

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Tuesday, May 17, 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, May 17, 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 Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Carlos Uresti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Joan Huffman

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. There being a quorum present at 4:10, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2330 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 HB 2330 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Harris moved that HB 2330 do not pass but that CSHB 2330 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and

be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSHB 2330.

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

The chair laid out SB 1929 and recognized the author, 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 Harris moved that SB 1929 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved that SB 1929 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 1929.

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

The chair laid out HB 592 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 HB 592 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Harris moved that HB 592 do not pass but that CSHB 592 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2

absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSHB 592.

The chair laid out HB 3311 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 HB 3311 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved that HB 3311 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 3311.

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

The chair laid out HB 3314 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 HB 3314 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved that HB 3314 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 3314.

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

The chair laid out HB 2132 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Harris moved that HB 2132 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Harris moved that HB 2132 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 2132.

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

The chair laid out HB 3796 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Uresti moved that HB 3796 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 3796 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 3796.

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

At 4:04 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1111 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Harris 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 1111 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Harris moved that HB 1111 do not pass but that CSHB 1111 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSHB 1111.

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

The chair laid out HB 1771 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 1771 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 1771.

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

The chair laid out HB 1830 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 1830 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0

nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 1830.

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

The chair laid out HB 2422 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 2422 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 2422.

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

The chair laid out HB 2899 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 2899 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 2899.

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

At 4:20 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2717 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Rodriguez 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 Harris moved that HB 2717 do not pass but that CSHB 2717 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSHB 2717.

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

At 4:22 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2900 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, 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 HB 2900 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Gallegos submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on HB 2900.

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

Senator Harris assumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 4:25 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