

## **Bipartisan Committee of Review**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 4, 2007**

**2:30 PM IN Room 1A of the LOB**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. Chairman, Sen. Roraback A. S30.

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

#### **Approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, September 19, 2007, Committee Meeting.**

A motion was made by Senator Guglielmo and seconded by Senator Stillman to approve the September 19, 2007 committee meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#### **Request for Extension of Time**

A motion was made by Senator Guglielmo and seconded by Senator Nickerson to empower the chairs to write a letter to the leaders of the Senate asking for a 15-day extension, as permitted by Senate Resolution 200. If granted, the extension would move the committee's deadline from October 12 to October 27. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#### **Review Responses to Committee's Waiver Requests**

The chairs, at the direction of the committee, sent letters to Senator DeLuca and Chief O'Leary asking that they waive their privacy rights under the Federal Privacy Act so that the committee would obtain records from the U.S. Attorney and FBI. The committee received a limited waiver from Senator DeLuca and a response from Chief O'Leary declining to waive his privacy rights. The committee received an FBI 302 report after sending Senator DeLuca's waiver to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Committee members discussed the report and some members expressed concerns that the redactions provided sketchy information. Senator Looney indicated that an intergovernmental agency exception to the Privacy Act's consent requirement might allow the committee to obtain additional information.

Senator Guglielmo made a motion seconded by Senator DeFronzo to send a letter to the U.S. Attorney requesting the information the committee initially requested, but especially clarification of the "25,000" referenced on page 4 and the relationship that "looks bad" on the bottom of page 1 of the 302 report. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

## **Discussion of Invitation to Senator DeLuca to Appear Before Committee and Issues Relating to such Invitation and Appearance**

Senator Looney mentioned that the resolution calls for both a statement and an opportunity for Senator DeLuca to answer questions of the committee as provided for both in the rules that the committee adopted, as well as the language of the resolution establishing the committee. The committee agreed to have the chairs write a letter to Senator DeLuca and his attorney inviting Senator DeLuca to appear before the committee on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., asking him to provide any material he thinks is pertinent to the committee's discussion, and informing him that he will be placed under oath before being permitted to make a statement.

### **Staff Presentations**

Sandra Norman-Eady summarized the last requests the committee made of the staff. Sandra Norman-Eady, Brad Towson, and Chris Reinhart summarized federal and state precedents and federal law on bribes and false statements.

### **New Business**

Senator Guglielmo made, and Senator Stillman seconded, a motion to have the chairs ask the Waterbury police chief for copies of the department's policy on responding to allegations of domestic violence. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The committee also voted to request any model policies for responding to domestic violence authored by the Police Chief's Association.

Senator Roraback asked the staff to read back the list of additional requests made to them from the committee. Brad Towson read the following list:

- Write a letter to the U.S. Attorney's Office requesting all information the committee initially sought and information that sheds light on or clarifies information in the 302 report.
- Invite Senator DeLuca to appear before the committee on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- Staff should research whether there is a federal charge of conspiracy to threaten.
- Staff should provide copies of state resolutions in cases in which there has been some disciplinary action, not necessarily in which there was a felony, but particularly in cases in which the erosion of the public trust has occurred.
- Write a letter to the Office of State Ethics inquiring about the status of the complaint filed against Senator DeLuca.
- Ask the Waterbury Police Department if it has a policy on responding to domestic violence cases.
- Ask the Connecticut Police Chief's Association whether it has a model policy on domestic violence.
- Send a letter to Senate leaders requesting an extension of time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

Senator Roraback made a motion that Senator DeFronzo seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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Sandra Forte', Clerk