

Resolution to Promote Collective Bargaining - AR-145 -

Favorably Released from Committee

Resolution AR-145, sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Giblin (D-34), Linda Stender (D-22), and Wayne DeAngelo (D-14), was released from the Assembly State Government Committee on March 7, 2011, by a vote of 3-0-2. The Resolution advocates for the Christie Administration to immediately begin good faith collective bargaining contract negotiations with state employee unions.

Assemblyman Gary Schaer (D-36), John Burzichelli (D-03), and Linda Stender (D-22), all voted Yes, while DiAnne Gove (R-09) and Caroline Casagrande (R-12) Abstained, without any No votes.

Senators Bob Smith (D-17) and Jim Whelan (D-02) also introduced to the Senate an identical resolution, SR-108. With both resolutions in each house of the legislature a great effort is being demonstrated by elected officials in sending the message to Governor Christie to respect the collective bargaining process in order to achieve the best terms and conditions of employment for public workers, including health care benefits, so that fair contracts can be agreed to by all parties involved.