

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION

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Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Start: 10:37 A.M.

Recess: 10:45 A.M.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor
Hearing Room 3

B E F O R E: Hon. Harvey D. Epstein, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shirley Aldebol

Joann Ariola

Chris Banks

Gale A. Brewer

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Kamillah Hanks

Shekar Krishnan

Chi A. Ossé

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Check, check. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Consumer and
4 Worker Protection here in Hearing Room 3 on May 13,
5 2026, recorded by Pat Kurzyna. Check, check. Thank
6 you.

7 (PAUSE)

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Testing, testing. This is a
9 microphone check for the Committee on Consumer and
10 Worker Protection located in Hearing Room 3 on May
11 13, 2026, by Pat Kurzyna.

12 (PAUSE)

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, good
14 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council vote on
15 the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection. At
16 this time, please silence all electronics and do not
17 approach the dais.

18 Chair, you may begin.

19 CHAIRPERSON EPSTEIN: [GAVEL] Hi, Good
20 morning, everyone. My name is Harvey Epstein. I'm the
21 chair of the Consumer Worker Protection Committee.
Thank you for joining us on our vote today on
Introduction 847-A proposed by Council Member Ung.

I would like to recognize my colleagues
who are here: Council Member Aldebol, Brewer, De La

2 Rosa, Hanks, and on Zoom, I think we have Krishnan
3 and Council Member Ariola.

4 So, you know, tourism is, you know, such
5 a backbone in New York City and such a critical part.
6 Intro 847 required the Department of Consumer and
7 Worker Protection (DCWP) to do outreach and
8 education, including educational materials, to make
9 sure people aren't scammed during these issues. We
10 see the World Cup is coming up; you know, we're
11 really worried that people might be subject to some
12 of these scams and abuses. There's a responsibility
13 for DCWP to get in front of it. I don't know if any
14 of my colleagues have an opening statement, but if
15 not, let's go right to a vote.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good morning.
17 William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote,
18 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, Proposed
19 Introduction 847-A.

20 Chair Epstein?

21 CHAIRPERSON EPSTEIN: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes, they still
will get scammed, but it's a great bill.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member De La
3 Rosa?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Yes.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council
10 Member Ossé?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Banks.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Aldebol?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19 With a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in
20 the negative, and no abstentions, the item has been
21 approved by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON EPSTEIN: Thank you. I thank
you, Members, for being here. I think we're going to
keep the rolls open for a minute to see if Council

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2 Member Banks shows up, but I want to thank everyone
3 for joining us today. Thank you.

4 (PAUSE)

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call.
6 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, Proposed
7 Introduction 847-A. Council Member Banks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye, and thank you,
9 Chair.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote is now 8 in the
11 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions.

12 CHAIRPERSON EPSTEIN: Meeting is
13 adjourned. Thank you all. [GAVEL]
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Date August 15, 2026