Energy and Technology Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

1:00 PM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairman, Sen. Needleman N. S33.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Needleman N. S33; Lesser M. S09; Formica P. S20

Representatives: Arconti D. 109; Ferraro C. 117; Ackert T. 008; Buckbee B. 067; Cheeseman H. 037; Davis C. 057; de la Cruz J. 041; Demicco M. 021; Elliott J. 088; 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: Bradley D. S23

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Perone C. 137

Sen. Needleman convened the meeting at 1:05pm.

Rep. Ferraro commented that the committee will be voting out concepts to put forward into a public hearing.

Sen. Needleman calls for a motion to draft items 1-6 on the Agenda as raised bills. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was then withdrawn for the purpose of discussion of item 1. AAC Natural Gas Infrastructure.

Sen Formica expressed his concerns regarding some of the language in item 1.

Rep. Piscopo commented. He is concerned about the agenda of item #1 stating that he wasn’t given any language. He was confused whether the bill was designed to improve supply pipelines or build out additional natural gas infrastructure.

Rep. Arconti said that the bill would be designed to continue the committee’s work on anaerobic digesters and that it will also be drafted to help give PURA more regulatory flexibility. He assured the Committee that he intends to continue to work in a bipartisan manner during the drafting process. He also acknowledged that the nature of the bill will be viewed both positively and negatively by individuals. He finally commented on Rep. Piscopo’s concern, stating that all members of leadership have been kept in the loop during preliminary drafting.

A roll call vote was taken on item #1 (AAC NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE).

**Vote Tally: 22 Voting – 21-Yea, 1-Nay, 0-Abstain, 3-Absent Not Voting**

*Motion Passed*

Sen. Needleman called for a motion to have items 2-6 to be drafted as raised bills. The motion called by Senator Lesser and Seconded by Rep. Meskers.

*The Motion Passed*

Sen. Needleman announced that the Energy and Technology committee public hearing will be on February 27th at 11 a.m. in room 2B

The Votes were held open until 4pm at which point the meeting was adjourned.