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The Honorable John J. Flanagan
Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Flanagan:

I am pleased to present you with the New York State Senate Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee's 2017 Legislative Session Report. As Chair of the Committee, it has been my pleasure to work with my colleagues to advance and enact legislation that positively impacts municipalities, state and local agencies, state authorities and commissions, and private entities across New York.

The Report details the Committee's activity from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. In 2017, 141 bills were assigned to the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee, 54 bills were reported from the Committee, and 12 of the bills reported became law.

I would like to thank each member of the Senate Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee, and in particular, Ranking Minority Member Senator Bill Perkins, for their hard work, insight, and dedication to this Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to Chair this Committee, and assure you that the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee will continue the Senate's efforts to make New York an even better place to work and live. I am pleased with the Committee's work in 2017 and look forward to even greater success in 2018.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Ranzenhofner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MICHAEL H. RANZENHOFER
State Senator - 61st District



**New York State Senate
Standing Committee on
Corporations, Authorities and Commission**

2017 Legislative Session Report

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INTRODUCTION

This is a report by the New York State Senate Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The Committee considers legislation, provides legislative oversight, and holds public hearings concerning both for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, limited liability entities, public agencies, public authorities and public commissions. There are many public authorities in New York State ranging from large agencies, such as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, to small local authorities. These authorities and public entities are charged with building and managing public infrastructure as well as encouraging private development. Business entities affected by legislation considered by the Committee include for-profit corporations, not-for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships. The Committee considers legislation affecting commissions, which are agencies created with specific regulatory or investigative powers. Finally, the Committee considers nominations advanced by the Governor for leadership positions in New York State Corporations, Agencies, Authorities and Commissions.

CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES IN 2017

January 31, 2017

March 1, 2017

March 14, 2017

March 28, 2017

May 2, 2017

May 23, 2017

June 6, 2017

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON BILLS

Bills referred to Committee in 2017	141
Bills reported from Committee	54
Bills that passed Senate only	31
Bills that advanced to Third Reading	3
Committed to Committee of Second Reference	3
Bills that became Law	12
Bills Vetoed	4

BILLS IN COMMITTEE

STATUS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

- Passed Both Houses and Chaptered -

- **S.130B - SQUADRON**
Relates to the appointment of members of the battery park city authority
Chapter 473
- **S.4046 - LAVALLE**
Relates to the administration of the regional revolving loan fund program
Chapter 474
- **S.4346- VALESKY**
Relates to exempting the real property of a land bank from certain sewer rent and user charges imposed by the state of New York and by any of its political subdivisions
Chapter 349
- **S.4358 - LAVALLE**
Authorizes the provision of financing by the dormitory authority to the Port Jefferson free library
Chapter 41
- **S.5183 - RANZENHOFER**
Makes certain provisions permanent relating to filing financial reports by certain registered charitable organizations
Chapter 78
- **S.5924 - RANZENHOFER**
Relates to financing of certain stand-alone clinical facilities by the dormitory authority
Chapter 299
- **S.5351 - AMEDORE**
Relates to extending the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to the special powers of the New York state environmental facilities
Chapter 137
- **S.5760 - BRESLIN**
Authorizes the provision of financing by the dormitory authority to the Bethlehem public library
Chapter 318

- **S.5902 - HELMING**
Removes restrictions in the clean water infrastructure act of 2017 that emergency financial assistance will not be available under section 1285-t of the public authorities law
Chapter 30
- **S.6317 - HANNON**
Relates to the septic system replacement fund
Chapter 363
- **S.6396 - RANZENHOFER**
Relates to reacquisition of a lot, plot, or part thereof owned by a nonsectarian burial society or by a cemetery corporation
Chapter 442
- **S.6521- HAMILTON**
Relates to permitting the Green-Wood cemetery to file a certificate of incorporation
Chapter 304

- Passed Both Houses and Vetoed -

- **S.1120- FUNKE**
Provides small businesses with grants to commercialize energy and environmental technology innovations in-state
Veto 178
- **S.5451- LANZA**
Relates to interviews of any officer or employee of the port authority or its subsidiaries
Veto 225
- **S.5600- DEFRANCISCO**
Requires public authorities to negotiate with most qualified architectural and engineering professional firms before negotiating with other firms
Veto 228
- **S.6536- ORTT**
Relates to the creation of the strategic investment in workforce development program
Veto 215

-Passed Senate Only-

- **S.54 - HOYLMAN**
Requires organizations that receive funds for capital improvements use such funds for the purchase of energy star equipment and appliances where available
Passed Senate on 6/15/17
- **S.229 - GOLDEN**
Relates to exempting the metropolitan transportation authority from bond issuance charges
Passed Senate on 6/05/17
- **S.813 - GOLDEN**
Relates to contracts by the New York city school construction authority
Passed Senate on 6/07/17
- **S.1897 - YOUNG**
Increases from 20 to 25, the number of land banks that are authorized statewide
Passed Senate on 2/28/17
- **S.2523- RANZENHOFER**
Repeals chapters relating to Port Authority; Constitutes chapter 28 of the consolidated laws as the interstate authorities law
Passed Senate on 2/13/17
- **S.2592- LANZA**
Relates to appointments to the water board of the city of New York
Passed Senate on 3/06/17
- **S.2604 - LANZA**
Authorizes certain organizations in N.Y. city to be known as "fire patrols" under the not-for-profit corporation law
Passed Senate on 6/19/17
- **S.2615 - LANZA**
Provides for the financing of emergency room facilities in two hospitals in each borough by the New York city health and hospitals corporation
Passed Senate on 2/13/17
- **S.2894 - RANZENHOFER**
Clarifies that state regulated cemetery operations are under the sole jurisdiction of the state cemetery board
Passed Senate on 6/12/17

- **S.2935 – GALLIVAN**
 Authorizes sale or mortgage of certain real property of religious corporation without leave of supreme court
Passed Senate on 6/20/17
- **S.3016 - RITCHIE**
 Authorizes the North Country Alliance Local Development Corporation to utilize interest derived from such entity's trust fund to cover administrative costs
Passed Senate on 5/23/17
- **S.3022 - RITCHIE**
 Makes provision for construction and financing of facilities for the New York state library association
Passed Senate on 6/07/17
- **S.3143 - RANZENHOFER**
 Relates to exempting the Rochester-Genesee regional transportation authority (RGRTA) from bond issuance charges
Passed Senate on 6/07/17
- **S.3145 - RANZENHOFER**
 Relates to exempting the Niagara frontier transit authority (NFTA) from bond issuance charges
Passed Senate on 6/07/17
- **S.3308 - LANZA**
 Provides for the continuation of express bus service to the south shore of Staten Island
Passed Senate on 6/07/17
- **S.3379 - GRIFFO**
 Prohibits authorities from imposing additional charges for delivering payment through non-electronic means
Passed Senate on 4/26/17
- **S.3506 - DEFRANCISCO**
 Relates to exempting the central New York regional transportation authority (CNYRTA) from bond issuance charges
Passed Senate on 6/13/17
- **S.3543 - LANZA**
 Authorizes the New York city water board to grant a 10 percent discount on New York city water bills to senior citizens and veterans
Passed Senate on 6/12/17

- **S.4091- SANDERS**
 Amends the membership of the New York city water board to include the five borough presidents
Passed Senate on 6/19/17
- **S.4280 - RANZENHOFER**
 Prohibits the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature
Passed Senate on 5/19/17
- **S.4490- HAMILTON**
 Enacts the "New York microgrids act"
Passed Senate on 6/015/17
- **S.5204 - HAMILTON**
 Authorizes cities having a population of one million or more to establish land banks
Passed Senate on 6/20/17
- **S.5265- GOLDEN**
 Relates to the powers of subsidiaries of the Educational Housing Services, Inc.
Passed Senate on 6/19/17
- **S.5303 - RITCHIE**
 Relates to the powers and duties of the dormitory authority of the State of New York
Passed Senate on 6/19/17
- **S.5374 – RANZENHOFER**
 Relates to the small business revolving loan fund
Passed Senate on 6/13/17
- **S.5460 - PARKER**
 Provides that municipal housing authorities in N.Y. city shall be subject to the review and regulation of the authorities budget office
Passed Senate on 6/19/17
- **S.5642- CROCI**
 Relates to establishing a certified service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprise development and lending program
Passed Senate on 6/14/17
- **S.5984- CROCI**
 Relates to funeral entities and the operation of any crematory or crematorium
Passed Senate on 6/19/17

- **S.6305- LANZA**
Relates to collective employment negotiations, notice of the issuance of debt and capital plans and projects of the port authority of New York and New Jersey
Passed Senate on 6/15/17
- **S.6437- PHILLIPS**
Repeals section 1678-a of the public authorities law, relating to the New York state design and construction corporation act
Passed Senate on 6/21/17
- **S.6506- RANZENHOFER**
Relates to shareholder meetings
Passed Senate on 6/15/17

-Remained on Third Reading-

- **S.3990 - RANZENHOFER**
Relates to the approval of certain public authorities contracts by the state comptroller
Advanced to Third Reading
- **S.4291 - FUNKE**
Permits doctors of chiropractic to form limited liability companies
Advanced to Third Reading
- **S.4389 – GRIFFO**
Prohibits the transmission of unsolicited advertising text messages to cellular telephones or pagers
Advanced to Third Reading

-Committed to Committee of Secondary Reference-

- **S.458 - YOUNG**

Authorizes the purchase of rehabilitation mortgages by the state of New York mortgage agency

Committed to Finance

- **S.1739 - YOUNG**

Subject to an appropriation for the 2018-19 state fiscal year, provides that farmers shall receive an exemption from tolls when transporting products to the city of New York for consumption in such city

Committed to Finance

- **S.3710 - RANZENHOFER**

Relates to cargo facility charges by the Port Authority

Committed to Finance

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Future Hiring Practices of the Port of New York & New Jersey



From left Senators Alcantara, Squadron, Ranzenhofer

On June 6th, 2017 the Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions addressed the hiring procedures of the port as well as Senate Bill S.3312 sponsored by Senator Lanza, which sought to amend the Waterfront Commission Act, relating to empowering the Waterfront Commission to accept applications in the longshoremen's register.

The Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions decided to hold the hearing to address Senate Bill S.3312 as well as to facilitate dialogue between the industry stakeholders and the Waterfront Commission on the port hiring practices and procedures. Three panels of speakers appeared before the committee to explain their roles and express their contributions and ongoing concerns with the port. It was useful to the Committee to hear multiple views on this issue and gain more knowledge on specific concerns during the questions and comment portion of the hearing.

Public Hearing Participants:

- **Metropolitan Marine Maintenance Contractors Association**
James Mara – Chairman of the Board and President
- **Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC**
Robert Bishop
- **Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey**
Edward Kelly - Executive Director
- **New Jersey Retail Merchants Association**
John Holub – President
- **Retail Council of New York State**
Ted Potrikus – President and CEO
- **Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**
Ronald Goldstock – New York Commissioner
- **Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**
Walter Arsenault – Executive Director
- **Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**
Phoebe Sorial – General Counsel
- **Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**
Jeffrey R. Schoen – Director of Port Operations and THEIC
- **New York County District Attorney’s Office**
Brian Foley
- **Stewart Consulting LLC**
Robert Stewart
- **New York Shipping Association, Inc.**
John Nardi – President
- **New York Shipping Association Inc.**
Susan Winfree-Vice President Workforce Development & Corporate Diversity Officer
- **New York Shipping Association Inc.**
James Cobb, Jr. – Director of Governmental Affairs

NOMINATIONS

The following nominations were transmitted from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to the New York State Senate and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commission during the 2017 Legislative Session. The Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee recommended that the nominations of these three individuals be confirmed by the Senate.

June 19, 2017 – Jeffrey H. Perlman, as the Director of the Authorities Budget Office.

June 20, 2017 – Kenneth G. Adams, as Director and Chairman of the State of New York Mortgage Agency.

June 20, 2017 – Christine Ferer, as Director and Member of the New York Convention Center Operating Corporation.