Energy and Technology Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

11:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m. by Chairman, Rep. Arconti D. 109.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Formica P. S20; Needleman N. S33

Representatives: Ackert T. 008; Allie-Brennan R. 002; Arconti D. 109; Buckbee B. 067; Cheeseman H. 037; Davis C. 057; Demicco M. 021; Ferraro C. 117; Gilchrest J. 018; Gresko J. 121; Lanoue B. 045; Lopes R. 024; Meskers S. 150; Petit W. 022; Piscopo J. 076; Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators: Lesser M. S09

Representatives: de la Cruz J. 041; Elliott J. 088; Perone C. 137

Rep. Arconti called the committee meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. and remarked that Sen. Lesser would now be the Senate Vice-Chair. There are also two new members to the committee: Sen. Bradley and Rep. Gilchrest. Rep. Arconti made a motion on concept items 1-16 on the agenda to be drafted as raised bills. The motion was moved by Rep. Gresko and seconded by Rep. Steinberg. Rep. Ackert remarked on item #8 (AN ACT CONCERNING VOLTAGE STANDARDS), asking exactly what those standards are. Rep. Arconti replied that the concepts is an agency bill from PURA and will deal with the interconnection standards with distributed generation with the aim to improve them and be less costly for the grid. Rep. Steinberg asked for a clarification on item #3 (AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSUMPTION DATA AND LABELING). Rep Arconti explained that this concept is a DEEP agency bill and would have two
components: one dealing with larger commercial buildings and the other with labeling and knowledge base for renters. Rep. Steinberg then asked why item #16 (AN ACT CONCERNING SEWER USE CHARGES) is of interest to the committee. Rep. Arconti explained that this bill was a proposed bill by Rep. Rutigliano and felt that it had merits enough to draft. The committee then motioned in favor of concepts 1-16. Sen Needleman made a motion to draft item #1 under section IV (AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES) to be drafted as a committee bill, it was seconded by Rep. Allie-Brennan. Rep. Piscopo doesn't believe the committee should take up this proposed bill as it was soundly defeated in committee during the 2019 session. Rep. Ferraro comments that there is a quite a bit of concern regarding this bill in the Republican caucus and asks for a roll call vote. The proposed bill vote tally was a follows: 21 voting, Yea: 12, Nay: 9, Absent and not voting: 4.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

_________________________________________  Jay Snukis (HRO Assistant Clerk)
Administrator  Committee Clerk