Appropriations Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

1:00 PM in Room 2C of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by Chairman, Sen. Osten C. S19.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Abrams M. S13; Bradley D. S23; Flexer M. S29; Formica P. S20; Hartley J. S15; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; Miner C. S30; Osten C. S19; Somers H. S18; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Baker A. 124; Betts W. 078; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Case J. 063; Currey J. 011; Dathan L. 142; Dauphinais A. 044; Dillon P. 092; DiMassa M. 116; France M. 042; Gibson B. 015; Gilchrest J. 018; Gonzalez M. 003; Haddad G. 054; Hall C. 059; Horn M. 064; Johnson S. 049; Kokoruda N. 101; Lavielle G. 143; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; McCarty K. 038; Perone C. 137; Petit W. 022; Porter R. 094; Reyes G. 075; Rosario C. 128; Rotella K. 043; Ryan K. 139; Simanski B. 062; Simms T. 140; Tercyak P. 026; Walker T. 093; Wilson D. 066; Zawistowski T. 061

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Santiago E. 130; Zupkus L. 089

Note: Rep. Abercrombie was absent due to family business
      Rep. Santiago was absent due to illness.

Sen. Osten welcomed the committee and invited the ranking members and co-chair to make welcoming remarks.
Rep. Lavielle, Sen. Formica, and Rep. Walker all welcomed both new and returning members and expressed their excitement for this legislative session.

Sen. Osten asked Neil Ayers to introduce staff from the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Sen. Osten asked the attorneys from the Legislative Commissioners Office to introduce themselves to the committee.

Sen. Osten invited the Appropriations Committee Administrator Susan Keane to introduce committee staff.

Sen. Osten outlined important dates for the committee members:
1. The Office of Policy and Management will hold a budget briefing for committee members on Thursday, February 21st, 2019.
2. The committee will hold budget hearings the week of February 25th and March 4th, 2019.
3. The committee’s raised and committee bill deadline is on Wednesday, February 20th, 2019.
4. Friday, May 3rd, 2019 is the committee’s joint favorable deadline.

Sen. Osten informed members that they must submit their contact information and subcommittee selection to the committee’s Administrator by Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019.

Sen. Miner asked if and when an updated volatility and spending cap document will be released by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Sen. Osten expressed that the committee Administrator will collect all request for information and distribute all documents to everyone on committee.

Hearing no other questions or remarks from committee members Sen. Osten recessed the meeting until 4pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

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Susan Keane                                      Brandon McCall
Administrator                                    Committee Clerk