

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 14, 2011

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, March 14, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair  
Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair  
Senator Rodney Ellis  
Senator Troy Fraser  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Mike Jackson  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte  
Senator Tommy Williams

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 822 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Duncan moved that SB 822 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 809 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Senator Jackson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the

difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Duncan moved that SB 809 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 791 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. The chair opened public testimony. There being no witnesses registering on the bill, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 791 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 792 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 792 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 859 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 859 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

Upon arrival of a quorum, the clerk called the roll.

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair

Senator Rodney Ellis

Senator Troy Fraser

The chair laid out SB 350 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Duncan moved that SB 350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 567 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. 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 Duncan moved that SB 567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 350. Senator Williams moved that SB 350 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Williams 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 SB 567. Senator Williams moved that SB 567 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Williams 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 SB 809. Senator Jackson previously sent up a committee substitute. Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Jackson moved that SB 809 do not pass but that CSSB 809 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 SB 822. Senator Lucio, Jr. previously sent up a committee substitute. Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 822 do not pass but that CSSB 822 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 791. Senator Duncan previously sent up a committee substitute. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 791 do not pass but that CSSB 791 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Duncan 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 SB 792 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. Senator Duncan moved that SB 792 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Duncan 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 SB 859 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. Senator Duncan moved that SB 859 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Duncan moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. made a motion to be shown voting aye on SB 350 and SB 567; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis made a motion to be shown voting aye on SB 350, SB 567, SB 791, SB 792, SB 809 and SB 822; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell made a motion to be shown voting aye on SB 350, SB 567, SB 791, SB 792, SB 809, SB 822 and SB 859; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fraser made a motion to be shown voting aye on SB 350, SB 567, SB 791, SB 792, SB 809, SB 822 and SB 859; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 100 and SJR 37 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute for SB 100 and was recognized to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair opened public testimony on both SJR 37 and SB 100. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SJR 37 and SB 100 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 12:00 PM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

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Erin Fry, Clerk