

Bipartisan Committee of Review

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

2:00 PM IN Room 1A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM by Chairman, Sen. Looney M. S11.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: DeFronzo D. S06; Guglielmo A. S35; Looney M. S11; Nickerson W. S36; Roraback A. S30; Stillman A. S20

Opening Remarks:

Co-Chairs Senator Looney and Senator Roraback and other members made opening remarks about the charge to the committee as outlined in Senate Resolution No. 200, its lack of precedent in the Senate, and their commitment to work together to reach a fair conclusion and make a recommendation to the full Senate.

Introduction of Staff:

Senator Looney introduced the nonpartisan staff:

Sandra Forte', from Office of Legislative Management, Clerk

Attorneys Brad Towson, Bill O'Shea and Jenna Padula from Legislative Commissioners' Office

Attorney Sandra Norman-Eady, Attorney Chris Reinhart and Kristin Sullivan, from Office of Legislative Research

Discussion of Procedures:

All Bipartisan Committee of Review meetings will be open to the public. Staff will work on a draft of proposed rules and procedures for adoption at the next committee meeting. Staff will request information from municipal, state, and local agencies and prepare memoranda as specified below. Information will be presented to the committee members at least one day before the next meeting via email and overnight mail to their homes. Requests from individual committee members to staff will be made through the co-chairs and shared with all members.

Requests for Information:

1. Information from the following agencies and entities:

- A. Judicial Department--Criminal docket on Senator Louis C. DeLuca, including information supporting the arrest warrant, charging document or information, plea agreement, transcript of sentencing hearing, and any other information related to DeLuca criminal case

- B. Office of the Chief State's Attorney-- Investigation file and other related information on Senator DeLuca
- C. Waterbury State's Attorney's Office-- Investigation file and other related information on Senator DeLuca
- D. Department of Public Safety-- Investigation file and other related information on Senator DeLuca
- E. U.S. Attorney's Office-- Investigation file and other related information on Senator DeLuca and related information on Richard Caccavale, who was convicted of conspiring with employees of other trash companies to eliminate competition in western Connecticut and upstate New York
- F. Federal Bureau of Investigations-- Investigation file and other related information on Senator DeLuca, including audiotapes specified in the arrest warrant affidavit and conversations with the Waterbury Police department
- G. Waterbury Police Chief-- Information from Chief O'Leary on what transpired between him and the DeLuca family, including the nature of any contacts by family regarding alleged domestic violence and conversations with the Federal Bureau of Investigations
- H. Connecticut Television Network-- Tapes of interviews with Senator DeLuca from June 1, 2007 forward

2. Staff Memoranda on:

- A. Disciplinary proceedings, including applicable standards, by Congress, other states, and Connecticut
- B. Newspaper quotes related to the committee's business organized by timeline
- C. Senator DeLuca's legislative appointments back to 2001

All the information requested and received will be made available to the public on the committee's website, which is located on the CGA homepage under "Committees."

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 PM, Thursday, September 6, 2007.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Senator Guglielmo and seconded by Senator Stillman to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Sandra Forte', Clerk