

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION JOINT WITH
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
MINUTES: November 26, 2007**

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS: Chair: Pinto; Legislators: Myers, Jenkins, Oros, Ryan, Rogowsky, Abinanti, Burrows, Young

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MEMBERS: Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: LaMotte, Rogowsky, Myers, Ryan,

IN ATTENDANCE: **CE:** B. Randolph; **CA:** L. Trentacoste, M. Gleeson, L. Cipolli; **WCHRC:** J. Epps, M. Bartlett, S. Klein; **BOL:** S. Bass, M. Amodio, R. Pezzullo, N. Rentz, C. Crane; **Press:** L. Nikolski, (J.News), P. Casey (WP Times) **Guests:** A. Coschigano, C. Cunningham

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 12:48 p.m.

MINUTES

(Myers, Jenkins) Move to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007. Motion approved 7-0.

EXPANSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

(Abinanti, Young) move for all purposes to expand the jurisdiction of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission (WCHRC) to residents of Westchester that live in areas where there are local commissions.

Legislator Ryan discussed the benefits this legislation has to localities with Human Rights Commission that are under staffed and under funded.

There was a discussion of how much additional staff and funding may be necessary. They are likely looking at one or two additional staff people and expenses in the range of \$150-190 thousand dollars.

Legislators Jenkins stated that the City of Yonkers was fine with the amended legislation which will provide people with an option to choose a venue.

Chairman Ryan also mentioned the change of effective date to give the department six months to prepare for additional cases.

Motion approved 8-0

SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL SOLAR SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT

With a quorum present, the Committee on Environment and Energy was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

(Myers, Jenkins) move for the Committee on Legislation. (Rogowsky, LaMotte) move for the Committee on Environment and Energy for all purposes

Legislator Abinanti stated that the Committee on Environment and Energy had previously approved this act but they needed to have the law department address some technical issues to make sure the legislation complied with the strict requirements with state opt-in provisions.

Linda Trentacoste of the Law Department stated the only substantive change that was made was the addition of a sunset provision which expires December 30, 2009. Other changes were technical corrections. If it is passed tonight it will be able to take effect on March 1, 2008.

Motion approved by the Committee on Environment and Energy 5-0.
Motion approved by the Committee on Legislation 7-0.

(Burrows, Myers) move to adjourn the Committee on Legislation.
Motion approved 7-0.

(LaMotte, Rogowsky) move to adjourn the Committee on Environment and Energy. Motion approved 5-0.

The Committee on Environment and Energy and the Committee on Legislation adjourned at 1:19 P.M.

AUDIO TAPE RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST