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OF
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OF NEW YORK**

POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR S7971/A8554
Prohibits certain acts in rodeos; imposes penalties for the violation of such
acts.**

At the expense of animals and those who are affected by their suffering, rodeos have been marketed as an all-America sport -- an opportunity for families to spend fun time together. Yet, for the animals, it's a time of torture and often death for the sake of nothing more than amusement!

Calf roping entails using a baby calf, not more than two to three months old, who is roped while running, then body-slammed to the ground while his or her feet are bound. This activity causes injury to the calf, and even death on occasion. Bill S7971/A8554 would prohibit the use of flank straps or bucking straps on all livestock used in rodeos.

S7971/A8554 would also prohibit rodeos from using electric prod devices on horses, bulls, cattle, and any other livestock used in their venues. This is an extremely painful and cruel practice that needs to be outlawed. In addition, the above legislation would ban the use of sharpened spurs or fixed spurs.

Rodeos are outdated! The organizers and participants claim that rodeos care about the welfare of animals and that they go to great lengths to protect the animals from harm during shows. Nothing could be further from the truth. In reality, all livestock in rodeos live as entertainment animals do: in misery until succumbing to their last rodeo!

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY
SUPPORTS S7971/A8554 and we urge you to support it.**

Sincerely,

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