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Energy Committee Minutes

6.6.18

Vice Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Members present included Reps. Bentz, Smyk, Collins, and Postles.

Vice Chair Lynn introduced **SB 179, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE**. Vice Chair Lynn called upon Drew Slater, Public Advocate, to provide comments about the bill. Mr. Slater stated that this bill clarifies the Public Advocate's ability to hire attorneys and provide comments before state regulatory agencies on energy issues.

Vice Chair Lynn opened the floor up to public comments.

Matt Hartigan, the Deputy Director of the Public Service Commission (PSC), supported the bill because the Public Advocate plays a major role in PSC proceedings.

Vice Chair Lynn requested a motion. A motion was made by Rep. Collins and seconded by Rep. Postles to release SB 179; motion carried. Yes = 5 (Vice Chair Lynn, Reps. Bentz, Smyk, Collins, Postles), No = 0; Absent= 4 (Chair Paradee, Reps. Kowalko, Heffernan, Mulrooney). The bill was released from committee with an F= 0, M= 5, U= 0 vote.

Vice Chair Lynn introduced **SB 188 w/SA 1, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS VEHICLE CHARGING SERVICE**. He stated that this bill is intended to exempt providers of natural gas and electric vehicle charging services from regulation under the existing definition of a public utility.

Vice Chair Lynn opened the floor up to public comments.

Mr. Hartigan supported the bill because the current statute is not in line with the latest technology in electric vehicle charging. He said similar legislation has been implemented in 19 other states.

Vice Chair Lynn requested a motion. A motion was made by Rep. Collins and seconded by Rep. Postles to release SB 188 w/ SA 1; motion carried. Yes = 5 (Vice Chair Lynn, Reps. Bentz, Smyk, Collins, Postles), No = 0; Absent= 4 (Chair Paradee, Reps. Kowalko, Heffernan, Mulrooney). The bill was released from committee with an F= 0, M= 5, U= 0 vote.

Vice Chair Lynn introduced **SB 191 w/ SA 1, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING**.

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Vice Chair Lynn opened the floor up to public comments.

Mr. Hartigan supported the bill because Delmarva Power procures energy in a transparent process and the existing law causes rate payers undue expense. He said it costs about \$500,000 every 2 years to conduct this resource planning.

Rep. Smyk asked if there were any organizations opposed to the bill.

Mr. Hartigan replied that the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) did not support this bill during the Senate Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee Hearing as the resource planning contains information about environmental externalities that DNREC finds useful.

Vice Chair Lynn asked if there were any representatives from DNREC in the room to comment on the bill, however none were present.

Mr. Slater stated that DNREC could conduct this externality research on its own.

Vice Chair Lynn requested a motion. A motion was made by Rep. Bentz and seconded by Rep. Smyk to release SB 191 w/ SA 1; motion carried. Yes = 5 (Vice Chair Lynn, Reps. Bentz, Smyk, Collins, Postles), No = 0; Absent= 4 (Chair Paradee, Reps. Kowalko, Heffernan, Mulrooney). The bill was released from committee with an F= 0, M= 5, U= 0 vote.

Vice Chair Lynn adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Jacoby

In attendance:

1. Matt Hartigan- Public Service Commission