

Energy and Technology Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

10:00 AM in Outside House Chamber of the Capitol

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM by Chairman, Sen. Needleman N. S33.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Formica P. S20; Needleman N. S33

Representatives: Ackert T. 008; Arconti D. 109; Buckbee B. 067; Cheeseman H. 037; Davis C. 057; de la Cruz J. 041; Demicco M. 021; Elliott J. 088; Ferraro C. 117; Gresko J. 121; Lanoue B. 045; Lopes R. 024; Napoli R. 073; Perone C. 137; Petit W. 022; Piscopo J. 076; Steinberg J. 136; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators: Fonfara J. S01; Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Meskers S. 150; Tercyak P. 026

Sen. Needleman greeted the committee asked if leadership had any remarks.

Sen Formica greeted the committee as well.

Sen. Needleman asked for a motion to JF to the Floor SB 988 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WORKFORCE AND THE SAFE DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION

Rep. Arconti made the Motion and Rep. Davis Seconded

Sen. Needleman asked if there were any comments on the bill

Rep. Davis stated that he has issues with the language of the bill as currently written. He stated that the bill currently requires that every single employee working on a natural gas work site, even the person directing traffic, would have to be certified and that this is a burden to small businesses and contractors. He also stated that parts of bill are redundant because certain contractors already report to PURA under current law. He stated that he cannot support this bill. He then stated that he hopes that the bill language can be modified in Labor or whatever committee to make it less burdensome to the small business community.

Rep. Ferraro echoed Rep. Davis's comments and said this is an anti-business bill. He stated that her will be voting no.

Rep. Steinberg asked if the chairs had any conversations with the Labor committee chairs about the bill.

Rep. Arconti responded that he would like to move the bill forward so that conversations around the bill can occur and that the committee is committed to the safety of the workers and people involved.

Rep. Piscopo requested that the Ranking Members were also included in the conversations concerning the bill.

Sen. Needleman called for a roll call vote.

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Action – JF to the Floor

11 yea 9 nay - the motion passed

Votes closed at 10:34am

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36am

Administrator

Ben Lovejoy
Committee Clerk