

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1126 and moved that SB 1126 be left pending and laid out HB 3453 in lieu of SB 1126 and recognized the senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

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.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 3453, Senator Carona moved that HB 3453 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1127 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on SB 1127, Senator Carona moved that SB 1127 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2619 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2619, Senator Carona moved that HB 2619 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2382 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2382, Senator Carona moved that HB 2382 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1456 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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 HB 1456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 175 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 175 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 213 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 213 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2295 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2295, Senator Carona moved that HB 2295 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3116 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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 HB 3116, as amended, be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1837 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on SB 1837, Senator Carona moved that SB 1837 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:54 a.m. Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 272 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

At 8:03 a.m. Senator Harris 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 Carona moved that HB 272 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:24 a.m. Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1242 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Harris 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 HB 1242 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1355 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 1355 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2604 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

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

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2604, Senator Carona moved that HB 2604 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3573 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3573 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3329 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 3329, Senator Carona moved that HB 3329 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:46 a.m. Senator Jackson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1580 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 1580, Senator Carona moved that HB 1580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1959 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 1959, Senator Carona moved that HB 1959 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2029 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Carona moved that HB 2029 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:02 a.m. Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2707 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2707, Senator Carona moved that HB 2707 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:05 a.m. Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2103 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Carona moved that HB 2103 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2490 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Carona moved that HB 2490 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2655 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2655, Senator Carona moved that HB 2655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2982 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

There being no one present wishing to provide oral testimony for, on, or against on HB 2982, Senator Carona moved that HB 2982 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3595 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Carona moved that HB 3595 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:30 a.m. Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:31 a.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