

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, May 16, 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 Monday, May 16, 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 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1616 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Duncan 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 Duncan moved that HB 1616 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2359 and recognized Senator Estes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Duncan moved that HB 2359 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3409 and recognized Senator Estes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Fraser sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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. 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 3409 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fraser assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3093 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Duncan, 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 Fraser moved that HB 3093 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 174 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Duncan 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 Fraser moved that HB 174 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2817 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Duncan 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 Fraser moved that HB 2817 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1593 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

At 12:00 PM Senator Fraser assumed 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 Fraser moved that HB 1593 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 528 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van de Putte, 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 Duncan moved that HB 528 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2172 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. 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. 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 2172 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3078 and recognized Senator Van de Putte, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. 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. 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 3078 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 365 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Ellis, 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 Duncan moved that HB 365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:40 PM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:25 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 3161 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. 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. 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 HB 3161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3017 and recognized Senator Van de Putte, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 3017 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio moved the committee stand at ease; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 274 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

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

Senator Duncan moved the committee stand at ease; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 365. Senator Ellis moved that HB 365 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 HB 528. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 528 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 HB 1616. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1616 do not pass but that CSHB 1616 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2359. Senator Williams moved that HB 2359 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 HB 2172. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2172 do not pass but that CSHB 2172 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 HB 3161. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 3161 do not pass but that CSHB 3161 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 HB 3409. Senator Williams moved that HB 3409 do not pass but that CSHB 3409 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 Williams 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 HB 174. Senator Duncan moved that HB 174 do not pass but that CSHB 174 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 HB 2817. Senator Duncan moved that HB 2817 do not pass but that CSHB 2817 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 HB 3017. Senator Duncan moved that HB 3017 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 Jackson 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 3093. Senator Duncan moved that HB 3093 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 Duncan resumed the chair.

Senator Deuell asked unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 365, HB 528, HB 1593, HB 1616, HB 2127, HB 2359, HB 3161, HB 3409, HB 174, HB 2817, HB 3017 and HB 3093; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fraser asked unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 365, HB 528, HB 1593, HB 1616, HB 2127, HB 2359, HB 3161, HB 3409, HB 174, HB 2817, HB 3017 and HB 3093; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio asked unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 365, HB 528, HB 1593, HB 1616, HB 2127, HB 2359, HB 3161, HB 3409, HB 174, HB 2817, HB 3017 and HB 3093; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson asked unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 528 and HB 365; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:03 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