

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Wednesday, May 18, 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 Wednesday, May 18, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Tommy Williams

Senator Deuell, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2093 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 Deuell moved that HB 2093 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2292 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 Deuell moved that HB 2292 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2173 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 Deuell moved that HB 2173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1776 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 Duncan moved that HB 1776 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2089 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 2089 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1226 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 1226 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1608 and recognized Senator Ellis, 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 1608 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3337 and recognized Senator Ellis, 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 3337 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2120 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 Duncan moved that HB 2120 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1226. Senator Ellis moved that HB 1226 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Ellis 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 1608. Senator Ellis moved that HB 1608 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 2089. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2089 do not pass but that CSHB 2089 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Fraser 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 2093. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2093 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Van de Putte 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 2120. Senator Duncan moved that HB 2120 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2173. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2173 do not pass but that CSHB 2173 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2292. Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2292 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 3337. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 3337 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1776. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1776 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Fraser moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Fraser asked unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 1226, HB 1608, HB 2089, HB 2093 and HB 2120; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:03 AM 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