

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
MINUTES JUNE 8, 2009**

<b>LEGISLATION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Burton; <b>Legislators:</b> Nonna, Rogowsky, Abinanti, Myers, Jenkins, Harckham, Maisano and Oros
<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>County Executive:</b> K. Pasquale, A. Beirne; <b>Board of Legislators Staff:</b> M. McGovern, K. O'Connor, K. Delgado, R. Pezzullo

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:41 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Legislator Myers made a motion, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009. Motion approved 6-0.

**OVERSIGHT DISCUSSION ON 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

Chairman Burton then invited Karen Pasquale, Senior Assistant to the County Executive, to discuss the progress of the items on the 2009 Westchester County Joint Legislative Program.

Ms. Pasquale indicated that the sales tax extender, sponsored by Latimer and Oppenheimer is on the agenda of both houses and should happen soon.

On the proposal to enhance law enforcement with respect to sex offenders, the County Executive is talking to the Attorney General's office to get some further involvement. Legislation has not been introduced yet and is not likely to get enacted during this session.

The surcharge for traffic violations had not been favorably received in Albany and probably would not be enacted during this session.

The legislation to permit not-for-profits to share in purchasing contracts had been introduced in the Senate by Stewart-Cousins and will be introduced in the Assembly by Hoyt.

The request to increase contributions by nuclear plant operators has been introduced in the Assembly and will be introduced in the Senate. The Governor already included an increase to \$1,000,000 from \$500,000 (shared with other counties) in the budget however this legislation would gradually increase the amount of covered costs and would bring the contribution closer to the County's actual costs.

The proposal to expedite movement of prisoners is not moving anywhere.

The reinstatement of the commuter tax did not happen; however increases from the MTA went into effect.

The surcharge for VoIP cell phones has been introduced by Brody and Foley and is expected to pass soon.

The proposal to impose points on licenses for using a cell phone while driving and for not wearing a seat belt has not gotten much traction although many counties are working on text messaging.

The bill to require licensing of electrical inspectors has been reintroduced in both houses with minor changes and is expected to pass.

The requested authorization to conduct a pilot program for electronic bond sales was introduced by Paulin and Klein. It has passed the Assembly and has had a second reading in the House and is expected to pass.

The proposal to create a substantial bond fund to finance water quality protection projects throughout the state is not being supported in the state legislature although the Governor's office appears receptive.

The proposal to call upon the New York PSC to take action to permit Westchester residents to have an optional smart meter to monitor and adjust the costs of their electric bills has been introduced by Galef.

The Board of Legislators and the County Executive just signed a letter in support of the boat safety certification legislation, introduced by Galef and Klein.

There is also some interest in passing legislation on summer day camps to expand the types of regulated camps.

The committee then discussed various other proposed legislation such as film industry tax credits, election bills and other items. The committee requested that the County Executive provide an update on the status of

the various election bills. The committee also briefly discussed the issue of lever voting machines.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Legislator Rogowsky made a motion, seconded by Legislator Maisano, to approve the appointments of Nicholas Vazzana to the Westchester County Transportation Board; of Maria Imperial to the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board and Carla Glassman to the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board.

Motion approved 7-0.

Legislator Maisano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Abinanti. Motion approved 7-0. The Committee adjourned at 2:28 pm.

**AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST**