

Government Administration and Elections Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 23, 2018

11:00 AM in Room 2A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 AM by Chairman, Sen. Flexer M. S29.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Flexer M. S29; Frantz L. S36; McLachlan M. S24; Slossberg G. S14

Representatives: Cummings S. 074; Devlin L. 134; Fox D. 148; France M. 042; Haddad G. 054; Labriola D. 131; Lesser M. 100; McCarthy Vahey C. 133; Miller P. 145; Rebimbas R. 070; Sampson R. 080; Santiago H. 084; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

I. CONVENE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 AM by Chairman, Sen. Flexer M. S29.

The meeting was recessed by Sen. Flexer at 11:12 AM to be reconvened at the call of the chair.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:53 PM by Sen. Flexer.

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

There were no remarks made by the Chairs.

III. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. [H.B. No. 5173](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF VOTERS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS H.B. No. 5173 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

A motion was made by Rep. Devlin to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

2. [H.B. No. 5262](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS H.B. No. 5262 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

3. [H.B. No. 5264](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING BUSINESSES TO SEEK AN OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5264 to the floor. A motion was made by Sen. Frantz and seconded by Sen. McLachlan.

Rep. Devlin commented that the bill seeks to support small business and that she will be supporting the bill.

Rep. Fox voiced concerns about the language in the bill but will support it today for purposes of furthering the conversation.

Rep. Lesser asked to be on record strongly opposing the bill.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

4. [H.B. No. 5265](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND REQUIRING THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS H.B. No. 5265 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

5. [H.B. No. 5266](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS H.B. No. 5266 to the floor. Sen McLachlan made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Fox.

Rep. Devlin made a comment explaining that this bill supports small business.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

6. [H.B. No. 5267](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5267 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Lesser and seconded by Sen. McLachlan.

Sen. McLachlan was concerned with the language of this bill but will support it here for purposes of continuing the conversation.

Sen. Flexer echoed the sentiment expressed by Sen. McLachlan.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

7. [H.B. No. 5270](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING BID SHOPPING.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion made a motion to JF H.B. No. 5270 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Fox.

Rep. Sampson asked which version of language will be voted upon.

Sen. Flexer clarifies that the motion is to JF the original language of the bill versus previously looked at substitute language.

Sen. McLachlan shares his deep concern that this bill is not ready and that he urges rejection from his colleagues.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

8. [H.B. No. 5271](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REDEFINING "PUBLIC AGENCY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS H.B. No. 5271 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

A motion was made to propose an amendment by Sen. McLachlan and was seconded by Rep. Devlin. The Amendment would add to Section 2 defining any foundation established for the University of Connecticut as a public agency for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act.

Sen McLachlan urged his colleagues to support the amendment.

Rep. Haddad urged his colleagues to oppose the amendment.

Roll Call Vote to adopt amendment: 17 voting, 8 yea, 9 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Amendment failed.

Motion Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

9. [H.B. No. 5418](#) (RAISED) AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion made a motion to JF H.B. No. 5418 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Sen. McLachlan commented on the purpose of parole and what it was intended to do.

Rep. Labriola echoed Sen. McLachlan's point and added that someone on parole is still serving their sentence.

Rep. Winkler commented on the purpose of parole.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

10. [H.B. No. 5419](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CENTRAL COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5419 to the floor. Rep. Haddad made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Lesser.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

11. [H.B. No. 5420](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DURING STATE ELECTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5420 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Haddad and seconded by Rep. Lesser.

Sen McLachlan asked a series of questions, clarifying on mandate requirements and costs.

Sen. Flexer answered citing the text of the bill.

Sen McLachlan expressed that he will oppose the bill.

Rep. Devlin shared that the intent of the bill is to facilitate easy voting for university students.

Rep McCarthy Vahey shared her hesitation with the bill as it is written. She supports the bill to further the conversation but reserves the right not to in the future.

Rep. Cummings asked for further details regarding primary voting and enrollment procedures for students in these districts.

Sen Flexer answered with details of the bill.

Rep. Haddad thanks the chairs for advancing this bill that makes it easier for students to vote.

Rep. Sampson expressed concern for the bill and asked clarifying questions on the language of the bill as written.

Sen. Flexer expressed that municipalities and universities should have no issue working together to create polling locations on campus for students to have easy access to voting.

Rep. France asked various questions through the chair to Rep. Haddad regarding statutory regulation regarding voting laws.

Rep. Haddad answered Rep. France's question through the Chair.

Sen. Flexer clarified any confusion by summarizing parts of the bill before the committee.

Rep. Rebimbas asked if there was any law that prevents a university to set up polling locations on campus through a municipality.

Sen Flexer affirmed that there are no current laws that conflict with this bill.

Rep. Devlin suggested to make a small change to the bill.

Final Vote Tally: 17 Voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

12. [H.B. No. 5422](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS AND PRIMARY DAY ELECTOR REGISTRATION.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion JFS H.B. No. 5422 to the floor. Rep. Lesser made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Haddad.

Sen McLachlan voiced concerns regarding the inconsistencies with the different deadlines of voters who wish to switch parties and he urged rejection.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

13. [H.B. No. 5424](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AT REGULAR ELECTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5424 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

14. [H.B. No. 5425](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT LISTS AND DENIAL OF PRIVILEGES.

15. [H.B. No. 5426](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION LOCATIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5426 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion, which was seconded by Sen. McLachlan.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

16. [H.B. No. 5459](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion made a motion to JF H.B. No. 5459 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

17. [H.J. No. 28](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.J. No. 28 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Haddad.

Sen. McLachlan mentioned that he does not believe that this bill is ready for prime time but will support it to further the conversation.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

18. [S.B. No. 410](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CREATING EFFICIENCIES AND REDUCING CONFUSION IN STATUTES CONCERNING ELECTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 410 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Haddad and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

19. [S.B. No. 411](#) (RAISED) AN ACT EXTENDING THE HOURS OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

20. [S.B. No. 413](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLYN.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 413 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Winkler.

A motion was made by Sen. McLachlan to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

21. [S.J. No. 31](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW EARLY VOTING.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.J. No. 31. Sen. McLachlan made a motion pursuant to Joint Rule 5C, to request the committee split for the purposes of voting on JF S.J. No. 31.

Chairman Flexer made a motion to make a Senate Favorable S.J. No. 31. The motion was seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Senate Favorable Vote Tally: 4 voting, 2 yay, 2 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion failed on a roll call vote.

Chairman Fox made a motion to make a House favorable report S.J. No. 31 The motion was seconded by Rep. Haddad.

House Favorable Vote Tally: 13 voting, 7 yay, 6 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

22. [S.B. No. 430](#) (RAISED) AN ACT UPDATING STATUTES REGARDING ELECTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 430 to the floor. Rep. Lesser made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Fox.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

23. [H.B. No. 5421](#) (RAISED) AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5421 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Lesser and it was seconded by Rep. Fox.

Sen. McLachlan commented saying that this bill contradicts the Electoral College system that we have in place in the United States.

Rep. France commented saying that the intent of the national Electoral College system was one that would have benefitted America for years to come and because of this reason; he will not support this bill.

Rep. Devlin echoed the sentiment expressed by her colleagues and will also not support this bill.

Sen. Frantz echoed the sentiment expressed by his colleagues. He argued that having a National Popular Vote adopted would surrender any say Connecticut has in the Presidential race.

Rep. Sampson echoed the sentiment expressed by his colleagues and that the National Popular Vote Compact creates room for corruption among states electing the President.

Rep. Lesser mentioned that he will be supporting the bill before the committee and also commented on the history of the Electoral College system.

Rep. Miller mentioned that she will be voting for the bill today but reserves her right to not support it in the future.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

24. [H.B. No. 5517](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXECUTIVE BRANCH DATA MANAGEMENT AND PROCESSES.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5517 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Haddad and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

25. [H.B. No. 5518](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROTECTING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5518 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Sen. McLachlan asked for a summary of the bill.

Sen. Flexer summarized the bill.

Sen. McLachlan asked if there was a financial report for the upcoming election from the Office of Legislative Research committee staff.

Kristen Sullivan replied that she did not have the official numbers at her disposal.

Sen. McLachlan expressed that the budget for the Citizen's Election Program is anticipated to be a large one.

Sen. Flexer commented that the intent of SEEC is to maintain an operating budget for the CEP program.

Sen. McLachlan mentioned he will vote no on this bill.

Rep. France echoed the sentiment shared by his colleagues. He also mentioned that SEEC is mandated to provide financial reports annually.

Rep. Devlin aligns her comments with her colleagues.

Sen. Slossberg mentioned she will support the bill today but maintains her right to not support it in the future.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 9 yay, 8 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

26. [H.B. No. 5519](#) (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5519 to the floor. Sen. McLachlan made a motion that was seconded by Sen. Frantz.

Rep. Devlin commented that if the program cannot get fixed, it ought to be eliminated.

Rep. Lesser asked questions regarding whether or not this bill maintained any sort of public financing for political candidates.

Rep. Devlin clarified that this bill eliminates the Citizen's Election Program.

Rep. Lesser asked if the absence of the Citizen's Election Program would revoke the benefits from the state.

Rep. Devlin commented that the purpose of eliminating the program is to rebuild the program closer to what it was meant to be in its early conception.

Rep. Lesser urged rejection of the bill.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion failed on a roll call vote.

27. [H.B. No. 5520](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATE COMMITTEES PARTICIPATING IN THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

28. [H.B. No. 5521](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIRST FIVE PLUS PROGRAM AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5521 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Sen. McLachlan.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

29. [H.B. No. 5522](#) (RAISED) AN ACT RESTORING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM, CONCERNING THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF COORDINATED AND INDEPENDENT SPENDING.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5522 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Winkler.

There was no discussion.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

30. [H.B. No. 5523](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DEPOSITS OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN CANDIDATE COMMITTEES' DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5523 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

Rep. Devlin asked for a summary of the bill.

Rep. Miller provided a summary for the committee.

Rep. Devlin shared concerns regarding the handling of campaign monies under this bill.

Rep. Miller clarified the process of handling campaign monies.

Rep. Devlin asked the committee about the loopholes of handling campaign monies.

Rep. Miller summarized the checks and balances between the treasurer and donors on the campaign.

Rep. Devlin commented that she would not support the bill today but reserves the right to change her mind in the future.

Rep. France commented that candidates, according to SEEC and SEEC Form 1, do not have any financial requirements or responsibilities and liabilities on a campaign. He mentioned he will be opposing this bill today.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 10 yay, 7 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

31. [H.B. No. 5524](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURES.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5524 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox seconded by Rep. Winkler.

A motion was made by Rep. Devlin to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

32. [H.B. No. 5525](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

33. [H.B. No. 5527](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5525 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

Rep. Devlin made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

34. [H.B. No. 5528](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF H.B. No. 5528 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Lesser.

A motion was made by Rep. Devlin to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

35. [S.B. No. 408](#) (RAISED) AN ACT ENTERING CONNECTICUT INTO THE NATIONAL POPULAR COMPACT.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion JF S.B. No. 408 to the floor.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion, pursuant to Joint Rule 5C, to request that the committee split for the purposes of voting on JF S.B. No. 408.

Chairman Flexer made a motion to make a Senate favorable report on S.B. No. 408. The motion was seconded by Sen. Slossberg.

Sen. Slossberg expressed disappointment that the Senate will not be able to have a discussion on the Senate version of the National Popular Compact bill, S.B. No. 408.

Senate Favorable Vote Tally: 4 voting, 2 yay, 2 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion failed on a roll call vote.

Chairman Fox made a motion to make a House favorable report on S.B. No. 408. The motion was seconded by Rep. Lesser.

House Favorable Vote Tally: 13 voting, 7 yay, 6 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

36. [S.B. No. 488](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 488 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Haddad.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

37. [S.B. No. 489](#) (RAISED) AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 489 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Winkler.

A motion was made by Sen. McLachlan to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

38. [S.B. No. 494](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING STATE CONTRACTORS AND UNIONS TO ADOPT A SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JFS S.B. No. 494 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Santiago.

Rep. Devlin proposed an amendment to the committee. The Amendment would strike Section 1 subsection (f) lines 76 to 85 and Section 3 subsection (b) lines 153 to 163 to remove the two hour training requirement for employees and new employees of business entities with three or more employees and labor organizations.

Sen Flexer made a motion to vote on the adoption of the amendment via voice vote.

The Amendment passed by a voice vote.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting

The motion passed, as amended on a roll call vote.

39. [S.B. No. 495](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 495 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Haddad.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

40. [S.B. No. 496](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCES.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 496 to the floor. The motion was made by Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Santiago.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

41. [S.B. No. 497](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES BY FOREIGN-INFLUENCED BUSINESS ENTITIES AND LIMITING COVERED TRANSFERS.

42. [S.B. No. 498](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLIANT ACCOUNTS BY PARTY COMMITTEES FOR EXPENDITURES ON STATE ELECTIONS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 498 to the floor. Rep. Fox made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Winkler.

A motion was made by Sen. McLachlan to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

43. [S.B. No. 499](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 499 to the floor. Sen. McLachlan made a motion and it was seconded by Rep. Devlin.

Sen. McLachlan explained that the bill strives to make disclosures of contributions more transparent.

Sen. Flexer expressed her concerns with the bill but will support it today to further the discussion. However, she may not support the concept in the future.

Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 14 yay, 3 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting

The motion passed, as amended on a roll call vote.

44. [S.B. No. 501](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO ELECTION STATUTES.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 501 to the floor. A motion was made Rep. Fox and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

A motion was made by Sen. McLachlan to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

45. [S.B. No. 503](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF STATE AGENCY SETTLEMENT AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.B. No. 503 to the floor. The motion was made Sen. McLachlan and seconded by Rep. Devlin.

A motion was made by Sen. McLachlan to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

46. [S.B. No. 504](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING JOINT CAMPAIGNING BY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

47. [S.J. No. 35](#) RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT REAL PROPERTY HELD OR CONTROLLED BY THE STATE.

Sen. Flexer asked for a motion to JF S.J. No. 35 to the floor. A motion was made by Rep. Santiago and seconded by Rep. Winkler.

Sen. McLachlan made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar without objection.

Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 17 voting, 17 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

Sen. Flexer mentioned that the time and date of the next meeting are to be determined.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Sue Tufts

Christian Tynan

Maureen O'Reilly

Committee Clerk

Assistant Clerks