COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: NOVEMBER 6, 2008

LEGISLATION
<u>MEMBERS:</u>   Chair: Burton; Legislators: Jenkins, Myers, Harckham, Oros, Bronz

IN ATTENDANCE: **CE:** B. Randolph; **CA:** M. Gleeson, L. Cipollo; **DOH:** J. Lipsman, F. Guido; **BOL:** M. Kaplowitz, S. Bass, R. Pezzullo, L. Goldstein, K. Delgado, J. Sold, M. Amodio; **GUESTS:** L. Jones, B. Mariani, J. Wright, M. Fleischut, B. Mitchell, K. Lundy, M. Lothrop, R. Duckstein, T. Bernard

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

CALORIE LABELING LAW

Chairman Burton stated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the comments which were made at the public hearing for Calorie Labeling Legislation. Mr. Burton turned the meeting over to Legislator Myers who originally introduced the measure. Representatives from the restaurant industry, advocates and the Department of Health were welcome to participate.

They discussed the issues which were raised at the hearing such as waiting for federal regulations, exempting drive through menu boards, costs to local franchises, placement, font sizes and color of signs, the inclusion of alcohol, posting per serving size, posting for short term promotional items, legal liability and potential class action law suits and revealing trade secrets.

Mr. Lundy stated he would provide a copy of his study on people's preference regarding the posting of calorie information.

From their experience in New York City, the restaurant industry expressed concern about not having specific regulations written into the legislation. Committee members explained that flexibility for rule making authority was given to the Department of Health to deal with any discrepancies that may come up.

Legislator Meyers stated she would not recommend any changes to the current legislation. There was consensus to move forward with a vote on the proposed measure at the next meeting of the County Board of Legislators.

(Myers, Jenkins) Move to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST