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SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE

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GENERAL MEETING ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Public Portion There were 45 individuals who signed up to speak during the public portion at the beginning of the meeting.

HOT TOPICS

1. **Hate Crimes Task Force** (Gregory -IR 2227) **Approved Unanimously**
2. **Requiring chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus** (D'Amaro-IR 2234) **Approved 17-1**
3. **Banning the use of artificial trans fats in food establishments** (D'Amaro-IR 2235) **Approved Unanimously**
4. **Fixing the implementation of evening hours at DSS centers** (IR 1019) **Approved 14- 4**
5. **Reducing the use of fertilizer near surface waters** (IR 1894) **Approved 16-1-1**

Other Votes of Interest:

	IR 2251 Confirming appointment of Co. Commissioner of Consumer Affairs (Denis J. McElligott) Tabled 18-0-0-0
	IR 1023 To amend the user fee schedule for Suffolk County Parks. (Viloria-Fisher) Approved 12-6-0-0
	IR 2093 to protect Suffolk Residents by permitting the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles engaged in unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle. (Co. Exec.) Approved 18-0-0-0
Public Hearings	<p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1749-08 – A Charter Law to cap County fee increases. (Schneiderman) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1750-08 – A Local Law to increase and improve gasoline price notification to consumers. (Losquadro) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1886-08 – A Local Law to enact a grading policy for food establishments. (Losquadro) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1895-08 – A Charter Law to establish a Truth and Honesty Zone for clean campaign practices in Suffolk County by banning improper fundraising. (Alden) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1976-08 – A Charter Law to reform and reconstitute a professional independent Suffolk Co. Ethics Commission. (Montano) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 2025-08 – A Local Law to promote accurate cost estimates for Capital Projects. (D’Amaro) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 2165-08 – A Local Law to ensure the safe transfer of fuel to boats and watercraft. (Romaine) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 2207-08 – A Charter Law to prevent double taxation for Police services in certain Towns and Villages. (Romaine) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 2248-08 – A Local Law to promote corporate sponsorship or sale of naming rights of suitable Co. Facilities, Parks or Roads. (D’Amaro) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1000 – A Charter Law to enhance budgeting flexibility and responsiveness. (Schneiderman) was <u>Closed</u>. The bill will now go before the Legislature’s <i>Budget & Finance Committee</i></p> <p>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1017 – A Local Law establishing the Toxin Free Toddlers and Babies Act. (Stern) was <u>recessed</u>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s March 3rd General Meeting.</p>

All vote counts are subject to Legislative Clerk Confirmation.

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