The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Chairman, Sen. Lesser M. S09.

The following committee members were present:

Senators:  Anwar S. S03; Bizzarro G. S06; Hartley J. S15; Kelly K. S21; Lesser M. S09 Hartley J. S15

Representatives:  Dathan L. 142; de la Cruz J. 041; Delnicki T. 014; Floren L. 149; Hughes A. 135; Nolan A. 039; O'Neill A. 069; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Polletta J. 068; Riley E. 046; Rosario C. 128; Scanlon S. 098; Turco G. 027; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators:  Cassano S. S04

Representatives:


VOTE TO DRAFT AS COMMITTEE BILLS:

1. Proposed S.B. No. 15 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS AND REPAIRS THERETO. (INS)

2. Proposed S.B. No. 31 AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES. (INS)
3. Proposed S.B. No. 33 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (INS)

4. Proposed S.B. No. 36 AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REQUIRING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (INS)

5. Proposed S.B. No. 37 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIBED DRUGS DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES. (INS)

6. Proposed S.B. No. 38 AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS. (INS)

7. Proposed S.B. No. 42 AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES. (INS)

8. Proposed S.B. No. 87 AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES. (INS)

9. Proposed S.B. No. 317 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY. (INS)

10. Proposed S.B. No. 327 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY AMBULANCE SERVICES AT AN IN-NETWORK LEVEL AND PROHIBITING BALANCE BILLING FOR SUCH SERVICES. (INS)

11. Proposed S.B. No. 330 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HUMAN RIGHT TO EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH. (INS)

12. Proposed H.B. No. 5213 AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS. (INS)

13. Proposed H.B. No. 5425 AN ACT REQUIRING THAT REGISTERED HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE. (INS)

16. Proposed H.B. No. 6087 AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF PRIOR CLAIMS HISTORIES CONCERNING NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE. (INS)

19. Proposed H.B. No. 6095 AN ACT MODIFYING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION. (INS)

20. Proposed H.B. No. 6096 AN ACT RESTRAINING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS’ PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES. (INS)

Rep. Vail, K. 52 asked for clarification to item #11. S.B. No. 330 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HUMAN RIGHT TO EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH. (INS)

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 stated that the bill language had been in the general statutes but due to rewriting of the statute was left out. This bill will restore the language. All of the bills we are asking to draft we have had public hearings on.

**The motion passed by voice vote**
A motion was made by Rep. Dathan, L. 142 it was seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J. 41 for item #14 Proposed H.B. No. 5517 AN ACT CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS THAT INSURE THE LIVES OF CONVICTED FELONS. (INS)

Rep. Vail, K. 52 is opposed to drafting the bill.

Vote Tally 9 Yea 7 Nay 1 Absent.

**The motion passed for HB 5517**

A motion was called by Rep. Scanlon, S. 98, 2nd Rep Dathan to draft #18 H.B. No. 6093 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSIDERATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS BY HEALTH CARRIERS. (INS)

Rep. Pavlock-D’Amato, C. 77, was the intent for this bill to be a study? Sen. Lesser, M. S09 yes.

Rep. O’Neill, A. 69 this bill will be drafted as a study.

Vote Tally 9 Yea 7 Nay 1 Absent

**The motion was passed for HB 6093**

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will Tuesday at March 5th in room 2D. The public hearing starts today at 11am in room 2A.

The meeting was recessed at 10:18AM. The meeting adjourned at 4:00PM.

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Terri Reid                  Committee Clerk
Administrator