



New York State Conservation Council Inc.
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MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION

Bill #	A 2146 Rosenthal	Same as S 3058 Addabbo
	A 3522 Rosenthal	Same as S 3069 Addabbo

Title: Provides protection for the monk parakeet, also known as the Quaker parakeet.

These bills are intended to change the status of monk parakeets from unprotected wild bird to protected species.

Justification:

These birds are a non-native species originally imported as pets. Through escapes and releases, feral populations have developed in some areas. In some states they have become an agricultural pest and are banned. California, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Hawaii, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wyoming outlaw sale and ownership of monk parakeets.

There is no reason to change the status of this species in New York State.

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