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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:
DANEK MILLER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
COSTA G. CONSTANTINIDES
ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
ELIZABETH S. CROWLEY
DANIEL DROMM

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

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[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Love doing that.

[laughter]

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, good

afternoon. I'm Council Member I. Daneek Miller. I'm the new chair of the Committee of Civil Service and Labor. Want to thank you for coming out. Like to thank the Speaker and my colleagues in Council for selecting me as the chair of this Committee. It's an honor to have the opportunity to serve on a Committee that impacts the live of so many working people. I'm really looking forward to the important work that will come out of this Committee over the next four years. So today we are here to, to address some unfinished business from the last term. In May of last year the Council passed the Earned Sick Time Act. The former Mayor vetoed the bill in the last session. This Committee and the Council overload the veto and the law is scheduled to go into effect April of this year. But before the term ended the Council passed a supplemental bill Intro number 1208 A to make a few technical corrections to the law. This bill was also vetoed by Mayor Bloomberg in the final days of his

2 administration. Today the Committee will vote to
3 file the former Mayor's veto and the Intro number
4 1208 A, mayoral message 0010214 and vote on whether
5 to repass the bill out of Committee notwithstanding
6 the objections of the Mayor so that the bill will
7 go back to the full council for consideration to
8 override the veto. I recommend that the Committee,
9 that we file the Mayor's veto and repass the Intro.
10 And, so we are joined here today by Council Member
11 Elizabeth Crowley from the 30th district. Thank
12 you. Council Member Costa Constantinides from the
13 22nd in Queens and my colleague from the borough of
14 Brooklyn Rob Cornegy. So with also and Council
15 Member Dromm who's also a part of the Committee is
16 on his way. I would also like to thank the
17 Committee Staff Matt Carlin, Council, Peter
18 Strifas, Staff Analyst and Alea Ali[sp?] the
19 interim finance analyst. So we're here to take a
20 vote so we will begin.

21 CLERK MARTIN: William Martin, Committee
22 Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Civil Service
23 and Labor. Council Member Miller.

24 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Aye.

25 CLERK MARTIN: Crowley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you
3 Chairman Miller. I, I also vote aye. As a mother of
4 two kids in the city I feel that it's important for
5 working parents to have a option to stay home with
6 their kid if they're sick, to have to choose
7 between their family and losing their job. So there
8 should be a minimum of sick days. I, I support that
9 as a working mom and for all working families.
10 Thank you.

11 CLERK MARTIN: Constantinides.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: May I be
13 excused to explain my vote? First I'll begin, oh
14 sorry...

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, absolutely.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: First I
17 want to congratulate our new chair Daneek Miller
18 who I know will be, had already has been a strong
19 voice for the working people of the city. So
20 congratulations.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you...

22 [interpose]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: And this
24 is such an important bill. And paid sick time is

2 such an important issue for everyone in our city.
3 So thank you for your leadership and I vote aye.

4 CLERK MARTIN: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Comment before
6 my vote? I'd like to congratulate the Chair Daneek
7 Miller and I'd like to say that this is clearly
8 representative of Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito
9 choosing chairs who have expressed expertise in the
10 Committees that they serve on. And from the borough
11 of Brooklyn I look forward to following your
12 leadership. And I vote aye.

13 CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of four in the
14 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
15 abstentions items have been adopted. Members please
16 sign the committee reports. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The vote will be
18 left open for 30 minutes for awaiting the arrival
19 of Council Member Dromm. So that being said. Thanks
20 everybody for coming out. That was easy right?

21 [gavel]

22 CLERK MARTIN: Council Member Dromm.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

24 CLERK MARTIN: Final vote in Committee
25 on Civil Service and Labor is now five in the

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2 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
3 abstentions.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: For the record
5 thank you Councilman Dromm for coming in and
6 attending the first hearing of the Committee. And
7 look forward to your input in this important
8 endeavor that we embark in in representing working
9 families throughout the city of New York and I,
10 with that...

11 [gavel]

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: ...adjourn the
13 meeting, call the end, meeting to an end.

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