

VETERANS & SENIORS COMMITTEE

of the

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Veterans & Seniors Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislative Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on December 15, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator John M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman
Legislator Cameron Alden
Legislator Elie Mystal

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Legislator Daniel P. Losquadro, Vice•Chairman
Legislator Jon Cooper

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mea Knapp, Counsel to the Legislature
Ilona Julius, Deputy Clerk
Debra Weiner, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Holly Rhodes•Teague, Office of the Aging
Nanette Essel, PO Aide
Fran Siems, PO Aide

Kevin LaValle, Aide to Leg. Losquadro

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Kraus • Court Stenographer

(THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 1:58 PM)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. I'd like to call the Veterans and Seniors Committee to order and I'm going to ask Legislator Alden to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Salutation)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Thank you. The last meeting of the year for Vets and Seniors. I would just like to say to my colleagues thank you very much. It's been a pleasure to go ahead and serve with you.

LEG. ALDEN:

You've done a great job.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Well, you know, I'll tell you. It's been a tough mission but, you know, I was glad to have the opportunity as a freshman Legislator to be able to rise to

the occasion.

LEG. ALDEN:

And you did.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

With your guidance. Thank you.

LEG. BISHOP:

You guys did a lot of major legislation?

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Absolutely. It was a vibrant and innovative year. Thank you, Legislator Bishop.

Looking at the agenda, we have no introductory resolutions. We have no tabled •• Sense resolutions. We do have one Introductory Sense Resolution before us. That's **Sense 84•2005, a memorializing resolution in support of New York State legislation to freeze school taxes for seniors over age 70.**

LEG. ALDEN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Motion to approve. I'll second that motion. All those in favor? Opposed? The motion carries. (**VOTE: 3/0/0/2 Not Present: Legislators Losquadro and Cooper**).

Is there anybody out there? Is there any other business to come before the committee?

LEG. BISHOP:

I've learned a lot here today as a visitor.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Hearing none •• thank you, Legislator Bishop. It was our great privilege to have you.

LEG. ALDEN:

You can take that with you into life, Dave.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

That's it.

LEG. BISHOP:

My final committee meeting. It was five minutes.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

All right. The committee is closed. Thank you very much. Have a great holiday everybody.

(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2:00 PM)