

Committee on Children

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman, Rep. Linehan L. 103.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bradley D. S23; Cohen C. S12; Martin H. S31;
Moore M. S22

Representatives: Boyd P. 050; Comey R. 102; Dauphinais A. 044; Foster J. 057;
Green R. 055; Lanoue B. 045; Linehan L. 103; Luxenberg G. 012;
Welander M. 114

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Representative Linehan opened the meeting by calling on her co-chair, Sen. Anwar to open for any remarks he might have.

Sen. Anwar stated that the pandemic has strongly affected our community through a ripple effect in our children and the collective management of the disaster since the 2020 session will begin now.

Rep. Linehan stated some remarks regarding housekeeping such as the fact that the meeting is live on YouTube and CTN, she would like to thank Rep. Dauphinais who helped everyone leading up to this meeting. Rep. Linehan also instructed how each

participant should vote on the Committee on Children during a Zoom meeting - state their name, wait a second, then vote yes or no, yay or nay.

Rep. Linehan moves on to item #3 on the agenda - Proposed bills to draft as committee bills and asks for a motion to create a consent calendar.

Sen. Anwar motions to build a consent calendar. Rep. Welander seconds.

Rep. Linehan brings up SB No. 2, and Sen. Anwar motions to move it to the consent calendar to raise it. Rep. Welander seconds.

Rep. Linehan asks Sen. Anwar to give a summary of this bill, saying that this will start to tackle some of the concerns regarding children in Connecticut.

Rep. Linehan calls Rep. Boyd, he states that he is looking forward to discussing this bill and that voting to draft does not mean to support its contents.

Rep. Linehan, seeing no objections moved it to the consent calendar.

Sen. Anwar motions to have SB No. 35 included on the consent calendar. Seconded by another member present.

Rep. Linehan invites Sen. Anwar to give a brief description of the bill. He says that this bill has passed out of the committee before and it will help Connecticut children finance their higher education.

Rep. Linehan moved SB No. 35 to the consent calendar since there were no objections and asked Sen. Anwar to give a brief explanation of SB No. 36 before moving to the consent calendar. Sen. Anwar states that this bill addresses the matter of meals in Connecticut schools.

Sen. Anwar motions to add SB No. 36 to the consent calendar. Rep. Welander seconds.

Sen. Anwar motions to add SB No. 92 to the consent calendar. Rep. Welander seconds. Sen. Anwar briefly explained that this bill will allow responsible employees to get tax credit mutually benefiting the employee and employer.

Rep. Linehan moves on to concepts to raise. Items 1-10 to consent calendar. Sen. Anwar motions to move items 1-10 to the consent calendar and Sen. Moore seconds.

Rep. Linehan proceeds to read all concepts to raise items to the meeting.

Rep. Lanoue thanks the sessions and thanks Rep. Linehan for raising item No. 8, he would just like to note that it was previously raised in the 2020 session and that even if the federal statute went away, he would still make sure this bill would remain active in the state of Connecticut.

Sen. Martin asked if there are any changes and if he could see the changes that were made to bills from last session. Sen. Anwar says that he is only foreseeing the date change, nothing else.

Rep Linehan moves items 1-10 under the concept raised to the consent calendar since there was no objection. Rep Linehan asks Mr. Clerk for a roll call vote on the consent calendar.

Sen. Moore motions to roll call vote on the consent calendar and Sen. Anwar seconds.

Rep. Linehan ask the clerk to take a roll call vote.

All present members vote yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Gabreila Dos Santos

Peter Murszewski

Assistant Clerk

Committee Clerk