

MAY 4, 2006

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR REYNOLDS.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 5M-14 (2006)
COUNCILMAN DAVIS: Johnnie B. Wiley Sports Pavilion
(3-0)
 - b. COMM. 6E-1 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Copy of Memo to Comptroller Re: New York State Thruway Litigation
(3-0)
 - c. COMM. 6D-5 (2006)
DISS: Erie County 24 Hour Vehicle Report
(3-0)
 - d. INTRO 7-8 (2006)
SMITH: Opposition to Mayoral Election in New Orleans, LA
(3-0)
 - e. INTRO 7-14 (2006)
MARINELLI ET AL: Special Election in the 142nd Assembly District
(3-0)
 - f. COMM. 7E-10 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Official Response by BOE Commissioner to BOE Audit
(3-0)
 - g. COMM. 7M-2 (2006)
CITY OF BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL: Amendment of Parks Agreement for Transfer of Johnnie B. Wiley Sports Pavilion
(3-0)
2. COMM. 7E-14 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, personnel changes in the Central Police Services Training Academy are needed in the organizational structure to improve the delivery of services to the law enforcement community, and

WHEREAS, personnel changes in the Central Police Services Training Academy are needed to accommodate the additional training needed due to the partnership with ECC and the Pre-Employment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an additional four part-time training instructor positions are established in the 2006 budget of the Department of Central Police Services (B100 #1941), Fund 110, Department 650, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the County Comptroller and the Commissioner of Central Police Services.
(3-0)

3. INTRO 8-2 (2006) **AS AMENDED**
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WHEREAS, universal access to affordable quality telephone service and consumer protection have been longstanding objectives of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a report (entitled "COMP III") to change the telecommunication landscape for decades to come and yet did so with virtually no public input from local and state officials; and

WHEREAS, the PSC plans to raise the price of basic phone service, and

WHEREAS, the PSC plans through "pricing flexibility" to allow major price increases for all New York consumers; and

WHEREAS, the PSC plans to further weaken service quality requirements, and

WHEREAS, the PSC plans to eliminate consumer protections as well as the penalties on companies that violate traditional service quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the PSC's plans to lift consumer protections and price caps will hurt New York consumers, especially rural, low-income urban, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the PSC has not adequately studied the impact of their proceedings on New York's most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Assembly bill 9807/Senate bill 6787 would halt the PSC proceedings until a comprehensive study is done to determine the impact on New York consumers of lifting price caps and protections; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is committed to ensuring affordable, quality telecommunication services for all of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the passage of NYS Assembly bill 9807/Senate bill 6787 and calls on the Public Service Commission to immediately halt their proceedings that stand to hurt New Yorkers until an adequate study can be done of the potential impact of those proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Western Delegation to the NYS Legislature and Governor George Pataki.
(3-0)

GEORGE A. HOLT
CHAIRMAN