

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, May 5, 2011

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 Thursday, May 5, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1545 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 Duncan moved that HB 1545 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 755 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 Duncan moved that HB 755 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 625 and recognized Senator Deuell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 625 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1955 and recognized Senator Deuell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1955 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 157 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 HB 157 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1128 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill. Senator Jackson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Jackson 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 left opened and the bill be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1136 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill. Senator Fraser sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Fraser 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. 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 HB 1136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1430 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 Deuell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 1430 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1061 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Duncan moved that HB 1061 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:15 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to so the committee could meet at Senator Duncan's desk. At 3:03 PM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 755. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 755 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.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1061. Senator Duncan moved that HB 1061 be reported favorably 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 Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1136. Senator Fraser previously sent up a committee substitute. Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that HB 1136 do not pass but that CSHB 1136 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 HB 1545. Senator Deuell moved that HB 1545 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 HB 625. Senator Duncan moved that HB 625 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.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1666. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1666 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

Senator Van de Putte requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 755 and HB 1061; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 625, HB 755, HB 1061, HB 1136 and HB 1545; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:11 PM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

Erin Fry, Clerk