

Energy and Technology Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

11:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

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

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Formica P. S20; Haskell W. S26; Lesser M. S09; McCrory D. S02; Needleman N. S33; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Ackert T. 008; Allie-Brennan R. 002; Arconti D. 109; Arora H. 151; Buckbee B. 067; Cheeseman H. 037; Demicco M. 021; Ferraro C. 117; Foster J. 057; Gilchrest J. 018; Gresko J. 121; Horn M. 064; Kavros DeGraw E. 017; Meskers S. 150; Mushinsky M. 085; Perone C. 137; Petit W. 022; Piscopo J. 076; Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Rep. Arconti started the meeting at 11am. Sen. Needleman, Sen. Formica and Rep Ferraro gave opening remarks.

Rep Arconti made a motion to move forward on section 3 of the agenda: Concepts to be drafted as raised bills, Rep Gresko seconded the motion. Rep Arora asked the Chair to go through the items in section 3 and ask if there is any discussion, there are two concepts specifically that Rep Arora wanted to discuss: B and C: THE DECOUPLING OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY & AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS. Rep Meskers asked about item K: AN ACT

CONCERNING BIOMASS PROCUREMENT and whether it is derived from anaerobic digestion. Rep Steinberg remarks on item A: AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL and what that means in terms of specifics, he also asks for more details regarding item F: AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL CELLS, what they are etc... Lastly, Rep Steinberg asks for more substance on item I: AN AT CONCERNING ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS, Rep Arconti explains how this item is a agency proposal from PURA. Rep. Arconti ended the meeting at 11:30 but left it open for an hour so absent members could log their attendance. With no more debate on the concepts, Rep Arconti makes a motion for a vote on the concepts to be drafted as raised bills and on proposed bills to be referred to other committees, both motions are seconded and passed. At 11:24 Rep Arconti leaves the meeting open for another hour to give absent members time to login and be counted for attendance and will adjourn after that time. The next meeting to raise concepts will take place on Feb 9th and the first public hearing to take place on the 16th or 18th

Administrator

William Ginn
Committee Clerk