

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: MARCH 22, 2010**

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Nonna; Legislators: Myers, Ryan, Burton, A. Williams, Harckham, Maisano, Pinto, Rogowsky, Abinanti

IN ATTENDANCE:

LEGISLATORS: L. Williams **CE:** K. Delgado **LAW:** M. Nicolas-Brewster, S. Dolgin-Kmetz **BOL:** B. DeSoye, C. Giliberti, S. Kirkpatrick, P. Pepe, M. Montalto **Guests:** R. Buckley, A. Annunziata, J. McKinstry, K. Schatzel

MINUTES:

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Chairman Nonna asked the Law Department to draft a law to change the charter to number the pages of legislative bills.

The Committee briefly discussed the changes made to the Source of Income legislation which was signed out of Committee the previous week. The Oklahoma law, which was brought into question at the previous meeting, was briefly discussed. The Committee asked that the interpretation of the Oklahoma law be researched in terms of denying people housing based on their source of income because of race, color, or creed.

Legislator Rogowsky asked that the Committee find out if the Section 8 program is still frozen by the state.

Chairman Nonna stated that he will hold off the setting of the public hearing until the information has been obtained.

Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster went over the changes to the law requiring a Compensation Advisory Board which was requested by the Committee. The Committee agreed to leave the law the way it is, requiring the Board of Legislators to appoint a Compensation Advisory Board at the beginning of each new legislative term. A copy of the proposed changes are on file and available for review.

Legislator Ryan discussed his proposal, Westchester Renewed, which would create a commission of 31 members to review the Westchester County Charter and the current requirements for the make-up of the county government.

Legislators Burton and Harckham voiced their agreement for the need for a review of the charter and possible changes in the operations of the county government. Legislator Harckham asked for a financial impact of this Commission on the county. Legislator Ryan stated that two years ago the Michaelian Institute gave a ballpark figure of \$65,000 for them to run a Commission like this for one year.

Chairman Nonna asked the County Attorney's office for a legal opinion of the proposal of the Commission and asked for the various procedures the Board would have to go through in order to make such changes to the Charter. He also asked for a history of charter revision committees. Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz stated that the last revision commission was in 1986, and the report of the commission has been hard to locate.

Moved by Legislator Burton seconded by Legislator Myers the minutes of the February 16th and February 22nd, 2010 passed with a vote of 10-0.

Moved by Legislator Pinto seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Legislation adjourned at 3:04 p.m. with a vote of 10-0.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST

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