

Energy and Technology Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

11:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chairman, Sen. Needleman N. S33.

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; Petit W. 022; Piscopo J. 076; Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Perone C. 137

Sen. Needleman started the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and opened the meeting up for comments by the co-chairs and ranking members

Sen Formica made opening remarks that the members of his caucus have no problems with moving forward on the concepts and proposed bills to be drafted.

Rep Ferraro makes his opening remarks about Proposed S.B. No 4 and that members of his caucus have expressed some concerns about this bill but are willing to move forward on it for purposes of a public hearing but don't want it to be misunderstood as support for this bill. The issues revolve around privacy and security.

Sen. Needleman then moves onto Section III item 1 of the agenda and makes a motion to raise this bill as a committee bill

III. PROPOSED BILLS TO BE DRAFTED INTO COMMITTEE BILLS

- 1.) PROPOSED S.B. NO 4: AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY, NET NEUTRALITY, CYBER SECURITY AND FAIRNESS IN DATA USAGE IN THE NEW AGE OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE

The motion is moved by Rep. Allie-Brennan and seconded by Sen. Winfield

Rep. Ferraro remarks that he will vote no on this bill in order to flag it for members of caucus.

Sen. Needleman requests that a voice vote be taken on this proposal. The motion passes with Rep. Ferraro, Rep. Buckbee and Rep. Petit voting NAY

Sen. Needleman then moves onto Section IV of the agenda and makes a motion to draft the concepts to be drafted as raised bills.

The motion is moved by Rep. Horn and seconded by Rep Arconti

Motion was passed by voice vote

IV: CONCEPTS TO BE DRAFTED AS RAISED BILLS

- 1.) AN ACT CONCERNING A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANY CUSTOMERS PURCHASING ELECTRIC GENERATORS THAT POWER NECESSARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- 2.) AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRIBUTED ENERGY GENERATION
- 3.) AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY STANDARDS
- 4.) AN ACT CONCERNING STORM RESPONSE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
- 5.) AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR SOLICITATION
- 6.) AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURCHASE
- 7.) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF ENERGY SOURCES
- 8.) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE STATE

- 9.) AN ACT REMOVING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND RECLASSIFYING THE TAX CALCULATION FOR SOLAR PROJECTS
- 10.) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARTICULATION OF FEES ON AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMER'S BILL
- 11.) AN ACT CONCERNING TEXT MESSAGE NOTICE OF IMPENDING UTILITY SERVICE SHUT OFF
- 12.) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF A MUNICIPAL ENERGY SECURITY AUTHORITY
- 13.) AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPETITION IN THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION MARKET
- 14.) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BY MUNICIPALITIES
- 15.) AN ACT EXPANDING VIRTUAL NET METERING TO MANUFACTURERS IN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES
- 16.) AN ACT INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL OUTPUT ATTRIBUTED TO CLASS III SOURCES
- 17.) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR NATURAL BARRIER PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE BY UTILITY COMPANIES

Sen Needleman makes a motion on Section V of the agenda to refer bills to other committees

The motion is moved by Rep. Allie-Brennan and seconded by Rep Arconti

Motion was passed by voice vote

V. PROPOSED BILLS TO BE REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES

1. Proposed H.B. No. 5639 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS. (ENVIRONMENT)
2. Proposed H.B. No. 5833 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SATELLITE DISHES FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS (HOUSING)
3. Proposed H.B. No. 5834 AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL DECISIONS (ENVIRONMENT)

The first public hearing will be on February 18th and this meeting today will be open for an additional 30 minutes (11:45 am) for purposes of voting and attendance..

Administrator

William Ginn
Committee Clerk