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As discussed minutes ago with Catherine, I believe --

The below is self-explanatory. Additionally attached is Legislative Law 54 – so that Senator Latimer – who is my Senator -- can rise up, with Senator Krueger, to protest its flagrant misrepresentation by Senator DeFrancisco on the floor of the Senate yesterday – so detrimental to the public's rights.

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TO: Richard Berkley, Chief of Staff to Senator Parker

Following up my conversation, moments ago, with the Senator's assistant, Tanya Yarde, below is the e-mail I sent to Senator Krueger an hour ago.

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Also annexed, pertinent pages of the reports of the 2009 Temporary Senate Committee on Rules & Administration Reform of which Senator Parker was a member.

Please see that the Senator gets these immediately so that he can follow up, appropriately on the floor of the Senate today.

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