

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1862 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis 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 1862 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1846 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1846 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1217 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 1217 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1567 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., 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 1567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1281 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up Committee Amendment 1.

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 1281 and Amendment 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1655 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Public testimony was left open.

Senator Carona moved that SB 1655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:19 AM Senator Harris assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1810 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 Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Harris moved that SB 1810 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 943 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 Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Harris moved that SB 943 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 924 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 Harris moved that SB 924 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 898 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 Harris moved that SB 898 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1434 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 Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Harris moved that SB 1434 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:51 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

At 9:51 AM Senator Carona moved that the committee stand at ease temporarily. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:03 AM Senator Carona reconvened the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce; there being a quorum present the following business was transacted:

The chair called up SB 1281. Senator Watson moved adoption of Amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson moved that SB 1281 do not pass but that CSSB 1281 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr., submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1281.

Senator Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up SB 1217. Senator Estes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1217 do not pass but that CSSB 1217 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr., submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1217.

Senator Estes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up SB 1846. Senator Van de Putte moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 1846 do not pass but that CSSB 1846 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr., submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1846.

Senator Van de Putte moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up SB 1748.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1748 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present

not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr., submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1748.

The chair called up SB 1000.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1000 do not pass but that CSSB 1000 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Eltife moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:12 AM Senator Carona moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Carona, Chair

Kimberly Selinger, Clerk