

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, May 9, 2011

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Monday, May 9, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Tommy Williams
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Florence Shapiro

Senator Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 970 and recognized the author, Senator Rodriguez, 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 970 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 205 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 205 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2403 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 2403 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1841 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 1841 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1847 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The clerk called roll. There was a quorum present.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 1847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:30 AM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:20 PM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Williams assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 252 and recognized Senator Duncan, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Duncan sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Duncan 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.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

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

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2476 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, 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.

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 temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 930 and recognized Senator Eltife, 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 268 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1179 and recognized Senator Patrick, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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. Senator Patrick 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 Ogden moved that HB 1179 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 275 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Ogden, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 275 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1652 and recognized Senator Patrick, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to withdraw the committee substitute that had previously been sent up. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that SB 1652 do not pass but that CSSB 1652 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 4 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 as a matter of pending business SJR 53 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1051 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute for SB 1051; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 1051 was left pending.

Senator Duncan moved that SJR 53 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 7 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The chair moved to leave the open vote until 7:00 PM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 695 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 695 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 205 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 205 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2403 and recognized Senator Ogden, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Ogden moved that HB 2403 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 252 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes moved adoption of the committee substitute that had previously been sent up; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that HB 252 do not pass but that CSHB 252 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 268 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 268 do not pass but that CSHB 268 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1179 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 1179 do not pass but that CSHB 1179 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 930 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife moved that HB 930 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 SB 1847 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio moved that the committee substitute be pulled down. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 1847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2476 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife moved adoption of the committee substitute that had previously been sent up; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that HB 2476 do not pass but that CSHB 2476 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

At 6:40 PM the chair announced that the committee would leave the votes open until 7:00 PM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 1652, HB 205, HB 2403, HB 930, HB 1179, HB 268 and HB 252. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 1652, HB 205, HB 2403, HB 252, HB 268, HB 1179, HB 930 and HB 2476. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 252, HB 268, HB 930, HB 1179, HB 2476 and HB 2403. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 2403, SB 1652, HB 205, HB 252, HB 268, HB 275 and HB 930. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:00 PM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk