

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
1:00 p.m. or upon adjournment  
E1.004 (Auditorium)

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in the E1.004 (Auditorium).

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator John Carona, Chair  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
Senator Craig Estes  
Senator Mike Jackson  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte  
Senator Kirk Watson

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Chris Harris, Vice Chair  
Senator John Whitmire

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m., the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1630 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1748 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Gallegos to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

A quorum was established at 1:54 p.m.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1748 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1353 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

At 1:55 p.m. Senator Jackson assumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson moved that SB 1353 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1450 and recognized Senator Van de Putte, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:45 p.m. Senator Carona resumed the chair.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1450 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1099 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1099 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1399 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1399 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1400 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1400 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1075 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1075 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1275 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1275 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:45 p.m. Senator Eltife assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1001 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1001 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1598 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1598 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1509 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1509 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1373 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1373 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1372 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1372 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1244 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1244 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1171 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1171 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1170 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1170 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1169 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1169 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1168 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1168 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 734 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 734 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:28 p.m. Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:28 p.m. Senator Carona moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator John Carona, Chair

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Kimberly Selinger, Clerk