

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: November 19, 2007

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Pinto; Legislators: Myers, Jenkins, Oros, Ryan, Bronz, Rogowsky, Abinanti, Maisano

IN ATTENDANCE:

CE: B. Randolph; **CA:** M. Gleeson; **WCHRC:** D. Brathwaite, M. Bartlett, J. Levin, S. Siddiqui, S. Klein, J. Duckette; **BOL:** S. Bass, M. Amodio, B. DeSoye, R. Pezzullo, N. Rentz, M. Monlato, B. Dodds, J. Sold; **Guests:** P. Stone, B. Wallach, H. Bright, J. Garcia, S. Davenport

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

MINUTES

(Jenkins, Myers) Move to approve the minutes of September 10, 2007 and October 1, 2007. Motion approved 5-0.

EXPANSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Chairman Ryan discussed the proposal which he submitted for the agenda in March. He stated the goal is allow people who have a human rights complaint from Westchester's cities to have an option of coming to the County Commission. The legislation does not eliminate any of the local commissions.

Mr. Wallach and Mr. Stone of the White Plains Human Rights Commission support and welcome this legislation.

Ms. Garcia of the Yonkers Human Rights Commission is opposed to the legislation.

Legislators asked that language be included so an individual can not switch jurisdictions in the middle of an investigation.

Chairman Pinto asked the county attorney to research and draft legislation for the committee to sign out for the blue sheet at the next meeting. He

requested that it clearly be stated that once a person files a complaint they could not switch jurisdictions.

Chairman Pinto asked the county attorney also draft legislation to opt-in to the newly adopted state law which will allow for property tax exemptions for cold war veterans.

(Rogowsky, Abinanti) Move to adjourn the Committee on Legislation.
Motion passed 6-0.

Committee on Legislation adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST