The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM by Chairman, Rep. Porter R. 094.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; Miner C. S30; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Fishbein C. 090; Hall J. 007; Luxenberg G. 012; Polletta J. 068; Porter R. 094; Smith R. 108; Vargas E. 006; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Rutigliano D. 123

Rep. Porter welcomed those in attendance and read the emergency procedures. Co-Chairman Sen. Kushner, a freshman legislator, said she was glad to have this opportunity to address issues faced by the State.

A motion was made by Rep. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Luxenberg to draft as committee bills:

Proposed S.B. No. 1 AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE. (LAB)

Proposed S.B. No. 2 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE. (LAB)
Sen. Miner had concerns regarding Governor Lamont’s input on budget issues and would like to see him included in drafting the language of the drafts. If everyone is kept up to date on the progress it would avoid later conflicts/disagreements. At this time he will vote no on this motion.

Rep. Porter said she spoke with the Governor and he is very aware of the major issues being addressed by the committee and will submit his input.

Sen. Kushner said that many people will be included in the process. Paid leave is not a partisan issue and many opinions will be sought.

Rep. Smith welcomed the positive bi-partisan start and he is anxious to see the language drafted for the Paid Family and Medical Leave legislation, especially the eligibility requirements.

Sen. Kushner said the language is now broad, but it would be clarified.

Rep. Smith, in reference to Proposed S.B. No. 2 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE. (LAB), asked who would be affected by the bill.

Rep. Porter said this was still a work in progress.

Sen. Osten, noting there were new members on the committee, explained that once drafted and voted out of committee, the bill would go to screening and other committees and not directly to the floor. There would be opportunity for changes.

Rep. Porter said that the votes would be held open until 5:00 PM in room 3800.

Rep. Smith asked if there would be any other concepts submitted before the Friday, Jan. 18 proposed bill deadline. Rep. Porter said there may be. There was no date scheduled yet for the next meeting.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Yea: 9  Nay: 4
A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.