

**MINUTES
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 29, 2011**

Attendance:

Maria Gonzalez
Heather Apicella
Ronald Bornstein
Susan Savard
Hon. Elizabeth Adams
Patricia Alexander
Hon. Barbara Beilly
Steven Berzner
Joseph R. Boyd
Caryn Green
Amy Hickman
David Hirschberg
Luis Insignares

Hon. Norberto Katz
Patricia Kuendig
David Riggs
Kimberly Enright
Christopher Rumbold
Scott Rubin
Robin Scher
Robyn Vines
Adam Zborowski
Frank Zilaitis

Excused Absence:

Hon. Robert Jones
Shannon Novey
Monica Pigna
Jeff Weissman
Robert Kohlman
Robert Merlin
Amy Hamlin
Matthew Capstraw
Jodi Seitlin
Ben Hodas
Thomas Duggar

Guests:

Edgar
Nelson

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to Order by Maria Gonzalez at 12:05 p.m. Thomas Duggar is at the Academy seminar. Both Nelson and Edgar were present for the meeting to report on status. The AAML Institute is today and many members of this committee have requested an excused absence from today's meeting as they are attending the seminar.

II. UPDATE OF SECTION BILLS AND THE ALIMONY BILL:

Update from Edgar and Nelson. The legislative session closes next Friday – there has been some movement on the alimony bill. Everything has recently changed.

The alimony bill has been up on 2nd reading. It was to go to 3rd reading and then to the senate today. The bill was not rolled over.

The Section bills, Keeping children safe and UIFSA, are being held in house. Were to be heard and sent – just heard.

The alimony bill is held up in senate – after it went through the judiciary committee, it went to Sen. Storm's children & family committee. That committee is not meeting anymore. Unless the chair withdraws and lets the senate to pick it up, the bill stays there. Sen. Storms can sign withdrawal card to take it out of her committee, but she is reluctant.

That development has nothing to do with us. Our bills, UIFSA and Keeping Children Safe, are directly effected as a result. There is not much we can do. Maria offers to do whatever is required to make it happen.

Nelson and Edgar ask if the Section is opposed to the alimony bill being appended to the Keeping Children's Safe bill –

Maria asked how that would affect Keeping Children Safe? Nelson and Edgar responded that the single subject rules may be violated, among other things.

This decision will need to be an Executive Committee determination. The Legislation Committee does not have the authority to make this decision. Nelson advised that they only have a few hours left or it is too late.

Scott Rubin – The Executive Committee must respond to this issue – we don't have the authority to direct Nelson.

Chair Kirigin is currently in a hearing, but indicated that if something did develop, she will make herself available for an Executive Committee vote.

The alimony bill currently is same language it has been for the approx the last month. It is a fairly short bill.

Last telephonic meeting will be next week. We may not be able to report much as it is the last day of session.

III. MEETING ADJOURNED:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.

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