Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 2019

11:00 AM in Room 2D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Chairman, Sen. Lesser, M S09

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bizzarro G. S06; 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; 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:

Representatives:

The meeting was immediately recessed at 11:02AM.

Chairman, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 reconvened the meeting at 12:47PM, asking for remarks from the chairs of which there were none.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. Dathan, L 142 to JF to the floor the following:

1. **S.B. No. 901** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT PLANS OFFERED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE. (INS)
Hearing no further discussion, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 asked the clerk to please call the roll.

Vote tally: 16 Yea, 4 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Ab and Not Voting

**The motion passed for 901.**

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 remarked that the following items from the agenda would be held until further notice:

2. **S.B. No. 134** (COMM) AN ACT OPENING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN TO SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES. (INS)

3. **H.B. No. 7267** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT. (INS)

**HOLD SB 134 and HB 7267.**

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 Seconded by Rep. Hughes, A 135 to JF to the floor the following:

4. **H.B. No. 7174** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (INS)

Rep. Vail, K 052 noted the bill’s opposition from CBIA and asked for a synopsis of what the bill truly entails.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 responded by saying there would not be a fiscal note, and the bill was conceptualized to try and find meaningful ways to lower prescription drug costs, and said there are four ways in which this can be achieved within the bill: (1) Pharmacy benefit manager contracts, (2) Pay-for-delay, (3) DIR fees, and (4) Importation of prescription drugs from Canada.

Rep. Vail, K 052 asked if this was a task force, and what the fiscal note necessary for action would be.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 responded by saying that there would be no required fiscal note, that Comptroller Lembo testified he believed this could be done without one.

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C 077 asked about the nature of the accounts necessary for this bill, alluding to if it would need a new account, who would oversee the account, the account’s relation to the state employee account that already exists, and the possibility that the account could be swept.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098, fielded these questions, stating this would require a new account, which to his understanding is separate from the preexisting state employee account. Furthermore, he remarked that the account would be within the General Fund that is overseen by the CGA, but there is nothing prohibiting the account from being swept. Rep. Scanlon, S 098 also stated that Connecticut would be the first state in the nation to pass a bill like this one into law if it were to do so.

Rep. Delnicki, T 014 weighed in regarding a nondisclosure agreement, who would conduct the research on the contract reporting, and per Sec. 6 if any other states were involved in the process of the importation of prescription drugs.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 replied that there was no stated use of a nondisclosure agreement, and that the Insurance Commissioner would need to be informed if a party
were to not report their data. He also cited Vermont as the only state to have passed similar law in regards to Sec. 6, but they are having trouble finding wholesalers to sell drugs, and that our state may need to use a task force to explore these options as well as examine the risk for deterring offshore prescription drugs.

Sen. Kelly, K S21 stated that the costs to the consumer and the possibility of demand are not met based on the Comptroller’s expectations. Furthermore, he stated his concerns for the potential exposure to risk for the consumers stemming from familiarity to promises of the ACA that were not met, and that the Comptroller is not an insurance agency.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 explained his stance on the need for bipartisan work and how that worked well in 2017. Further, he stated that the chairs are willing to do this again but his intentions are to finding a solution now rather than later.

Rep. Delnicki, T 014 made a more administrative comment stating that votes today do not directly correlate to support or lack thereof when these bills come to the floor.

Hearing no further discussion, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 asked the clerk to please call the roll.

Vote tally: 12 Yea, 8 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting.

**The motion passed for HB 7174.**

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Sen. Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

5. **S.B. No. 902 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS. (INS)**

Rep. Vail, K 052 asked how this exactly would work, and if there were options for a choice of plan, stating that he has seen similar bills before and hasn’t had consumers ask for this type of plan to be worked on in legislation.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 replied that the bill only applies to high-deductible plans, and that normally the participation is up to the employer. Additionally in terms of options, he stated his understanding was that there was a variety, but it is not uncommon that there is not.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C 077 directed questions around unintended consequences and premiums for employees especially if they are changing plans. She also focused on lines 50-53 about the deduction based on family size.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated that insurers will hold the ability to set prices based on risk and demand, and that higher deductibles for families with more kids does not accomplish much, but rather that people can save some disposable income and there is “skin in the game” for those involved.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 said the Insurance Commissioner did not offer a comment on the bill to his knowledge.

Hearing no further discussion, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 asked the clerk to please call the roll.

Vote Tally: 11 Yea, 9 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting
The motion passed for SB 902.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 second by Sen. Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

6. **S.B. No. 976** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID BY HEALTH CARRIERS TO HOSPITALS. (INS)

Rep. Vail, K 052 remarked that there was no opposed testimony, and made a motion seconded by Rep. Delnicki, T 014 for Amendment A: for line 17 to include that one of the Governor's two appointed persons be someone from the Connecticut Hospital Association.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 stated that he viewed the language to be a friendly amendment.

**Amendment passes by voice vote**

Seeing no further discussion, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 asked the clerk to please call the roll.

Vote Tally: 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting.

The motion passed for 976.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded Rep. Dathan, L 142 to JF to the floor the following:

7. **S.B. No. 42** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING COINSURANCE, COPAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIBLES AND CONTRACTING BY HEALTH CARRIERS. (INS)

Rep. Vail, K 052 asked how someone with no insurance could ever have a lower rate than someone who does and how this would be enforced and adjudicated, while also citing he did not see how big of an issue this might be.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 stated that Sen. Looney, M S11 testified that this was a problem that people have identified one way or another. Sen. Lesser, M S09 also stated that it would be adjudicated by the Department of Consumer Protection of the Attorneys General.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 added that transparency is necessary so a consumer could know if they are overpaying. He also offered insight into potential violations stemming from this, saying they would not because this concerns generic problems rather than specific persons.

Vote Tally: 16 Yea, 4 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting.

The motion passed for SB 42.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 announced the committee will be putting a hold on the following:

8. **S.B. No. 977** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS. (INS) (JF TO THE FLOOR)

**HOLD 977.**

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. de la Cruz, J. 041 and seconded by Sen Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

9. **H.B. No. 5517** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS THAT INSURE THE LIVES OF CONVICTED FELONS. (INS) **(JF TO THE FLOOR)**
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 explained that the bill states that one cannot be refused a life insurance policy because they have been convicted of a felony, or that they cannot be refused for solely that reason.

Rep. Vail, K 052 explained his stance regarding a generally lower life expectancy for convicted felons, and how you are still asked for your occupation for decision-making but not if you were a convicted felon if this were to pass.

Rep. Nolan, A 039 says he agrees with theories of second chances, and there is room to move on and let people back into society. He remarked that he is an active police officer, and still sees it should be harder for him to get insurance.

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C 077 commented that there is no distinctions for violent and non-violent crimes here, nor for how long ago the crime was committed.

Roll call vote 15 Yea 5 Nay 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed HB 5517.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. Dathan, L 142 to JF to the floor the following:

10. S.B. No. 978 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS. (INS) (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Language change LCO 6081
Vote Tally: 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion was passed SB 978.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Sen. Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

11. H.B. No. 7262 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GENETIC INFORMATION AND TESTING BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES. (INS) (JF TO THE FLOOR)

There was a motion by Rep. Delnicki, T. 14 and second by Sen. Bizzarro, G. S06 to add Amendment A, to protect individual to reduce premiums, in section 12 add language regrading genetic information.

Sen. Anwar, S S03 gave his view that there is no such thing as a clean bill of health.

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C. 77 felt there needed to be more discussion.

Roll call vote 4 Yea, 10 Nay, 0 Abstain, 6 Absent and Not voting

The motion failed for Amendment A.

Seeing no more discussion on the bill, Rep. Scanlon, S 098 asked the clerk to please call the roll.

Vote Tally: 13 Yea, 7 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed HB 7262

12. **H.B. No. 7173** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH INSURERS AND OPTOMETRISTS.  (INS) *(JFS TO THE FLOOR)*

Vote Tally: 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting.

*The motion passed 7173*

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C 077 to JF to the floor:

13. **S.B. No. 908** (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING FOREIGN BRANCH CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES.  (INS) *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

*The motion passed 908*

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. Riley, E 046 to JFS to the floor the following:

14. **H.B. No. 7177** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES.  (INS) *(JFS TO THE FLOOR)*

This bill is about Air B&B and other home rental type situations. Rep. Scanlon, S. 098, said the language has changed since the public hearing to include the need to tell neighbors one time that you are using your space for rental. Also allows the town the rental is in to ask for additional taxes. The cap is removed; if a town wants a cap they can add it.

Rep de la Cruz, J 041, referenced that this allows municipalities some control. Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C. 077 asked if there would be a penalty if the renters didn’t file. Rep. Scanlon, S. 098 believes there is not a penalty.

*Language change LCO 5809*

Vote Tally:  13 Yea, 7 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

*The motion passed for HB 7177*

Rep. Scanlon entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor:

15. **H.B. No. 7175** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS.  (INS) *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Vote Tally: 15 Yea, 5 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

*The motion passed for HB 7175*

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor:

16. **H.B. No. 7171** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE INSURANCE VERIFICATION SYSTEM AND NOTICES REGARDING PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES.  (INS) *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting
The motion passed 7171
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

17. S.B. No. 31 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES. (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Roll call vote 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed for SB 31
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

18. S.B. No. 33 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Roll call vote 13 Yea, 7 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed for SB 33
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JF to the floor the following:

19. S.B. No. 38 (COMM) AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS AND EXPEDITED EXTERNAL REVIEWS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Roll call vote 18 Yea 2 Nay 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed for SB 38
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 remarked that the committee will be putting a hold on the following agenda item:

20. S.B. No. 975 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INFERTILITY TREATMENT AND REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY COVERAGE BARRIERS POSED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH IATROGENIC INFERTILITY. (JFS TO THE FLOOR)
Hold SB 975
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

21. S.B. No. 979 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THIS STATE AND INSURANCE IN THIS STATE. (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Roll call vote 15 Yea, 5 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The Motion Passed SB 979
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. de la Cruz, J. 041 to JF to the floor the following:

22. S.B. No. 87 (COMM) AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES. (JF TO THE FLOOR)
Roll call vote 14 Yea, 6 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting
The motion passed SB 87
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded Rep. Delnicki, T. 014 to JF to the floor the following:

23. **S.B. No. 317** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN SURGICAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED TO TREAT SEVERE OBESITY. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 18 Yea, 2 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed SB 317.
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Rep. Hughes, A. 135 seconded Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JF to the floor the following:

24. **S.B. No. 15** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed SB 15.
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A. 135 seconded Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JF to the floor the following:

25. **S.B. No. 320** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS AND ATTORNEYS AND LAW FIRMS PREFERRED BY MORTGAGE LENDERS. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 20 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed SB 320.
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

26. **S.B. No. 330** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 13 Yea, 6 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed SB 330.
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

27. **S.B. No. 903** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE DATA AND INFORMATION SECURITY. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

This is a large complex bill from Insurance and is a work in progress.

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed SB 903.
Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

28. **S.B. No. 904** (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Rep. Turco, G. 027 stated this bill will help young people to become homeowners—where if they can contribute to the account it will be in lieu of a tax credit. Rep. Delnicki, T. 014 asked if there is a fiscal note, to which the response was yes but not know how large or small.

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed SB 904.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JFS to the floor the following:

29. S.B. No. 906 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE STATUTES. (JFS TO THE FLOOR)

Roll call vote 16 Yea, 3 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and Not Voting

The motion passed 906.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 remarked that the committee would be placing a hold on the following until further notice:

30. S.B. No. 907 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT AND CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

HOLD SB 907

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JF to the floor the following:

31. S.B. No. 909 (RAISED) AN ACT ENABLING PERSONS TO SATISFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS THROUGH AN ONLINE COURSE OF STUDY. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed SB 909

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

32. S.B. No. 974 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS OF DEVELOPING, EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed SB 974

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Sen. Anwar, S. S03 to JFS to the floor the following:

33. S.B. No. 981 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-SERVICE STORAGE INSURANCE. (JFS TO THE FLOOR)

Language change LCO 5717

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting
The motion passed SB 981

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Riley, E. 046 to JF to the floor the following:

34. **S.B. No. 982** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.  (**JF TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 12 Yea, 7 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed SB 982

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M. S09 Second Rep. Hughes, A. 135 to JF to the floor the following:

35. **S.B. No. 983** (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.  (**INS**)  
  . (**JF TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 12 Yea, 7 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed SB 983

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A. 135 Second Rep. Pavlock-D'Amato, C. 077 to JF to the floor the following:

36. **H.B. No. H.B. No. 5213** (COMM) AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS.  (**JF TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 5213

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A. 135 Second Rep. Riley, E 046 to JFS to the floor the following:

37. **H.B. No. 5270** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AND REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OUTPATIENT PEER SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS.  (**JFS TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 14 Yea, 5 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 5270.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded by Rep. Riley, E. 046 to JF to the floor the following:

38. **H.B. No. 5425** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS TO MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE.  (**JF TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 5425.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded by Rep. Rosario, C. 128 to JF to the floor the following:

39. **H.B. No. 5521** (COMM) AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.  (**JF TO THE FLOOR**)  
Roll call vote 18 Yea, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting
The motion passed HB 5521

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded by Rep. Dathan, L. 142 to JF to the floor the following:

40. **H.B. No. 5627** (COMM) AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD A CHILD, STEPCHILD OR OTHER DEPENDENT CHILD MAY RETAIN DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER A PARENT’S HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 18 Yea, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 5627

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to Appropriations:

41. **H.B. No. 5850** (COMM) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE ANIMALS. *(INS) (JF TO APPROPRIATIONS)*

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed with a Joint Favorable to appropriations committee HB 5850

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Delnicki, T 014 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor the following:

42. **H.B. No. 6087** (COMM) AN ACT RESTRICTING THE USE OF PRIOR CLAIMS FOR NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Rep. Vail, K 052 asked about submitted testimony that called this bill unnecessary.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 stated the bill is well intentioned and the reported problems regarding this issue make this bill necessary.

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The Motion passed HB 6087

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C 077 seconded by Sen. Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

43. **H.B. No. 6088** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTING HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND DENTISTS, DENTAL PLANS AND PROCEDURES. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 6088

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 stated that the committee will hold the following agenda item until further notice:

44. **H.B. No. 6093** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO IMMIGRANTS IN THIS STATE. *(JFS TO THE FLOOR)*

**Hold HB 6093**

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A. 135, seconded Rep. de la Cruz, J. 041 to JF to the floor the following:

45. **H.B. No. 6095** (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. *(JF TO THE FLOOR)*
Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 6095.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Delnicki, T. 014 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J. 041 to JFS to the floor the following:

46. H.B. No. 7170 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE PASSENGER NONFLEET AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY QUOTES. (JFS TO THE FLOOR)

Rep. Vail, K 052 asked what the issue is that this bill takes aim at, and if this was more aimed at online insurers and their practices with running quotes and transparency.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 responded saying the issue is called “bait & switch”, which is basically being told one rate by an insurer as your potential quote and then when you enroll you are given a different, usually higher, price to pay. This bills will require the disclosure of the impact that one’s driving history has on their report/quote.

Roll call vote 16 Yea, 3 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 7170.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor the following:

47. H.B. No. 7178 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURES BY REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Roll call vote 19 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 7178.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor the following:

48. H.B. No. 7260 (RAISED) AN ACT EXCLUDING BEER MANUFACTURERS, THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THE DEPENDENTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C 077 says she supports her local brewers but is not a fan of the bill because it affects the insured pools.

Rep. Vail, K 052 says he thinks this is a great idea but he has problems with the carve-out piece.

Roll call vote 16 Yea, 3 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent and not voting

The motion passed HB 7260.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Lesser, M S09 seconded by Rep. de la Cruz, J 041 to JF to the floor the following:

49. H.B. No. 7261 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CLINICALLY INAPPROPRIATE QUANTITIES OF OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Rep. Delnicki, T 014 says that people inherently should be going back to the doctor after 30 days.

Sen. Anwar, S S03 stated there needs to be collaboration between prescription drug associations and insurers about higher copays for the 90 days of medicine. He also referenced that there are many unintended consequences to be careful of.
The motion passed HB 7261.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A 135 seconded by Sen. Lesser, M S09 to JF to the floor the following:

50. H.B. No. 7264 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

Rep. Vail, K 052 remarked that there was initially a public act where the period was three years, and now we are looking at five years. He asked if we will just keep revisiting the issue. He also noted that this was a good cause but long term care insurance is different, and wants the committee to be cautious.

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 responded saying that the committee was trying to find the delicate balance to protect the people from prices of long term care, and trying to solve the dilemma of people wondering if they should keep paying for the care.

Sen. Lesser, M S09 gave a shout out to a constituent of his, Paul Pace, commending his diplomacy on this topic. Rep. Turco, G 027 echoed this as Mr. Pace is also a constituent of his.

The motion passed HB 7264

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Sen. Anwar, S S03 seconded by Rep. Riley, E 046 to JF to the floor the following:

51. H.B. No. 7269 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS’ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

The motion passed 7269

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 entertained a motion from Rep. Hughes, A 135 seconded by Sen. Anwar, S S03 to JF to the floor the following:

52. H.B. No. 7270 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE. (JF TO THE FLOOR)

The motion passed HB 7270

Rep. Scanlon, S 098 announced that the next meeting would be Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 11:00 AM. He announced votes would be held open until 5:30PM, and he recessed the meeting at 4:24PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.