

Public Safety and Security Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman, Sen. Bradley D. S23.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Cassano S. S04; Champagne D. S35; Cicarella P. S34; Fonfara J. S01; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Barry J. 031; Borer D. 115; Boyd P. 050; DiGiovancarlo M. 074; DiMassa M. 116; Felipe A. 130; Genga H. 010; Gonzalez M. 003; Green R. 055; Hall C. 059; Hayes R. 051; Horn M. 064; Howard G. 043; McGorty B. 122; Paolillo A. 097; Quinn M. 082; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Sredzinski J. 112A

Sen. Bradley asked Clerk Gina McDowell to see if a quorum was present. Quorum present, Sen. Bradley opted to move forward with the meeting.

Sen. Bradley formally greeted members of the committee and remarked about committee tradition to begin meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sen. Bradley sought any opening remarks from committee chairs and ranking members. Rep. Horn said she had none. Sen. Champagne remarked that he appreciated the deliverance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PROPOSED BILLS TO BE DRAFTED AS COMMITTEE BILLS

Sen. Bradley asked for a motion to raise item #1 under proposed bills to be drafted as committee bills. Rep. Borer raised the motion. Rep. Paolillo seconded. Sen. Bradley asked if anyone would like to debate. Discussion followed. Sen. Champagne stated he did not oppose item #1, but he wanted to make sure that the committee was taking into consideration whether or not it contained unfunded mandates. Sen. Champagne made it clear he would like to pass proposed bills that are funded as opposed to those that are unfunded. Sen. Bradley asked if there was further discussion. Rep. Boyd checked to make sure the intent of the committee meeting on 2/23/2021 was to make decisions on crafting proposed bills into legislative language. Sen. Bradley affirmed Rep. Boyd.

Sen. Bradley recognized Rep. Green. Rep. Green motioned to vote on the following group of items in a consent calendar: Item #2, Item #3, Item #5, and Item #7. Sen.

Champagne seconded. Sen. Bradley called for voice vote. Motion carried in the majority.

Sen. Bradley asked if there was any further discussion regarding item #1. No discussion followed. Sen. Bradley held a voice vote for accepting item #1. Motion carried in the majority.

Sen. Bradley asked if there was a motion to accept item #4. Rep. Genga raised the motion and Sen. Osten seconded it. Before a voice vote was to be held, Sen. Bradley asked if there was any further discussion of item #4. Discussion followed. Sen. Champagne reiterated his point from his opening remark even though he believed item #4 was a good program. No further discussion. Sen. Bradley held a voice vote for the motion to carry item #4. Motion carried in the majority.

Sen. Bradley asked for a motion to approve Item #6. Rep. Horn motioned and Rep. Paolillo seconded. Discussion followed. Rep. Hayes requested a roll call vote on item #6. Rep. Green requested the same action as Rep. Hayes. Rep. Boyd voiced concern for this bill, but preferred to save those points for debate. Rep. Vail argued against the passage of the bill. Rep. Hall argued in favor of item #6 as is, but made it clear she may change vote depending on the legislative language the bill receives upon being drafted. No further discussion. Roll call vote was held. Motion carried for item #6.

LCO, Catriona Stratton inquired about the next item on agenda and whether it was the items on the consent calendar. Query resolved. Sen. Bradley asked for a motion to draft item #2, item #3, item #5, and item #7 on the consent calendar agenda. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried in the majority.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is a public hearing at 9:30 AM on 3/2/21 followed by a screening meeting the day after on 3/3/21 at 11AM. A committee meeting was also announced for 3/4/2021 at 1 PM.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Rep. Horn made a closing remark wishing the best to long-term Public Safety and Security committee member Rep. Sredzinski.

Rep. Genga H. supported Rep. Horn M. on her closing remark.

Committee meeting held open. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Administrator

John gerke, Intern / Gina McDowell
Committee Clerk