

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

11:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Chairman, Rep. Wood K. 029.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Cabrera J. S17; Hwang T. S28; Lesser M. S09;
Maroney J. S14

Representatives: Comey R. 102; Dathan L. 142; Delnicki T. 014; Farrar K. 020;
Luxenberg G. 012; Meskers S. 150; Nuccio T. 053; Pavalock-
D'Amato C. 077; Perillo J. 113; Polletta J. 068; Riley E. 046;
Rochelle K. 104; Wood K. 029

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Rep. Wood, K. 029 convened the meeting at 11:08 am

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 thanked everyone for their patience as the committee was getting used to meeting remotely.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 entertained a motion to raise items 1-14:

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 remarked that each concept should be explained one at a time for clarity purposes.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 stated that concepts 1-4 are left open to use as vehicles for future committee work. Concept five addresses long-term care insurance in the state of Connecticut and other bills related to long-term care. Concept six is a telehealth bill that will potentially work with other committees such as the Public Health Committee. Concept eight is a concept relating to mental health and substance abuse. Rep. Wood, K. 029 explained that concepts 9-14 are the Insurance Department bills that were put out last week.

Sen. Hwang, T. S28 understood concepts to be raised, but for clarity, he asked if concepts 1-6 or 1-4 are dummy bills with no specific language.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 stated that he is correct.

Sen. Hwang, T. S28 clarified with the committee members that as members you may be opposed to a concept, but to raise bills does not mean an approval of the concept or

disapproval. A vote at this stage just moves the concept forward discussion and debate with the public. Sen. Hwang, T. S28 stated that it is important for committee members to have a clear delineation between those actions.

Rep. Wood, K 029 thanked Sen. Hwang, T. S28 for his well-articulated explanation that these votes give the committee an opportunity to discuss these concepts more in depth.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 suggested that Rep. Wood, K. 029 go over the concepts again so that the committee could start a consent calendar.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 reiterated her previous statement describing each of the concepts to be raised.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 motioned for a new consent calendar seconded by Sen. Anwar, S. S03.

Sen. Lesse, M. S09 asked that Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 clarify what her motion is.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 reiterated that her motion is to move certain numbers to a consent calendar.

There were no objections and a consent calendar was established.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 motioned to add items 1-6 and 8-14 to consent calendar seconded by Rep. Delnicki, T. 014.

The motion to add items to the consent calendar was passed by voice vote.

Motion Passed

Rep. Wood, K. 029, K 029 entertained a motion to raise item seven from Sen. Lesser, M. S09 seconded by Sen. Anwar, S. S03.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 requested a vote by roll call.

Sen. Hwang, T. S28 thinks concept seven is important and remarked on Sen. Kelly, who was active in working on this in the past. Sen. Hwang, T. S28 remarked that the Republican side of the aisle is working equally hard to find solutions on this issue and looks forward to more dialogue. He hopes alternative bills on this matter can be considered in the future.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 thanked Sen. Hwang, T. S28 for his remarks.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 in a point of order, asked the chairs if committee members should physically raise a hand or use the zoom feature.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 said that for future meetings committee members should physically raise a hand.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 077 then reiterated Sen. Hwang, T. S28's remarks, concept seven is not a concept she can support but looks forward to the discussion.

Rep. Nuccio, T. 053 stated she also agrees with Sen. Hwang, T. S28, and hopes for a robust dialogue, especially from a partnership with the private market.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 asked the clerk for a roll call vote
The clerk called the vote: Yea 14, Nay 4

Motion Passed

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 asked for a point of clarification about votes for the consent calendar.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 stated that the vote for the consent calendar had already been taken by a voice vote.

Rep. Wood, K. 029 stated that the next committee meeting will be on Thursday January 14, 2021 at 11 AM

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 motioned to recess the meeting until 4 PM

The meeting was recessed at 11:54AM

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Asst. Clerk Wade Jones

Administrator

Committee Clerk