

Environment Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 14, 2020

10:30 AM in Room 2B of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM by Chairman, Sen. Cohen C. S12.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cohen C. S12; Haskell W. S26; Kushner J. S24; Miner C. S30

Representatives: Arconti D. 109; Borer D. 115; Demicco M. 021; Dillon P. 092; Dubitsky D. 047; Exum T. 019; Gresko J. 121; Gucker K. 138; Harding S. 107; Hayes R. 051; Horn M. 064; MacLachlan J. 035; McGorty B. 122; Michel D. 146; Mushinsky M. 085; O'Dea T. 125; Palm C. 036; Piscopo J. 076; Reyes G. 075; Ryan K. 139; Simms T. 140; Wilson D. 066; Young P. 120

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Kennedy K. 119; Rebimbas R. 070; Vargas E. 006

Senator Cohen convened the meeting at 10:37 AM and reminded members that the committee is voting to raise concepts. Additionally, Senator Cohen reiterated that a vote to raise a concept is not an indication of how a legislator will vote going forward at the point of "JF-ing".

Senator Cohen asked for a motion to draft items listed under Section III on the agenda as Raised Bills.

A motion was made by Senator Miner and seconded by Representative Gucker.

Representative Mushinsky asked for the intent of item no. 14.

Senator Cohen explained item no. 14 is a concept to eliminate the need of having someone checking out-of-state plates.

Senator Miner added that under certain circumstances, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has decided not to staff the gatehouse of parks that do not have enough traffic. This is an alternative to having staff stationed at those parks.

Representative Arconti commented on item no. 17 and shared with committee items included in the Energy and Technology committee's offshore wind bill from the 2019 legislative session.

Representative Michel asked if discussions revolving around item no. 17 was exclusive to fisheries, or if it also included wildlife.

Senator Cohen stated that items on the agenda are concepts to be raised, and language have not yet been written for these concepts.

Representative Horn asked what item no. 24 is aimed at achieving.

Senator Cohen explained that the committee will be looking at more environmentally friendly sewage systems.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Senator Cohen announced that the Environment Committee will hold their next meeting on Friday, February 21st, 2020 at 10:30 AM followed by a public hearing at 11:30 AM in Hearing Room 2B.

The Environment Committee recessed the meeting until 4:00 PM.

Ussawin R. Bumpen
Committee Clerk