

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 17, 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 Tuesday, May 17, 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 8:33 AM. The following business was transacted:

Other members attending: Representative Diane Patrick.

The chair laid out HB 742 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 742 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 968 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 8:59 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 HB 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick laid out HB 3468 in the absence of the Senate sponsor and explained the bill. Senator Patrick sent up Committee Amendment 1 and explained the amendment. 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 HB 3468 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick laid out HB 1942 in the absence of the Senate sponsor and explained the bill. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute and explained the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

At 9:09 AM Senator Davis 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 Davis moved that HB 1942 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2135 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

At 9:42 AM Senator Gallegos, Jr. assumed the chair.

Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 2135 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1334 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 1334 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2971 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 2971 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3506 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 3506 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 826 and recognized Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1813 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1813 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 692 and recognized Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 692 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2366 and recognized Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 2366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1834 and recognized Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 1834 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3278 and recognized Senator Davis, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 3278 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2909 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Davis sent up Committee Amendment 1 and explained the amendment. 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that HB 2909 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:21 AM Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Shapiro reconvened the meeting at 4:15 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 692. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 692 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.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 742. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute that was sent up previously; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Patrick moved that HB 742 do not pass but that CSHB 742 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 Patrick 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 826. Senator West moved that HB 826 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 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 HB 968. Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute that was sent up previously; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that HB 968 do not pass but that CSHB 968 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.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 1334. Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 1334 do not pass but that CSHB 1334 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 2135. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2135 do not pass but that CSHB 2135 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 Seliger 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 2366. Senator Shapiro moved that HB 2366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 2971. Senator Davis moved that HB 2971 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.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 3506. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 3506 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 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 1813. Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute that was sent up previously; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1813 do not pass but that CSSB 1813 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 2366. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2366 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 4:34 PM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 2909. Senator Shapiro moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1 that was sent up previously; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the bill to create a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that HB 2909 do not pass but that CSHB 2909 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 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 HB 3278. Senator Shapiro sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Shapiro requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the bill to create a

committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that HB 3278 do not pass but that CSHB 3278 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 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 HB 3468. Senator Shapiro sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Shapiro requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the bill to create a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Shapiro moved that HB 3468 do not pass but that CSHB 3468 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 Shapiro moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:40 PM Senator Shapiro resumed the chair.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 692, HB 742, HB 826, HB 968, HB 1334, HB 2135, HB 2366, HB 2909, HB 2971, HB 3278, HB 3468, HB 3506, and SB 1813; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 2135, and HB 2971; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): HB 500.

There being no further business, at 4:40 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