

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, May 5, 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, May 5, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Carona
Senator Steve Ogden

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 370 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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. 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 HB 370 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 975 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Shapiro moved to withdraw from consideration the substitute for SB 975 that was sent up on a previous date; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger sent up a new committee substitute; the chair

recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

At 8:49 AM the roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Resource witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 975 do not pass but that CSSB 975 be reported back 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.

The chair laid out HB 1130 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 Seliger moved that HB 1130 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1550 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 Seliger moved that HB 1550 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 Gallegos, Jr. 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 HB 370. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute previously sent up; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 370 do not pass but that CSHB 370 be reported back 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 West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:11 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 6 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that HB 6 do not pass but that CSHB 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 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Davis requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 6, HB 370, HB 1130, HB 1550, and SB 975; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 6; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 6; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:32 AM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:32 AM 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