Labor and Public Employees Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

1:15 PM in Room 1A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:26 PM by Chairman, Sen. Kushner J. S24.

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; Rutigliano D. 123; Smith R. 108; Vargas E. 006; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:PM by Chairman Kushner who welcomed those in attendance. Rep. Hall read the emergency/safety procedures.

II. There were no remarks by the chairs.

III. A motion was make by Sen. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Vargas to draft the following as committee bills:

Proposed S.B. No. 5 AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION. (LAB)
Proposed S.B. No. 164 AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES. (LAB)

Proposed S.B. No. 358 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES. (LAB)

Rep. Fishbein was unclear as to exactly what was to be drafted in S.B. 5. He also asked if S.B. 358 should be sent to GAE since they were working on a bill regarding no excuse absentee voting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

IV. A motion was made by Sen. Miner and seconded by Rep. Luxenberg to reserve the following bills for Subject Matter Hearing:

Proposed S.B. No. 356 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING GERMANY'S APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. (LAB)

Proposed S.B. No. 359 AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE. (LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 5053 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE. (LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 5271 AN ACT INCREASING SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING. (LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 5883 AN ACT REQUIRING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION FOR CERTAIN INJURED EMPLOYEES. (LAB)

Proposed H.B. No. 6113 AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM INQUIRING ABOUT DATE OF BIRTH OR DATE OF GRADUATION ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS. (LAB)

The motion passed by voice vote.

V. Chairman Kushner said the chairs would hold the following proposed bill:

Proposed S.B. No. 64 AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS. (LAB)

A motion was made by Rep. Porter and seconded by Rep. Hall to refer

Proposed H.B. No. 5434 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED SALES SOLICITATION CALLS. (LAB) to General Law.

Proposed H.B. No. 5738 AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM REQUIRING EMPLOYEES TO HAVE FLU SHOTS. (LAB) to Public Health.
Rep. Luxenberg said he had concerns regarding the policy of H.B. 5738 and would reserve judgement at this time.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Kushner said information on the next meeting date and time would be announced at a later time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38PM.

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Committee Clerk                        Assistant Clerk
Camilo Lemos                             Marie Knudsen