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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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RE: Foil Requests of December 19, 2001

Dear Ms. Sassower:

I am in receipt of your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law setting forth 16 separate requests for information. The Public Officers Law provides for access to records maintained by governmental entities. The Temporary President's Rules and Regulations relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records defines the records available from the Committee which are available under this law. Those records include transcripts or minutes of meetings or hearings, attendance records, and voting records. A number of your requests call for statistical compilations, characterizations of records or procedures, questions as to the procedures followed by the Committee, actions taken in the past, and subjective evaluations of information. Clearly, these requests are for information which are not "records" subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law.

I will go through the materials requested, to see what records are available for copying. I will then advise you of the number of pages of such records and cost for providing copies. It is my hope to have this work completed within ten business days of the date of this letter.

I also acknowledge receipt of your separate request relating to the Bellacosa nomination, and will advise you within ten business days what records are available.

Very truly yours,

Susan I. Zimmer