

Appropriations Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 21, 2020

1:00 PM in Room 2C of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Chairman, Sen. Osten C. S19.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Flexer M. S29; Formica P. S20; Hartley J. S15; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; Miner C. S30; Osten C. S19; Somers H. S18

Abercrombie C. 083; Betts W. 078; Bolinsky M. 106; Case J. 063; Currey J. 011; Dathan L. 142; Dillon P. 092; Felipe A. 130; Gilchrest J. 018; Gonzalez M. 003; Haddad G. 054; Horn M. 064; Johnson S. 049; Kokoruda N. 101; Lavielle G. 143; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; McCarty K. 038; Nolan A. 039; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Perone C. 137; Petit W. 022; Porter R. 094; Reyes G. 075; Rotella K. 043; Ryan K. 139; Simanski B. 062; Simms T. 140; Walker T. 093; Wilson D. 066; Zawistowski T. 061; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Baker A. 124; Candelaria J. 095; Dauphinais A. 044; DiMassa M. 116; France M. 042; Gibson B. 015; Hall C. 059; Rosario C. 128; Tercyak P. 026

Sen. Osten convened the meeting and asked if there were any remarks from the Chairs or Ranking Members. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to draft:

1. [Proposed H.B. No. 5160](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD TO PATRICIA "PIDGIE" D'ALLESSIO. (APP)

The motion made by Rep. Walker was seconded by Sen. Formica. There being no discussion, a voice vote was taken and the bill was voted to be drafted.

Sen. Osten called for a motion to Reserve for Subject Matter Public Hearing the following items:

2. [Proposed S.B. No. 124](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATORS. (APP),

3. [Proposed H.B. No. 5148](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF SMOKING PREVENTION EFFORTS. (APP)

4. [Proposed H.B. No. 5150](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE USE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS BY UNDERAGE PERSONS. (APP). The motion was made by Rep. Lavielle and seconded by Rep. Walker. There being no discussion, the bills were reserved for subject matter public hearing with a voice vote taken.

Sen. Osten asked for a motion for the Concepts to be Raised for the following items:

5. AAC Revisions to the Teachers' Retirement System (requested by the Teachers' Retirement Board)

6. AAC Various Revisions to the Teachers' Retirement System (requested by the Office of the State Treasurer)

7. AAC Performance-Informed Budget Review

8. AAC Payments in Lieu of Taxes

9. AAC Memoranda of Understanding Between Executive Branch Agencies

10. AAC Legacy Costs

11. AAC The State Budget Process

12. AAC the Use of Funds in the Drug Assets Forfeiture Revolving Account

Rep. Abercrombie made the motion which was seconded by Rep. Dillon. Sen. Formica asked for the particulars of item 6. Sen. Osten replied that this concept would change the investment return assumption for the Teacher's Retirement System from 8% to 6.99%. The concepts were raised on a voice vote.

Sen. Osten announced at 1:07 PM that the meeting would stand in recess until 2:00 PM with votes held open until that time.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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Susan Keane  
Administrator

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Elizabeth Gillette  
Committee Clerk