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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
1:30 PM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Chris Harris, Chair
Senator Jose Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Senator John Carona
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Carlos Uresti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There being a quorum present at 2:22, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Duncan
Senator Carona

At 1:31 PM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 491 and recognized Senator Harris, 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.

Senator Harris moved that SB 491 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:35 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1159 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Harris moved that SB 1159 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 220 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris 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.

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

Senator Harris moved that SB 220 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1489 and recognized the author, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Harris moved that SB 1489 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1551 and recognized the author, Senator Rodriguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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 Harris moved that SB 1551 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1752 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Harris moved that SB 1752 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved that SB 1752 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 0 absent. Senator Carona and Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 1752.

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

The chair laid out SB 1682 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, 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.

Senator Harris moved that SB 1682 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:24 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1026 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1026 do not pass but that CSSB 1026 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 0 absent. Senator Carona, Senator Duncan, and Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSSB 1026.

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

At 2:27 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1717 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, 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. Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:31 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

Senator Harris sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

At 2:33 PM Senator Harris resumed 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 Harris requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan then moved that the new committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1717 do not pass but that the new CSSB 1717 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

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nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Carona and Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on the new CSSB 1717.

There being no further business, at 2:55 PM Senator Harris moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Chris Harris, Chair

Katie Qualls, Clerk