

TASK FORCE TO STUDY CONVERTING LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS FROM PAPER TO ELECTRONIC FORM

MEETING SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

Members Present: Senator Joseph Crisco, Jr., Chair; Beverley Henry, Chair
John Barry, Bree Berner, Brooks Campion, Anne Brennan Carroll, Anne
Foley, Mildred Torres-Ferguson, Tim Kehoe, Andrea Keilty, Art Mongillo, ,
Paula Pearlman, Paul Pimentel, Barbara Sladek and Kendall Wiggin

Members Absent: Paul Alderucci, Alfonso Robinson and Colleen Murphy

Others Present: Sandra Forte', John Harnick and Mary Kula

Senator Crisco called the meeting to order 3:45 P.M.

Senator Crisco asked about the deadline of the task force's charge. Anne Carroll indicated that the legislation creating the task force states that no later than December 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2011, whichever is later.

Senator Crisco announced that the task force would only have a meeting not a public hearing on December 14 at 2:00 P.M. Barbara Sladek suggested the task force meet before December 14. Mildred Torres-Ferguson thought it would be a good idea to have two meetings in December (December 1 and December 14). The Task Force members agreed with December 1. Senator Crisco said he would check and let us know. Senator Crisco also asked members to submit recommendations to Sandra Forte' before the next meeting.

Senator Crisco said the public hearing testimony went well today and the members should feel free to come with any recommendations, everything was on the table.

Anne Foley requested to see the complete list of daily documents including how much they cost and how many are printed per day. Senator Crisco indicated the members would receive everything the chairs received. Kendall Wiggin asked if the cost included staff time cost or printing and publication cost.

John Harnick said the printing is done outside not in house, just vendor cost. Kendall Wiggin stated there are other costs associated with the transcripts. John said the cost for transcripts is in the transcribing of the hearing itself and everything is transmitted to the printer electronically.

Tim Kehoe said the daily documents are online. The record index is printed and on disk. The permanent journal is on a disk. By statute every library in the state is suppose to get a copy of the record index. Kendall Wiggin said the CT Library Association would do a survey to see if all the librarys needed the record index. Tim Kehoe stated as a committee we are looking at cutting the numbers to be printed which would require a statute change, that we can look into getting changed.

Paul Pimentel indicated that we need to change the format, content, the method and charges for distribution, that's where we will get some of our biggest numbers. John said he would get that information with examples. Cutting down the daily order of bulletins from 900 to 400 gets us very little savings. John Harnick said he would get back to us with information and samples.

Senator Crisco said the next meeting would be December 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.