

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, May 18, 2011
1:00 PM or upon adjournment
Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Jackson, Chair
Senator Troy Fraser, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Chris Harris
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:46 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1234 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, 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 Jackson moved that HB 1234 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1033 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened. No testimony was taken. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson moved that HB 1033 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2729 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Senator Watson sent up Committee Amendment 2.

Public testimony was opened. No testimony was taken. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson moved that HB 2729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1315 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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. Senator Jackson 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 Eltife moved that HB 1315 do not pass but that CSHB 1315 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2784 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson 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 Watson moved that HB 2784 do not pass but that CSHB 2784 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out HB 14 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, 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 HB 14 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2902 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, 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 Jackson moved that HB 2902 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1839 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Public testimony was opened. No testimony was taken. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that HB 1839 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3275 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Senator Jackson sent up Committee Amendment 2.

Public testimony was opened. No testimony was taken. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson moved that HB 3275 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Jackson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Mike Jackson, Chair

Colby Karhan, Clerk