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THE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Alerts and News from the Hill

Foreclosure: The Business and Labor Interim Committee discussed foreclosure last Wednesday. Representative Litvack provided statistics about the rising foreclosure rate and the affect on renters (as many as 40% of the families facing foreclosure are renters). Representative Harper brought a draft of a bill that provides protections to renters. The bill closely follows a bill signed into law by President Obama on May 20: The Protecting Families at Foreclosure Act. It allows tenants stay in their homes for a minimum of 90 days past foreclosure if they continue to pay rent and follow other terms of the lease. Rep. Harper's draft also gives a heads up to tenants before the foreclosure process is over. The presentation fielded a lot of questions and concern, most of which Rep. Harper was able to assuage. There may be some work to do to get more legislators on board with this bill.

Social Security Offset: The Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Committee discussed the sunseting unemployment insurance offset. Basically, people who collect social security and receive unemployment insurance receive a 50% lower amount for their unemployment. This 50% offset was scheduled to expire so that there would be upto a 100% loss to unemployment insurance receiptent benefits. Senator Mayne and others were able to persuade the committee not to let the 50% offset expire.

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