tkaczyk	1438	36	
Valesky	1474		
Young	1465	8	1
Zeldin	1418	56	

Appendix D: Voting Records for Assemblymembers

Member	Yes Votes	No Votes	AB/ EL/ ER/ NV
Abbate	1124	1	35
Abinanti	1124	15	21
Arroyo	1057	1	102
Aubry	1156	3	1
Barclay	985	171	4
Barrett	1094	38	28
Benedetto	1137	9	14
Blankenbush	985	168	7
Borelli	911	249	
Boyland	2		199
Braunstein	1148	12	
Brennan	1138	20	2
Brindisi	1094	39	27
Bronson	1134	26	

Brook-Krasny	1143		17
Buchwald	1125	35	
Butler	959	137	64
Cahill	1140	20	
Camara	829		331
Ceretto	1062	98	
Clark	1143	3	14
Colton	1096	7	57
Cook	1160		
Corwin	987	173	
Crespo	1151	2	7
Crouch	1012	140	8
Curran	1005	139	16
Cusick	1102	58	
Cymbrowitz	1112	2	46
Davila	1153		7
DenDekker	1150		10
Dinowitz	1113	47	
DiPietro	735	343	82
Duprey	1052	108	
Englebright	1145	15	
Fahy	1151	9	
Farrell	1146	1	13
Finch	949	145	66
Fitzpatrick	841	285	34
Friend	763	385	12
Gabryszak			22
Galef	1127	10	23
Gantt	967	19	174
Garbarino	993	166	1
Giglio	998	130	32
Gjonaj	1086	52	22
Glick	1099	34	27
Goldfeder	1073	15	72
Goodell	964	196	
Gottfried	970	21	169
Graf	966	186	8
Gunther A	1112	36	12
Hawley	914	232	14
Heastie	976	11	173

Hennessey	1103	57	
Hevesi	883	13	264
Hikind	788	4	368
Hooper	1092	1	67
Jacobs	1052	6	102
Jaffee	1113	9	38
Johns	1073	87	
Katz	772	225	163
Kavanagh	1099	27	34
Kearns	1134	26	
Kellner	219	4	937
Kim	1140	2	18
Kolb	983	154	23
Lalor	804	291	65
Lavine	1155	2	3
Lentol	1159	1	
Lifton	1156	4	
Lopez P	1017	129	14
Lupardo	1158	2	
Lupinacci	1014	141	5
Magee	1136	24	
Magnarelli	912	8	240
Malliotakis	914	187	59
Markey	984	4	172
Mayer	1158	2	
McDonald	1149	11	
McDonough	1039	121	
McKevitt	1060	100	
McLaughlin	979	168	13
Miller	1090	35	35
Millman	1122	3	35
Montesano	951	185	24
Morelle	1159	1	
Mosley	1133	1	26
Moya	1143	9	8
Mr. Speaker	1160		
Nojay	571	344	245
Nolan	1031	4	125
Oaks	993	167	
O'Donnell	1135	10	15

Ortiz	1095		65
Otis	1159	1	
Palmesano	949	189	22
Palumbo	996	152	12
Paulin	1066	14	80
Peoples-Stokes	1115	40	5
Perry	1151		9
Pichardo	1158	2	
Pretlow	1145	15	
Quart	1110	27	23
Ra	1001	159	
Raia	992	107	61
Ramos	1027	24	109
Rivera	1084		76
Roberts	1132	26	2
Robinson	910	6	244
Rodriguez	943	5	212
Rosa	1154		6
Rosenthal	1123	29	8
Rozic	1139	20	1
Russell	1107	6	47
Ryan	1050	17	93
Saladino	975	97	88
Santabarbara	1123	37	
Scarborough	986	6	168
Schimel	1159	1	
Schimminger	1061	99	
Sepulveda	1130	13	17
Simanowitz	1006	48	106
Simotas	877	8	275
Skartados	1110	37	13
Skoufis	1128	32	
Solages	1138	22	
Stec	1010	149	1
Steck	1154	6	
Stevenson			3
Stirpe	1115	45	
Sweeney	1155	5	
Tedisco	1051	109	
Tenney	510	170	480

Thiele	1117	28	15
Titone	1136	24	
Titus	1070	5	85
Walter	978	182	
Weinstein	1037	17	106
Weisenberg	336	1	823
Weprin	1142	2	16
Wright	1110	4	46
Zebrowski K	1130	30	

For the second consecutive year, Senator Libous made more comments (27) that were marked in the transcript as being met with laughter than any other member of his chamber. Here are his lines that elicited laughter:

- *"There are exceptions. Mr. President, for some reason my glasses aren't working this morning."*
- *"Madam President, we are done chilling out."*
- *"There being no further business at the desk, I move that the Senate adjourn until Monday, February 3rd, the day after the Denver Broncos win the Super Bowl, intervening days being legislative days."*
- *"Senator Avella was egging me on, I think."*
- *"Sorry about that, Mr. President. But if you notice, Rebecca is not with me today, and I'm with Joe. So you're all going to have to bear with us."*
- *"If we could just, the next time the Senator speaks, check the audio. I had a very hard time. And I know that I am getting older, and I know that the hearing isn't what it was when I was a spry 30 like yourself."*
- *"Is the Senator talking to himself?"*
- *"On behalf of Senator Libous, I move that the following bill be -- that was supposed to be funny."*
- *"We could."*
- *"Now, Senator, you never know."*
- *"And like I always try to do, is grant wishes for Senator Stewart-Cousins --"*
- *"I guess, Mr. President, I'm going to be competing with the dogs that obviously have found a drug dealer outside."*
- *"It's a flawed process. And certainly with the issue of Common Core, this process has now come into light. Parents are upset, their kids are extremely upset, teachers are frustrated. The dogs are upset."*
- *"Mr. President, before I'm going to say that the house will stand at ease, Senator Griffo and a number of the members had a question, and they wanted to know who let the dogs out."*
- *"-- just like the Syracuse basketball team."*
- *"Mr. President, I think Senator LaValle would -- I gave him bad information. So if you would call on him again."*
- *"It only shows, Mr. President, that everything here is fluid by the second."*
- *"So if for some crazy reason someone chooses not to be on, let the desk know. But if I see anybody go to the desk, you'll have to deal with me."*
- *"Before we go to the next resolution, I want to acknowledge a group of constituents that I have here that actually were supposed to be meeting with me at 12 o'clock, but because proceedings continue --"*

although I'm not allowed on the floor to say what name or who they represent, they are constituents of my district, and that's what's most important."

- "You took the words right out of my mouth, Senator."

- "Mr. Ball, I don't know you. But I live in Binghamton, and I have to travel on Route 88. And I've stopped at the Carrot Barn many times, and the carrot oatmeal cookies are out of this world."

- "And as long as you continue to make those, you've got my support. Godspeed."

- "Mr. President, I think we have a noncontroversial calendar in front of us. Could we --"

- "Oh, lay it aside."

- "Mr. President, I don't know what Senator Martins was saying there at the end, but they were all smiling, so it had to be good."

- "On behalf of Senator Marchione, on page -- there's no page -- I offer the following amendments to Calendar Number 1138, Senate Print 7649, and ask that said bill retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar. So, Mr. President, it's up to you to find the page."

- "Not bad for a kid with dyslexia reading all those numbers."

- "And if anybody wants their picture taken with Andy Lanza, that can be arranged also."