

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair
Senator Dan Patrick, Vice Chair
Senator John Carona
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Steve Ogden
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Pursuant to the suspension of Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18 during the Senate session of March 7th, 2011, the chair considered the following bill, SB 3.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 8:04 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 872 and recognized the author, Senator Shapiro, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 8:45 AM Senator Gallegos, Jr. assumed the chair.

At 9:03 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

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

Senator Patrick moved that SB 872 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 3 and recognized the author, Senator Shapiro, to explain the bill. Senator Shapiro sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Shapiro to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Shapiro sent up Committee Amendment 1 to the proposed substitute and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Shapiro requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:19 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 443 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

At 9:47 AM Senator West assumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 3 and SB 443 are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair left the bills pending.

At 11:11 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair. Senator Shapiro moved that the committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after the adjournment of the Senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Shapiro reconvened the meeting at 12:46 PM.

The chair laid out SB 35 and recognized Senator Patrick, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Patrick 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 Shapiro moved that SB 35 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 764 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, 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 Patrick moved that SB 764 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Patrick moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 778 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, 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 Shapiro moved that SB 778 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:27 PM Senator West assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair resumed public testimony on SB 3 and SB 443. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 2:34 PM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

At 2:56 PM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

At 3:09 PM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

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

The chair left the bills pending.

Senators Carona and Gallegos, Jr. requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 764; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:47 PM Senator Van de Putte moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair

Holly Mabry, Clerk