

**2021 Congress of Delegates
NYSAFP
May 16 & May 23, 2021
Virtual Event**

Sunday May 16, 2021

Vice Speaker, Dr. Rachelle Brilliant, presented announcements and introduced New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) president, Dr. Jason Matuszak, to open the Assembly portion of the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Matuszak convened the Assembly at 8:00 AM. He invited anyone who had a late resolution to introduce the resolution. He explained that the COD Planning Committee would decide whether to accept any late resolution. No late resolutions were submitted.

AAFP president-elect Dr. Ada Stewart presented remarks.

Dr. Matuszak announced the winner of the 2021 Family Physician of the Year Award, **Dr. Lawrence Goldstein**. Dr. Goldstein accepted the award.

Dr. Matuszak then announced the winner of the 2021 Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award, **Dr. Dan Young**. Dr. Young accepted the award.

Dr. Brilliant congratulated Drs. Goldstein and Young. She also acknowledged and thanked sponsors for advertising in the COD program:

- Department of Family Medicine, Bronx Care Health System
- Medical Society of the Counties of Erie, Chautauqua & Orleans
- MLMIC
- Mumford/Peirce Family
- Northwell Health
- Reid, McNally & Savage, LLC
- Sarah Nosal, MD / Mumford Family
- Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD
- UB Physicians Group

Dr. Brilliant introduced Dr. Matuszak for his remarks summarizing his year as president. Following his remarks Dr. Matuszak presented presidential awards.

Dr. Matuszak adjourned the Annual Meeting and reported that the 2022 Annual Meeting and Congress of Delegates would be May 21-22, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Albany - Desmond Hotel.

Dr. Brilliant convened the Congress at 9:45 AM. She explained that elections and reference committee reports would occur on Sunday, May 23rd. That session will begin at 8:00 AM and will be conducted as a virtual event. She also described how the reference committees would operate. She explained that resolutions would be posted in Google Docs folders on May 16th and delegates would receive links to the folders to allow them to make comments or raise questions

about each resolution. Reference committees will meet on May 22nd to review comments and prepare reports. There will be two reference committees.

Dr. Brilliant announced that Dr. Sarah Nosal would serve as parliamentarian and that the Congress would operate on The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

Dr. Brilliant called upon the secretary, Dr. Scott Hartman, to determine whether a quorum was present. Dr. Hartman confirmed the presence of a quorum of 1/3 of registered delegates. The speaker declared the Congress in session.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Brilliant requested a moment of silence for colleagues and friends who have passed away since the last meeting including Dr. C. Parker Long who was president of NYSAFP in 1988-89.

Arsenio G Agopovich, MD

January 22, 1923 - August 10, 2020

Joseph Avanzato, MD

August 2, 1955 - April 9, 2020

Charlie Chin-song Chen, DO

December 1, 1945 - April 28, 2020

Richard William Crummer, MD

May 6, 1941 - December 13, 2019

C. Parker Long, MD

August 12, 1924 - October 6, 2020

Stanley Willner, MD

September 11, 1926 - May 14, 2020

Dr. Brilliant announced receipt of the reports of officers and commissions which appear in a consent agenda and will be filed for information unless a member wishes to withdraw an item. An item so removed will be assigned to a reference committee for further study.

REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Dr. Brilliant announced the members of the reference committees:

REFERENCE COMMITTEE SESSION ONE

Chair: Rupal Bhingradia, MD
Vice Chair: Jocelyn Young, DO
Advisor: Barbara Keber, MD
Member: Elaine Kang, MD
Member: Fran Faustino, MD
Resident: Emily Baumert, MD

Student: Lewis Wong
Staff: Kelly Madden, MS
Staff: Penny Ruhm, MSA, MSW

REFERENCE COMMITTEE SESSION TWO

Chair: Daniel Neghassi, MD
Vice Chair: Kristin Mack, MD
Advisor: Marc Price, DO
Member: Daniel Cunningham, MD
Student: Alyssa Abel
Staff: Vito Grasso, MPA, CAE
Staff: Ron Rouse, MPA

Dr. Brilliant adjourned the session at 10:30 AM.

Staff and the speakers conducted a training session for delegates on how to use Google Docs to comment on resolutions and how to participate in the virtual COD on May 23rd.

Dr. Brilliant adjourned the session at 10:04 AM.

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Reference committees met concurrently by virtual platforms beginning at 8:00 AM. The committee reviewed testimony on resolutions and prepared reports with recommendations for review by the Congress on May 23rd. The reports were reviewed by the speakers and were then posted in Google Docs. Links were sent to delegates and alternates so they could read the reports.

Resident members met at 2:00 PM to elect their board representatives and alternates. The meeting was conducted on Zoom. Students joined the meeting after the elections concluded. Dr. Matuszak met with Student and Resident members for general discussion.

Results of Resident Section elections:

Resident Representative Upstate is Suganya Mahinthan, MD
Alternate Resident Representative Upstate is Kyla Pinnock, MD
Resident Representative Downstate is Moses Syldort, MD
Alternate Resident Representative Downstate is Lewis Wong, MD

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:00 AM: Vice Speaker Dr. Christine Doucet, MD opened the Congress. She explained procedures for participating in a virtual meeting. She announced that the meeting would be recorded and that participation in the Congress constitutes consent to be recorded. She acknowledged and thanked sponsors:

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Secretary Dr. Scott Hartman announced the presence of a quorum.

Dr. Doucet explained how voting would occur. A link was be emailed to delegates to facilitate voting.

ELECTIONS

Dr. Doucet introduced Dr. KrisEmily McCrory, vice-chair of the Commission on Leadership & Nominations, who presented the slate of candidates recommended by the Commission.

The candidates recommended by the Commission are:

President-Elect	Andrew Symons, MD
Vice President	Heather Paladine, MD
Secretary	Ani Bodoutchain, MD
Treasurer	Thomas Molnar, MD
Delegate to AAFP (Upstate)	Marc Price, DO
Alt. Delegate to AAFP (Upstate)	Mark Josefski, MD
Speaker	Rachelle Brilliant, DO
Vice Speaker	Christine Doucet, MD
Three (3) Directors	Jocelyn Young, DO
	Jiana Menendez, MD
	Scott Hartman, MD
New Physician	Sara Guevara, MD
	Lisa Shapiro, DO

Dr. Doucet explained that a candidate who loses and election may be nominated for an office in a subsequent election.

She announced that the newly elected board would meet by Zoom immediately after adjournment of the COD to elect a board chair and an at-large member of the executive committee.

Dr. Doucet invited nominations from the floor for president-elect. There were no nominations for the office of president-elect. **Dr. Doucet declared Dr. Symons elected.**

Dr. Doucet requested nominations for the office of vice president. There were no nominations for the office of vice president. **Dr. Doucet declared Dr. Paladine elected.**

Dr. Doucet requested nominations for the office of secretary. There were no nominations. **Dr. Doucet declared Dr. Bodoutchain elected.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for the office of treasurer. There were none. Dr. Doucet declared **Dr. Molnar elected.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for the office of speaker. There were none. She declared **Dr. Brilliant elected.**

Dr. Brilliant invited nominations for the office of vice speaker. There were none. **Dr. Brilliant declared Dr. Doucet elected.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for the office of director. **Dr. Keasha Guerrier was nominated.**

Dr. Doucet invited candidates to make remarks. Drs. Hartman, Menendez, Young and Guerrier addressed the Congress. The candidates were relocated to a virtual breakout room and delegates were able to comment on the candidates.

Dr. Doucet conducted the election. **She declared Drs. Hartman, Young and Guerrier elected.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for AAFP delegate. There were none. **She declared Dr. Price elected.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for AAFP alternate delegate. There were none. **She declared Dr. Josefski the winner.**

Dr. Doucet invited nominations for the office of New Physician. Dr. Jiana Menendez was nominated.

Dr. Doucet invited candidates to make remarks. Drs. Guevara, Shapiro and Menendez addressed the Congress. The candidates were relocated to a virtual breakout room and delegates were able to comment on the candidates.

Dr. Doucet conducted the election. **She declared Dr. Menendez elected.**

Dr. Mumford made inaugural remarks.

Past President Dr. Sarah Nosal presented the past president's pin to Dr. Matuszak. Executive Vice President Vito Grasso presented remarks and a gift to Dr. Matuszak.

AAFP president-elect Dr. Ada Stewart installed officer and directors.

Dr. Stewart installed Fellows. Congratulations to Drs.:

James Robinson, MD, FAAFP

Kate Eisenberg, MD, FAAFP

Gregory Reyes, MD, FAAFP

Alan Barcomb, MD, FAAFP

Cait Weber, MD, FAAFP

REPORTS OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Dr. Brilliant explained the rules for receiving reports of the reference committees.

Dr. Brilliant reported that all officer and commission reports have been placed on a Consent Calendar. She asked if anyone wanted to extract any item from that Consent Calendar. No one extracted any reports from officers or commissions from the Consent Calendar.

Items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were extracted. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved.

Dr. Brilliant introduced Dr. Bhingradia for the report of reference committee one.

Dr. Bhingradia: Mr. Speaker, Reference Committee One has considered each of the items referred to it and desires to present the following report. The Committee's recommendations on each item will be submitted on our consent calendar.

Report of Reference Committee One

Madame Speaker, the Committee wishes to place on the Consent Calendar the following items

1. Resolution 21-01: "Free Britney" - **NOT ADOPT**
2. Resolution 21-03: "End Discrimination of Transgender Athletes" - **ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**
3. Resolution 21-06: "Information on Industry Advertising & Sponsorships Should Be Available to Members" - **ADOPT FIRST RESOLVED CLAUSE & REFER CLAUSES 2 & 3 TO THE BOARD.**
4. Resolution 21-07: "Examine the Health Impacts of Reparations" - **ADOPT**
5. Resolution 21-09: "Maintaining the Independence of the Congress of Delegates" – **ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**
6. Resolution 21-11: "Health Care Funding Should Not Be Bound to Employment" - **NOT BE ADOPTED**
7. Resolution 21-13: "Support a Living Wage for the Minimum Wage" - **ADOPT SUBSTITUTERESOLUTION**
8. Resolution 21-15: "Our Current System is a Complete Mess: It's Time for a New System"- **ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**
9. Resolution 21-17: "Optimizing the Online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Advance Health Equity" - **ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**
10. Resolution 21-18: "Direct to Consumer Telehealth Products" - **ADOPT SUBSTITUTERE SOLUTION**
11. Resolution 21-20: "Oppose Harassment & Hate Speech Within NYSAFP" - **ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

Speaker: Should the Congress approve the consent calendar, all items on the consent calendar will be disposed of in that single action. There will not be any opportunity for discussion on any item that is included on the consent calendar after the consent calendar is adopted. It is important, therefore, to extract an item from the consent calendar at this time if you wish to discuss that item. A motion to extract something from the consent calendar does not require a second. Any delegate may extract an item from the consent calendar by so moving that the item be extracted, and the item will be extracted without objection. The items on the consent calendar

are listed in the report of the reference committee and are being projected on the screen. Does anyone have anything they would like to have extracted?

Madame Speaker, the Committee moves adoption of the Consent Calendar as listed.

Dr. Brilliant invited members to extract items. Items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were extracted. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 1 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-01:

SUBJECT: Free Britney

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians file an Amicus Brief in support of an independent medical review of the conservatorship of Britney Spears, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates bring forth a resolution directing the AAFP to file an Amicus Brief in support of an independent medical review of the conservatorship of Britney Spears, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates bring forth a resolution directing the AAFP delegates to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates directing the AMA to file an Amicus Brief in support of an independent medical review of the conservatorship of Britney Spears.

Testimony in favor of the spirit of this resolution, however not necessarily with the specific case of Britney Spears. We should not as an organization get involved in a case with one individual. Agree with the problematic nature of conservatorship, especially when mental health issues are involved. Perhaps author may wish to consider reworking resolution to address issue of conservatorship in the future.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-01 not be adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 2 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-03:

SUBJECT: End Discrimination of Transgender Athletes

RESOLVED the New York State Academy of Family Physicians adopt a policy condemning discrimination in sports based on transgenderism, and be it further

RESOLVED, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians support legislation to support participation in sports based on gender identity and vociferously oppose legislation that would preclude sports participation based on gender identity, and be it further

RESOLVED, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates introduce a resolution directing the AAFP to develop policy condemning discrimination in sports based on transgenderism, and be it further RESOLVED, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates introduce a resolution directing the AAFP to develop policy supporting gender identity be protected in Title IX funding as it relates to sports and athletics.

Testimony was split on this resolution. Discussion included athletic advantage of transwomen over ciswomen in sports requiring speed and strength vs. sports not reliant on higher testosterone levels. Existing AAFP policy supports the spirit of this resolution. Discrimination for trans athletes vs. discrimination toward female assigned at birth. Commentary to accept the spirit of resolution but separation of athletes for more equity in competition. Discussed guidelines from various sports governing bodies - IOC, NCAA, etc. Should this be different for elite vs. local/ community level leagues? Considerations also included the role of FPs to promote health and activity as beneficial for patients. What is available safety data on this topic? Overall comments were in support of non-discrimination with community, youth and team sports. The committee recommends adopting substitute resolution as follows:

RESOLVED the New York State Academy of Family Physicians adopt a policy supporting equity and inclusion in community and team sports for gender-diverse individuals and be it further

RESOLVED, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians support legislation to support participation in community and school-based sports based on gender identity and vociferously oppose legislation that would preclude community and school-based sports participation based on gender identity, and be it further

RESOLVED, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates introduce a resolution directing the AAFP to develop policy supporting gender identity be protected in Title IX funding as it relates to sports and athletics.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopt substitute resolution 21-03.

The substitute resolution was adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 3 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-06:

SUBJECT: Information on Industry Advertising & Sponsorships Should Be Available to Members

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Board or assigned commission make a report available to members that quantifies the revenue from pharmaceutical and medical device advertising, including the percentage of total conference/journal income and advertising income represented by these industry advertisements and sponsorship, and the

number of members reached by these advertisements and sponsorships, to be completed prior to the 2022 Winter Cluster meetings, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians assign a commission to explore alternatives to pharmaceutical and medical device advertising and sponsorship, including an estimate of how a change in sponsorship would affect membership dues and conference registration costs, to be completed prior to the 2022 Winter Cluster meetings, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates requiring the AAFP to collect this data on pharmaceutical and medical device advertising and sponsorship for the AAFP conferences and journals and issue a report to members.

Testimony generally supported this resolution. Transparency in advertising and financial responsibility is important. Membership can propose solutions once data is available and accessible. Good opportunity for providers to learn about new and innovative drugs and products. Will this require expenditures and/or fiscal note? Where would this fall among existing commissions? If data is accessible via the treasurer's report it should not be too difficult to produce a report to meet the initial resolve.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered resolution 21-06. We considered the resolve clauses separately and recommended adoption of the first resolve clause and referral of the second and third resolve clauses to the board.

A vote was taken, and the 1st RESOLVED clause was adopted.

A vote was taken, and the 2nd RESOLVED clause was adopted.

A vote occurred on the 3rd RESOLVED clause. The 3rd RESOLVED clause was adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 4 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-07:

SUBJECT: Examine the Health Impacts of Reparations

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates that asks the AAFP create a position paper about how reparations for Black Americans would affect racial inequities in health and in social determinants of health, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates that asks the AAFP to advocate for legislation that calls for a governmental study of various forms of reparations for Black people.

Testimony overwhelmingly in support of this resolution. There is current legislation (HR-40) to study this and some questioned if this would be duplicative? Majority felt support will only help move this forward. Recommend adopting this as written.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-07 be adopted. This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 5 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-09:

SUBJECT: Maintaining the Independence of the Congress of Delegates

RESOLVED New York State Academy of Family Physicians Delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) bring a resolution to the AAFP COD that during Reference Committee testimony at the AAFP COD, comments by the AAFP Board of Directors on a resolution shall be made in writing and be included with the resolution when the resolution is published for review and comment by members and verbal comments on behalf of the board will not be permitted during reference committee hearings, and be it further

RESOLVED New York State Academy of Family Physicians Delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) bring a resolution to the AAFP COD that members of the AAFP Board of Directors be allowed to testify only as an individual, and NOT as a representative of the Board, and be it further

RESOLVED New York State Academy of Family Physicians Delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates (AAFP) Congress of Delegates COD) bring a resolution to the AAFP COD that the practice of giving the AAFP Board of Directors representative the final word should be ended immediately.

Testimony was in support of this resolution. Language changes were recommended and elimination of redundancies between resolve clauses.

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates (AAFP COD) bring a resolution to the AAFP COD to limit testimony on resolutions on behalf of the AAFP board, to written testimony provided in conjunction with publication of resolutions for review and comment.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adoption of Substitute Resolution 21-09. This Substitute Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 6 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-11:

SUBJECT: Health Care Funding Should Not Be Bound to Employment

RESOLVED that the American Academy of Family Physicians support and advocate that the funding of any future health care system be capable of supporting access to universal, high quality, equitable, and affordable health care without tethering health insurance to employment, and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Academy of Family Physicians create a policy stating that a publicly funded, privately delivered single payer system is the preferred way to achieve a health care system that is universal, high quality, equitable, and affordable, that is not bound to employment, and reduces administrative costs.

Testimony was in favor of the spirit of the resolution in separating health care funding from employment and advocating for lower cost health insurance but split on the intricacies of the resolution and the complexity of the single payer issue. In light of existing policy of the NYSAFP and AAFP and conflicting testimony about the specifics of this resolution, this requires additional consideration and evaluation.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-11 not be adopted.

The motion to approve the 1st RESOLVED clause was approved.

The motion to approve the 2nd RESOLVED clause was approved.

There was a break in the report of the reference committee while Assembly Member Karen McMahan presented a proclamation issued by NY Governor Andrew Cuomo declaring this Family Physician Week.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 7 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-13:

SUBJECT: Support a Living Wage for the Minimum Wage

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates directing the AAFP to set policy to support and lobby for legislation that increases the federal minimum wage to meet the national living wage as a means of decreasing health disparities.

Testimony was overall supportive of this resolution and in increasing the overall minimum wage to decrease health disparities. Some concerns were raised about supporting this as a means of meeting the national living wage, especially for individuals with developmental disabilities whose employment opportunities can be limited.

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates directing the AAFP to set policy to support and lobby for legislation that increases the federal minimum wage as a means of decreasing health disparities.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopting substitute resolution 21-13.

A vote was taken. **The amended substitute resolution was adopted.**

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 8 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-15:

SUBJECT: Our Current System is a Complete Mess: It is Time for a New System

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Delegation to the American Academy Family Physicians (AAFP) bring a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates that the AAFP support a new form of universal health care system to replace the current multi-payer healthcare system which has the following attributes:

1. It is a tax-based system that finances the entire health care system.
2. That adequate reimbursement should be paid to health care providers to ensure they are financially stable and therefore able to deliver quality health care.
3. That reimbursement levels should be determined through bilateral negotiations between provider groups and the payer.
4. That a streamlined, uniform administrative system should be established that standardizes the many different rules and systems.
5. That the system recognizes the necessity of reasonable limits on services. That the universal health care system promotes public health issues by improving surveillance of public health status and early identification of emerging health problems.
6. That the universal health care system assists patients in assuming a more active role towards maintaining health lifestyles.
7. That the universal health care system promotes the delivery of quality healthcare.
8. That physicians be permitted to engage in collective bargaining during contractual negotiations with the payer.

Testimony was generally in support of single payer as is NYSAFP's policy. Specific areas of concern included potential redundancies between resolutions 3 and 8 and the need to aggregate and reevaluate our approach to move single payer forward at the national level. The committee evaluated each element of the resolution for content and redundancies. The committee recommended combining clauses 3 & 8 and striking clause 8. The committee recommends striking clauses 5 and 6 - Not specific in content and no specific testimony in support of these clauses.

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Delegation to the American Academy Family Physicians (AAFP) bring a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates that the AAFP support a new universal healthcare system to replace the current multi-payer healthcare system which has the following attributes:

1. It is a tax-based system that finances the entire health care system.
2. That adequate reimbursement should be paid to health care providers to ensure they are financially stable and therefore able to deliver quality health care.
3. That reimbursement levels should be determined through bilateral negotiations and /or collective bargaining between provider groups providers and the payer.
4. That a streamlined, uniform administrative system should be established that standardizes the many different rules and systems.
5. That the universal health care system promotes the delivery of quality healthcare.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopting substitute resolution 21-15.

Dr. Klepack extracted this item and proposed adding a new 6th attribute:

6. It is a system in which political control and influence is limited. After creation of such a system, such control shall be confined to the appointment and confirmation of members of a board which shall exert control over fiscal and policy considerations. The Board shall be modeled on examples such as the Federal Reserve Board with respect to its member's appointment and terms of service.

A vote on the substitute resolution as amended to include a 6th attribute was taken. **The motion was adopted.**

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 9 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-17:

SUBJECT: Optimizing the Online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Advance Health Equity

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians advocate for policy that facilitates expansion in the number of vendors that participate in the online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in New York state, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians bring policy to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates that advocates for consumer protections in the use of online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) policies, including support for oversight hearings for the SNAP online purchasing program, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians bring policy to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates that advocates for the AAFP to update their policy statements on healthy nutrition to include best practices in digital advertising and marketing practices promoting healthy options.

Testimony completely in favor of this resolution. The author also brought this to the NCCL, and it was adopted. Wording changes in the second and third resolved clauses were the only changes recommended.

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians advocate for policy that facilitates expansion in the number of vendors that participate in the online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in New York state, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates bring a resolution that advocates for consumer protections in the use of online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) policies, including support for oversight hearings for the SNAP online purchasing program, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates bring a resolution that requests the AAFP to update their policy statements on healthy nutrition to include best practices in digital advertising and marketing practices promoting healthy options.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopting substitute resolution 21-17. This substitute resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 10 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-18:

SUBJECT: Direct to Consumer Telehealth Products

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Physicians take an active role in advising and encouraging direct to consumer start-up companies to partner with primary care practices to create a synergistic system that meets the needs of patients, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy will support legislation requiring direct to consumer companies to participate in New York State Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIO) and/or to establish communication with primary care physicians per patient request, so that patients can share information with their health care team should they choose to, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates submit a resolution directing the AAFP to establish policies encouraging collaboration between direct to consumer (DTC) companies and individual primary care practices.

Testimony was generally supportive of the spirit of this resolution in knowing what is happening with patients, but some opposition voiced primarily surrounding the idea of partnering with DTC entities. Opposition to creating our own DTC as its own entity. Enough testimony to support resolve 2 and striking resolves 1 and 3.

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians will support legislation requiring direct to consumer companies to participate in New York State Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIO) and/or to establish communication with primary care physicians per patient request, so that patients can share information with their health care team should they choose to.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopting Substitute Resolution 21-18.

A motion to return to the original resolution was approved. **The resolution was referred to the board.**

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 11 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-20:

SUBJECT: Oppose Harassment & Hate Speech Within NYSAFP

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians publicly supports the American Academy of Family Physicians Anti-Harassment Policy, Institutional Racism in the

Health Care System, and Violence, Illegal Acts Against Physicians and Other Health Professionals, and

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) will maintain a zero-tolerance policy on members engaging in any form of hate speech or actions of harassment especially towards other members of the NYSAFP, and

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians will develop a process for which members may bring concerns regarding harassment, hate speech, or other violation of the aforementioned policies to be investigated. Members found to be participating in such activities will be subject to disciplinary actions including possible withdrawal of membership from the Academy.

Testimony was in support of opposing hate speech; however, some opposition was presented about the necessity for this resolution. Reeducation regarding the existing AAFP policy is supported via the testimony and resolves one and two were supported by testimony with some minor wording changes. Resolve three received suggestions for a language change to not definitively define what the disciplinary process should be.

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians publicly supports the American Academy of Family Physicians Anti-harassment Policy, Institutional Racism in the Health Care System, and Violence, Illegal Acts Against Physicians and Other Health Professionals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) will maintain a zero-tolerance policy on members engaging in any form of hate speech or actions of harassment and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians will develop a process for which members may bring concerns regarding harassment, hate speech, or other violation of the aforementioned policies to be investigated. Members found to be participating in such activities will be subject to due process.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends adopting substitute resolution 21-20. The resolution was approved.

Madame Speaker, I move the adoption of the Committee's report.

Madame Speaker, I would like to thank the members of my Reference Committee. I would also like to thank the members of the Academy who testified electronically for their insight and their cooperation. I would like to thank Kelly Madden and Penny Ruhm for assisting the Committee in preparing this report.

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Member: Fran Faustino, MD

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Staff: Kelly Madden, MS
Staff: Penny Ruhm, MSA, MSW

12:03 PM – Break

12:10 PM – Congress re-convened

Dr. Brilliant introduced Dr. Neghassi for the report of reference committee two.

Session Two Reference Committee Report Template

Reference Committee Chair: Madame Speaker, Reference Committee Two has considered each of the items referred to it and desires to present the following report. The Committee’s recommendations on each item will be submitted on our consent calendar.

Speaker: Should the Congress approve the consent calendar, all items on the consent calendar will be disposed of in that single action. There will not be any opportunity for discussion on any item that is included on the consent calendar after the consent calendar is adopted. It is important, therefore, to extract an item from the consent calendar at this time if you wish to discuss that item. A motion to extract something from the consent calendar does not require a second. Any delegate may extract an item from the consent calendar by so moving that the item be extracted, and the item will be extracted without objection. The items on the consent calendar are listed in the report of the reference committee and are being projected on the screen. Does anyone have anything they would like to have extracted?

A: CONSENT CALENDAR

Madame Speaker, the Committee wishes to place on the Consent Calendar the following items:

- 1. Resolution 21-02 “Physicians in Private Practice Subcommittee” – ADOPT AS AMENDED**
- 2. Resolution 21-04 “Removing Governance of Commissions from Bylaws & Moving it to the NYSAFP Operations Manual, Subject to Board Approval” – ADOPT THIS IS A BYLAWS AMENDMENT AND REQUIRES APPROVAL BY 2/3 OF DELEGATES PRESENT**
- 3. Resolution 21-05 “Commission on Member Services Update of Mission” – BE REFERRED TO THE BOARD**
- 4. Resolution 21-08 “Beyond Roe: Reproductive Healthcare Accessible to EVERYONE” – ADOPT**
- 5. Resolution 21-10 “Fiber Optic Broadband Internet; Bridging the Digital Chasm” and Resolution 21-21 “Reliable Broadband Access for All” – ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 21-10**
- 6. Resolution 21-12 “American Academy of Family Physicians Should Be a National Leader for Universal Health Care” – ADOPT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 21-12**
- 7. Resolution 21-14 “Increase Congress of Delegates Accessibility Via Remote Participation” – BE REFER TO THE BOARD**

8. **Resolution 21-16 “Creating a Permanent Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee” – BE REFERED TO THE BOARD**
9. **Resolution 21-19 “Continuity in Telehealth or Reimbursement for Telehealth Continuity of Care” – ADOPT AS AMENDED**
10. **Resolution 21-22L “In Memoriam: C. Parker Long, MD” – ADOPT.**

Madame Speaker, the Committee moves adoption of the Consent Calendar as listed. Items 6 and 7 were extracted. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 1 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-02:

SUBJECT: Physicians in Private Practice Subcommittee

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors will create a subcommittee of the Commission on Advocacy whose specific purpose is to represent the needs of physicians in private practice, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Subcommittee of Advocacy on Private Practice will have access to lobbyists and others who function to influence and/or report on changes in regulation and law that affect the private practice of medicine.

Testimony overwhelmingly supported this resolution. The only testimony opposing it said the NYSAFP can be trusted to look out for the needs of physicians in private practice. The Committee recognizes the concern regarding supporting members in private practice through advocacy and programs specifically designed to support private practice. The Committee felt the resolution could be enhanced by adding language to specify that NYSAFP will support public policy and will develop member benefits to support members in private practice. The Committee recommends amending the resolution to read:

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors will create a subcommittee of the Commission on Advocacy whose specific purpose is to represent the needs of physicians in private practice, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the board and commissions of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians will consult with the Subcommittee of Advocacy on Private Practice on public policy proposals which impact upon private practices, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Subcommittee on Advocacy on Private Practice will make recommendations regarding member benefits to assist and support members in private practice

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-02 be adopted as amended. This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 2 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-04:

SUBJECT: Removing Governance of Commissions from Bylaws & Moving it to the NYSAFP Operations Manual, Subject to Board Approval

RESOLVED that the bylaws of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians be amended to remove the elements which govern the structure and function of commissions, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the bylaws of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) be amended to note that the structure and function of commissions will be governed by a “commissions” section of the NYSAFP Operations Manual to be approved by the board initially, and which future proposed changes will be subject to board approval.

There were no comments opposing this resolution. The reference committee agrees with the maker that policy regarding establishment, composition and operation of committees and commissions should be located in the operations manual where it can be changed as needed and appropriate rather than being subjected to the bylaws amendment process.

Madame Speaker, Resolution 21-04 is an amendment to the bylaws and requires approval of 2/3 of delegates present for approval. Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-04 be adopted. This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 3 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-05:

SUBJECT: Commission on Member Services Update of Mission

RESOLVED, that the mission of the Commission on Member Services of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) be updated to read:

“This commission shall promote and recruit membership into the NYSAFP It will identify and develop proposals for member benefits, review proposals by staff, and implement any member benefits programs approved by the Board of Directors.

It shall monitor and support county chapter activities, as well as encourage the creation of new chapters. It will assist staff to monitor and improve the NYSAFP.org website.

It shall invite speakers to the annual Congress of Delegates Town hall, should a town hall be part of the schedule.”

The maker of this resolution agreed that adoption of Resolution 21-04 would obviate the need for this resolution. The Committee recommends referral so the board may incorporate establishment of this mission statement into its recommendations for the operations manual.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution 21-05 be referred to the board. This resolution was referred to the board pursuant to the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 4 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-08:

SUBJECT: Beyond Roe: Reproductive Health Care Accessible to EVERYONE

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) will submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) to write a letter to the Biden-Harris Administration advocating to rescind Executive Order 13535 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Consistency with Longstanding Restrictions on the Use of Federal Funds for Abortion), and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians for a commitment to lobby against legislation that extends, reiterates, or incorporates the Hyde Amendment and related restrictions, including annual appropriations bills, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians to come together with other medical professional societies in the Group of Six to co-author letters that oppose the Hyde Amendment and to sign onto letters written by other Group of Six members that oppose the Hyde Amendment.

Most witnesses who offered comments supported this resolution. Two witnesses who opposed cited the controversial nature of abortion. The resolution cites numerous examples of existing AAFP policy in support of patient rights to the full range of reproductive health care including policy which specifically endorses repeal of the Hyde Amendment.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-08 be adopted. This resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 5 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-10 and Resolution 21-21:

Resolution 21-10

SUBJECT: Fiber Optic Broadband Internet: Bridging the Digital Chasm

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians have a policy stating that the provision of Fiber Optic Broadband internet services should be available to all citizens in an affordable manner, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians advocate for Broadband internet service to be considered a public utility, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians advocate that the infrastructure to provide Fiber Optic Broadband internet service to all citizens be underwritten or otherwise incentivized by State (or Federal) government, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates bring a resolution to have the AAFP advocate for Fiber Optic

Broadband internet to be a public utility whose infrastructure is underwritten by the Federal government.

Resolution 21-21

SUBJECT: Reliable Broadband Access for All

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) pursue policy towards promoting wider broadband access or other technologies that would deliver equivalent results in increasing and improving internet connectivity, and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP will encourage members to incorporate a way to assess patient need and gaps of access to reliable internet service, up to and including broadband connection, and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates that the AAFP promote expanded and improved internet access for all, in the context of improving health care for populations currently lacking.

There were no comments opposed. Several people recommended combination of these resolutions. The reference committee agrees with the recommendation to combine the resolutions. Supporting public policy to achieve universal broadband access would encompass designating broadband internet access as a public utility. The reference committee recommends replacing reference to designation of broadband access as a public utility with support of public policy and investment to achieve universal access to broadband internet.

The reference committee does not see a connection between public policy to achieve universal access and efforts by individual medical practices to assess patient needs and gaps in access to internet services. The Committee does agree, however, that members who desire to help patients in areas without adequate access to broadband could benefit from information regarding access to grants or other forms of support for improvement in patient or practice access to broadband services. Adoption of public policies to achieve universal access would obviate the need or practical value of individual practices attempting to assess access by individual patients.

The reference committee recommends adoption of the following substitute resolution 21-10:

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) supports public policy and public investment to achieve universal broadband access or other technologies that would deliver equivalent results in increasing and improving internet connectivity, and be it further

RESOLVED that NYSAFP request information from the New York State Department of Health regarding state and national funding to help localities, individuals and medical practices access or improve use of broadband internet services, and be it

RESOLVED that the New York delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates bring a resolution to have the AAFP advocate for public

policy to achieve universal broadband access or other technologies that would deliver equivalent results in increasing and improving internet connectivity.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends that Substitute Resolution 21-10 be adopted. This Substitute Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 6 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-12:

SUBJECT: American Academy of Family Physicians Should be a National Leader for Universal Health Care

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians bring a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates requiring that the AAFP fund an independent, non-partisan, unaffiliated research group, who would be tasked to review all available data regarding healthcare delivery systems with the goal of finding the most effective method (plus one alternative) of delivering universal, affordable, high quality, and efficient healthcare to the population of the United States. This report would be made widely available to the membership of the AAFP and will guide the AAFP Board of Directors in the development of AAFP policy.

Testimony was predominantly in favor with many comments supporting advocacy for a single payer system generally but not necessarily endorsing the idea of another AAFP report on the topic. NYSAFP has consistently supported a single payer model and has identified only a few operational details including publicly financed, allocates resources using global budgeting, includes collective bargaining between provider groups and the single payer and uses private providers to deliver care. The AAFP COD has adopted several resolutions endorsing the single payer model including resolutions to require the AAFP to advocate for single payer. The AAFP board, however, has not embraced single payer and has not made it a priority. The AAFP continues to promote payment reform within the context of the current insurance model of paying for health care. The reference committee finds that testimony focused more on support of the single payer model rather than support for another AAFP report. The maker of the resolution commented that his motivation is to address the board's circumvention of COD policy. Consequently, the reference committee recommends adoption of a substitute resolution to read:

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) will introduce a resolution at the AAFP COD to direct the AAFP to write to the President of the United States and leaders of the United States Congress to endorse single payer as the best and most equitable alternative to the current insurance model of paying for health care, and be it further

RESOLVED, that that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) will introduce a resolution at the AAFP COD to direct the AAFP to publicize and promote the COD's endorsement of the single payer model of reform through press releases, letters to the editor of major daily newspapers, interviews with news media and

other available means of promoting the COD’s endorsement of the single payer model of reform.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Substitute Resolution 21-12 be adopted.

A motion to delete “the speaker of the COD” and replace it with “AAFP” in both RESOLVED clauses was approved. **The amended Substitute Resolution was approved.**

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 7 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-14:

SUBJECT: Increase Congress of Delegates Accessibility via Remote Participation

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) permanently change the Congress of Delegates (COD) process to allow all NYSAFP members to participate in COD by providing written testimony on resolutions for submission to reference committees for consideration, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) to permanently change the national COD process to allow all AAFP members to participate in COD by providing written testimony on resolutions for submission to reference committees for consideration.

There was no testimony in opposition. It was noted, however, that operation of the COD has been moved to the COD Policy & Operations Committee (CODPOC). The CODPOC has adopted use of virtual testimony for the 2021 COD. All members were invited to review and comment on resolutions. Although there was considerable support for this resolution the reference committee feels there is no need for policy to require remote access to resolutions for comment since the CODPOC already has sufficient authority to permit such access and has, indeed, done so for the 2021 COD.

The resolution includes introduction of a resolution at the AAFP COD to accommodate remote participation in the AAFP COD. The Committee recognizes that the AAFP has already taken steps to accommodate remote participation by members in the 2021 COD by publishing resolutions assigned to several, but not all, reference committees in advance of the live meeting of the COD for members to comment. If the board feels it is necessary to submit such a resolution to the AAFP this year, then the board may instruct our delegates to do so.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-14 be referred to the board.

The resolution was amended to delete “permanently” from both RESOLVED clauses. The amended resolution reads:

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) ~~permanently~~ change the Congress of Delegates (COD) process to allow all NYSAFP members to participate in COD by providing written testimony on resolutions for submission to reference committees for consideration, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) submit a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) to ~~permanently~~ change the national COD process to allow all AAFP members to participate in COD by providing written testimony on resolutions for submission to reference committees for consideration.

The amended resolution was adopted.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 8 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-16:

SUBJECT: Creating a Permanent Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission

RESOLVED that our New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) establish the cross-commission Diversity, Equity and Inclusion commission, reporting directly to the Board of Directors, and BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) request that the Operations Commission craft appropriate language for a by-laws change to permanently establish the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.

The only comment in opposition noted that Resolution 21-04 would remove all commissions from the bylaws and place all aspects of the creation and operation of commissions in the NYSAFP operations manual which would make this resolution moot. Although the testimony was overwhelmingly in support the reference committee has recommended adoption of Resolution 21-04 which does make Resolution 21-16 moot.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution 21-16 be referred to the board. This resolution was referred to the board pursuant to the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 9 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-19:

SUBJECT: Continuity in Telehealth or Reimbursement for Telehealth Continuity of Care

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians shall adopt and promote policies to bring parity between physician reimbursement for telemedicine services as with in-person.

Testimony was split. Several witnesses suggested deferring this resolution for further development by a commission to differentiate virtual visits by practices which also provide in-person care and have continuous relationships with patients from virtual-only practices. Testimony in support of parity focused on practices which provide both in-person and virtual services and noted that such practices should be paid the same for virtual and in-person care because they have a continuing relationship with the patient and the availability of a virtual visit option is a way to maintain and accommodate continuity of care because it is more convenient

for the patient. Practices which do not provide in-person care are less likely to establish a relationship with the patient. Furthermore, virtual only practices are a deterrent to patient placement in a medical home setting. The Committee recognizes that more discussion is necessary to define established or continuity relationships between physicians and patients. The Academy desires to advocate for policies which sustain, and support established relationships between patients and the provider of their choice.

The resolution does not address several important issues raised by witnesses including how to handle care provided across state lines and how to apply parity only to practices which offer both in-person care and virtual visits. Additionally, the resolution does not address whether virtual-only practices which operate across state lines should be regulated differently from virtual-only practices that operate in NYS only.

The Committee recommends amendment of the resolution to read:

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians shall adopt and promote policies to bring parity between physician reimbursement for telemedicine services as with in-person services when provided by the patient's established primary care physician or that physician's group.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends Resolution 21-19 be adopted as amended. The amended resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, the Committee considered Item 10 on the Consent Calendar, Resolution 21-22L:

SUBJECT: In Memoriam: C. Parker Long, MD

RESOLVED that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) recognizes that Dr. Long was a major figure within the Academy whose career and achievements have brought credit and distinction to Family Medicine and the Academy, and be it further

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP is deeply indebted to Dr. Long for his significant contributions to Family Medicine and the Academy's and be it finally

RESOLVED that the NYSAFP expresses sorrow at his passing and offers sincere condolences to his wife, Martha, his son Jeffrey (Marjorie), his daughter Elizabeth Long (Robert) Brennan, his stepdaughter Jennifer Dix, his stepson Chuck (Elizabeth) Dix and his 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

There were no comments opposed.

Madame Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution 21-22L be adopted. The resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Madame Speaker, we move the adoption of the Committee's report.

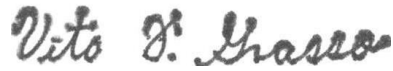
Madame Speaker, we would like to thank the members of my Reference Committee. We would also like to thank the members of the Academy who testified at the Reference Committee for their insight and their cooperation. We would like to thank Vito Grasso and Ron Rouse for assisting the Committee in preparing this report.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE SESSION TWO

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There being no further business, the speaker adjourned the Congress at 3:15 PM.

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