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The Honorable Carl E. Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie,

On behalf of the Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development, I respectfully submit to you the Committee's 2021 annual report.

In the 2021 legislative session, our Committee took action on a number of bills. One of the most important issues the Committee took on was legislation to extend the provisions of the law governing the resale of tickets in the State of New York. Chaptered into law by the Governor, it is my hope that this bill provides a meaningful way for us to regulate a once chaotic marketplace and provide justice to New York consumers.

As the Chair of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues and the members of the Committee for their support of and contributions to this year's legislative and budget efforts. I also wish to express my gratitude to the State agencies for their assistance and cooperation and to the staff for their dedication and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members of the Committee, I want to thank you for your encouragement and support of our efforts throughout the 2021 session. With your continued leadership, we look forward to a productive legislative session in 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel O'Donnell".

Daniel O'Donnell
Chair, Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE ON
TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

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I. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND ACTIVITY

The Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development is responsible for reviewing and initiating legislation that affects tourism, state parks, historic sites, and arts groups in New York State. The Committee's statutory purview includes: Arts and Cultural Affairs Law; Canal Law; Navigation Law; Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; and portions of Economic Development , Executive , General Business , and Unconsolidated Laws. Entities under the jurisdiction of the Committee include the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's, Division of Tourism, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Olympic Regional Development Authority, and the State Athletic Commission.

Legislation before the Committee addresses issues facing the tourism industry such as the promotion of sporting events, maintenance of the state park system and historic sites, aid for New York's arts community, and assistance to cultural institutions

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Committee met 4 times. 79 bills have been referred to the Committee. Of these, 10 were reported from the Committee, 7 passed the Assembly, 2 were signed into law, and none were held for consideration.

II. 2021 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A.267-A (Gunther)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would require the Council of the Arts to develop guidelines for state-designated arts and cultural districts, which shall be designated as such upon application and approval if such a proposed district meets criteria for economic development and positive community impact. A district may be within one municipality or cross municipal lines based upon the nature of the district. There are many areas within the state that have specific artistic or cultural value and appeal, including geographic areas with a concentration of art, artists, or general places of cultural significance. These clusters provide significant economic and quality of life value to the local community or have the potential to do so if additional resources were available. This legislation would create state-certified "arts and cultural district" designation guidelines. Whether a concentration of museums, large number of artistic residences, or historic sites with artistic or cultural value, many municipalities have untapped potential, and the state should encourage the growth and development of these special places.

A.466-A (Rozić)

Reported from Committee

This bill would direct the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to conduct a legal review for the re-designation of Donald J. Trump State Park, in Putnam and Westchester counties to determine whether the authority exists to issue a new name.

A.479 (Rozić)

Passed the Assembly

This bill would include the game of cricket in the purview of the New York State Athletic Commission (NYSAC). Billions of people that live across continents and regions ranging from the Caribbean to Europe, to Africa and South Asia play cricket. In North America, cricket is gaining popularity, thanks in part to the influx of immigrants from these regions. There is a great deal of support and enthusiasm for the game amongst New Yorkers who seek to expand the game.

A.3480 (O'Donnell)**Reported from Committee**

This bill would establish a commission to choose a new name for Robert Moses State Park that reflects the history of Long Island. Robert Moses helped construct the Jones Beach State Park and served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Many believe that, in his role as Commissioner, he did not do much to advance or protect access to playgrounds, pools, and parks for New Yorkers of color. According to Moses' biographer, Robert Caro, during the construction of the Jones Beach State Park, Moses ordered the overpasses of the connecting parkway to be built low to prevent buses from passing under, thus cutting off access to the beach to those reliant on public transportation, including those of limited means. The renaming of the park would be appropriate given the unfortunate and painful history surrounding its construction.

A.4742-B (Woerner)**Passed the Assembly**

This bill would establish the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission to facilitate the planning and development of the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in New York State. New York played an immense role in the lead up to and execution of the American Revolution during the period of 1774-1783, and was the site of several important battles, skirmishes, and other significant events during the Revolutionary era.

A.5565 (Jean-Pierre)**Passed the Assembly**

This bill would require working marine carbon monoxide detectors to be carried on certain boats. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced whenever any such fuel as gasoline is burned. Carbon monoxide from boat engines can build up in an enclosed or semi enclosed spaces and create poisoning hazards. Often called the silent killer because early signs of poisoning are ignored or the person breathing in the toxin can lose consciousness and be unable to escape the danger. Carbon monoxide poisoning death in the United States is responsible for 500 deaths and 15,000 visits to the emergency room annually. Many New York boat owners are needlessly put at risk from breathing in poisonous carbon monoxide gas while they are boating. This law will help prevent these deaths by alarming boaters and their crew of the potential hazard.

A.6031-A (Taylor)**Reported from Committee**

In New York, the Amistad Commission is charged with surveying school curricula to find out how much is included about "the African slave trade and slavery in America" and to make recommendations for improvement. Currently, schools are required to cover slavery, including the Underground Railroad and the freedom trail. This bill would, to the extent practical, require that appointed members shall have a demonstrated educational background in the history of the slave trade and slavery in America or the contributions of African Americans to society, and that members shall be chosen with due regard to broad ethnic diversity. This bill would also update requirements to require a vacancy be filled within forty-five days. The State Education Department should take the lead as they have the responsibility in examining the findings of the commission's work and helping develop a new curriculum for districts throughout the state.

A.7518 (Zinerman)**Passed the Assembly**

The bill would allow for New York State Council on the Arts to make conforming changes to its regulations and thereafter act more efficiently with a quorum of nine with a current membership of 16. The legislation that created NYSCA made no reference to a quorum, and NYSCA has found it difficult to conduct its business under these circumstances.

III. OUTLOOK FOR 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Committee looks forward to the 2022 legislative session. The tourism industry is one of the major employers in New York State and the arts continue to grow in popularity throughout the state. However, the COVID pandemic has dealt a heavy blow to this crucial sector of the economy and the Committee stands ready to help in the rebuilding process. Additionally, the Committee, in partnership with our colleagues, seeks to creatively and effectively utilize our assets to continue the expansion of these two important industries throughout the State.

The Committee will continue to advocate strongly for increased support for the tourism industry to help it recover for the devastating effects of the COVID pandemic, along with increasing support for state parks and historic sites to continue their important work. In addition, maintaining accessibility to all the State's natural and cultural resources remains a top priority for the Committee.

**APPENDIX A:
SUMMARY OF ALL BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

2021 SUMMARY SHEET

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON

Tourism ,Parks, Arts and Sports Development

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD 4

<u>ASSEMBLY</u>	<u>SENATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BILLS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>	<u>BILLS</u>

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLE TO:

Codes	1	0	1
Judiciary	0	0	0
Ways and Means	3	0	3
Rules	2	0	2
Floor	4	0	4
TOTAL	10	0	10

COMMITTEE ACTION

Held For Consideration	0	0	0
Defeated	0	0	0
Enacting Clause Stricken	0	0	0
REMAINING IN COMMITTEE	57	9	66

BILLS REFERENCE CHANGED TO:

Transportation 1

TOTAL	1	0	1
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APPENDIX B:

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

2021 Bills Reported from Committee

Assembly Bill #	Senate Bill #	Last Action	Description
A.267-A	No Same As	06/07/2021 Committed to Senate Rules Committee	Directs the council on the arts to establish criteria and guidelines for the establishment of state designated arts and cultural districts.
A.466-A	S.991c	06/07/2021 Amended on third reading (t) 466a	Directs the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to conduct a legal review for the re-designation of Donald J. Trump State Park, in Putnam and Westchester counties to a new name.
A.479	S.146	12/10/2021 Signed Chapter 660 of 2021	Relates to including the promotion and expansion of cricket in the state of New York to the jurisdiction of the state athletic commission.
A.3480	No Same As	02/11/2021 Advanced to third reading cal.113	Establishes a commission to rename the Robert Moses State Park to reflect on the history of Long Island.
A.3861	S.7197	06/11/2021 Signed Chapter 148 of 2021	Extends the effectiveness of certain provisions relating to tickets to places of entertainment
A.4742-B	S.4410-C	12/22/2021 Signed Chapter 732 of 2021	Establishes the "New York 250 th commemoration act" which creates a commission to develop a plan to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; establishes the New York State Two Hundred Fiftieth Commemoration Commission Fund.
A.5565	S.1270	12/29/2021 Veto Memo 71	Requires that certain boats shall be equipped with functioning marine carbon monoxide detectors.
A.6031-A	No Same As	06/01/2021 Ordered to third reading rules cal.196	Relates to the Amistad commission; moves it from the Department of State to the State Education Department.

A.7518	No Same As	06/02/2021 Committed to Senate Rules Committee	Relates to authorizing a simple majority quorum for the council of the arts.
A.7622	S.2168	06/29/2021 Signed Chapter 169 of 2021	Relates to the effectiveness of certain provisions of law relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft.

APPENDIX C:

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

2021 Bills Chaptered

Assembly Bill #	Senate Bill #	Chapter #	Description
A.3480	No Same As	02/11/2021 Advanced to third reading cal.113	Establishes a commission to rename the Robert Moses State Park to reflect on the history of Long Island.
A.7622	S.2168	06/29/2021 Signed Chapter 169 of 2021	Relates to the effectiveness of certain provisions of law relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft.
A.479	S.146	12/21/2021 Signed Chapter 660 of 2021	Relates to including the promotion and expansion of cricket in the state of New York to the jurisdiction of the state athletic commission
A.4742-B	S4410-C	12/22/2021 Signed Chapter 732 of 2021	Establishes the "New York State 250th Commemoration act"

APPENDIX D:

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, PARKS, ARTS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

2021 Bills Vetoed

A.5565	S1270-C	12/29/2021 Veto Number 71 of 2021	Requires that certain boats shall be equipped with functioning marine carbon monoxide detectors
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