Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 14, 2019

10:30 AM in Room 2D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:31AM by Vice-Chair, Rep. Dathan L. 142.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cassano S. S04; Hartley J. S15; Kelly K. S21; Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Dathan L. 142; de la Cruz J. 041; Delnicki T. 014; Floren L. 149; Hughes A. 135; O’Neill A. 069; Pavalock-D’Amato C. 077; Polletta J. 068; Scanlon S. 098; Turco G. 027; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Riley E. 046; Rosario C. 128

Rep. Dathan, L. 142 convened the meeting and immediately recessed at 10:31AM.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 reconvened the meeting at 10:59AM.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 entertained a motion from Rep. Dathan, L. 142 and seconded by Rep. Floren, L. 149 to raise the following concepts:

CONCEPTS TO BE RAISED
1. AAC the Insurance Department
2. AAC Health Insurance
3. AAC Property and Casualty Insurance
4. AAC the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange
5. AAC Association Health Plans
6. AAC Motor Vehicle Repairs and Insurance Coverage Therefor
7. AAC Teachers’ Retirement System Contributions

Rep. Vail, K. 052 noted that some of the concepts are nonspecific, and asked for explanation particularly on number one.
Sen. Lesser, M. S09 responded in saying that numbers 1-4 are dummy bills, while numbers 5-7 are specific proposals received by advocates.

Rep. Vail, K. 052 followed with asking if there would be more detail added to numbers 1-4.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 remarked that items 1-4 are simply dummy bills to allow committees to work on concepts together down the road.

Rep. Vail, K. 052 voiced his opposition to dummy bills, saying that due to their lack of substance, there would be minimal testimony if a public hearing were held. Rep. Vail, K. 052 stated additionally that if that were to happen, it could allow for amendments down the line that never were heard in a public hearing setting.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 acknowledged the points made by Rep. Vail, K. 052, and responded by saying that it is the committee’s intent that all concepts which come through the committee will receive a public hearing. Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated furthermore that this is no attempt to get around the public hearing process, but rather an attempt to make sure this is not an issue to combine concepts in the future if need be.

**Motion was passed by a voice vote.**

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 recessed the meeting at 11:02AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.