



## ***State & Commerce Committee - Board of Representatives***

Brien Buckman, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Buckman and Committee Member Rep. Pratt. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Heaphy, Quinones, Summerville and Watkins. Also present were Rep. Fountain; Rep. and State Rep. Adams; State Senators Carlo Leone and Scott Frantz; State Reps. Dan Fox and Caroline Simmons; Marc Kurzman, Carmody & Torrance LLP; Patricia Squires and Edward Browne, SEMS; Kerry Hunt and William Hunt.

Chair Buckman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. SC29.013	REVIEW; 2014 Accomplishments and Proposed 2015 General Assembly Legislative Initiatives with Stamford state senators and representatives. (01/14/15) 06/24/14 – Submitted by Rep. Heaphy 08/11/14 – Held at Steering 09/08/14 – Held at Steering 10/14/14 – Placed on Pending Agenda	Report Made

The members of the State delegation reviewed with the Committee the highlights of the 2014 legislative session, including: legislation and studies regarding: benefit corporations; mortgage foreclosure; credit union open access veteran training applicability; port authority; the regionalization of services and the PILOT program. The delegation then reviewed their priorities for the 2015 legislative session including: promoting small business development; a job extension tax credit; transportation infrastructure; municipal issues such as requiring posting of public notices in newspapers, the storage of possessions upon eviction, barber and hairdressing license access. In response to points raised by the Committee, the delegation discussed: Taxicab and Livery Service

Operations; eliminating the city-owned nursing facility fee and hospital tax; a local sales tax of 0.5%; enablement legislation for a pilot community wellness visiting program for EMS paramedics; the need for hiring compliance and monitoring of companies that get State economic incentives; establishment of a hotel tax with revenue back to the City; increasing the clawback years for companies receiving tax abatements; increasing ECS funding for schools or State pick-up of a larger percentage of special ed costs.

Chair Buckman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).