

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: April 28, 2008

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Burton; Legislators: Harckham, Bronz, Jenkins, Nonna, Rogowsky, Myers, Oros

IN ATTENDANCE:

CE: K. Pasquale, B.Randolph; **PARKS:** D. McBride
BOL: V. Pinto, S. Bass, L. Goldstein, R. Pezzullo,
B. Desoye, K. Delgado, ; **GUESTS:** R. Malito, J. Kiernan, C. Stewart

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 9:22 A.M.

Minutes

(Harckham, Bronz) Move to approve the minutes of March 31, 2008 and April 14, 2008. Motion passed 6-0.

State Legislative Update

Karen Pasquale of the County Executives Office gave a progress report on the items in the State Legislative Package. Bob Malito and John Kiernan of Davidoff and Malito discussed the focus of the budget and what issues can possibly still be accomplished this session.

The administration is in negotiation with DEC regarding the consent order for BNR and it is not a bill that we have pushed for but that will be re-evaluated in the next few weeks.

The increase in the film tax credit was accomplished. There was barely an increase in transportation funds for Westchester and the restoration of the F.I.T. chargeback remains unchanged. Over the coming weeks the transportation funding issue will continue to be discussed with the Department of Transportation and the MTA. There was discussion about how to address some of these issues in the fall so they can get in the executive budget early.

Funding was increased for the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council (REMSCO) which was attained by Sen. Leibell. The welfare and child-welfare cost-shifts to the counties which were in the Executive budget were rejected and were brought back by the Assembly.

The State Legislative package items were reviewed and discussed which ones can still be targeted to pass this year.

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

Committee on Legislation adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST