

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 11, 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, April 11, 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 9:05 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1216 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 1216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1342 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 1342 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being a quorum present, the clerk called the roll. The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Deuell

Senator Troy Fraser

Senator Mike Jackson

Senator Tommy Williams

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1046 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1271 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

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 Deuell moved that SB 1271 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1686 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill. Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis 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. Senator Ellis asked unanimous consent to leave the public testimony on SB 1686 open; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1686 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1199 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill. Senator Deuell 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 Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1199 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that the committee stand at ease; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1046.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 1046 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 Van de Putte 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 1216. The chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 1216 do not pass but that CSSB 1216 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 Van de Putte 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 1271. Senator Deuell moved that SB 1271 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 Deuell 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 1342. Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 1342 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 511. Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 511 do not pass but that CSSB 511 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1661. 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 Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1661 do not pass but that CSSB 1661 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.

Senator Ellis requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 511 and SB 166; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 511, SB 1046, SB 1271, SB 1342, SB 1661; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 1046, SB 1216, SB 1271, SB 1342, SB 511, SB 1661; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 1046, SB 1216, SB 1271, SB 1342; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved the committee stand at ease until after adjournment of the senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:05 PM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 15 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick 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.

Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 15 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1686. The chair re-opened public testimony on 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.

There being no further business, at 5:05 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