

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, March 31, 2011

8:30 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 Thursday, March 31, 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

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The following business was transacted:

At 8:31 AM Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1483 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. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 8:54 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

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

The bill was left pending.

At 9:07 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 226 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson 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.

At 9:12 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

At 9:16 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

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

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 226 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1042 and recognized the author, 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 Shapiro moved that SB 1042 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:29 AM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1484 and recognized the author, Senator Shapiro, 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 Van de Putte moved that SB 1484 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:32 AM Senator Van de Putte moved that the committee stand at ease; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:37 AM Senator Gallegos, Jr. assumed the chair and called the committee to order.

The chair laid out SB 53 and recognized Senator Van de Putte, 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.

The bill was left pending.

At 9:55 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

At 9:55 AM, Senator Shapiro moved that the committee stand recessed until after the adjournment of the Senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to the suspension of Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18 at 12:23 PM the committee reconvened at Senator Shapiro's desk.

The clerk called the roll. There being a quorum present the following business was transacted:

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 226. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 226 do not pass but that CSSB 226 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 West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 1042. Senator Davis moved that SB 1042 be reported favorably 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 West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:26 PM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 1484. Senator Shapiro moved that SB 1484 be reported favorably 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 Shapiro moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 6. Senator Shapiro sent up Committee Amendment 1. Senator Shapiro sent up an amendment to amendment 1, and was recognized to explain the amendment to amendment 1. Senator Shapiro moved the adoption of the amendment to amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro then moved that amendment 1, as amended be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that amendment 1, as amended, be incorporated into the bill to create a substitute and that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that SB 6 do not pass but that CSSB 6 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.

At 12:32 PM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 3 and SB 1704.

There being no further business, at 12:32 PM Senator Shapiro 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