

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT, SELECT

Thursday, April 28, 2011

8:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Open Government, Select was held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at the State Capitol, in Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jeff Wentworth, Chair
Senator Wendy Davis, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Florence Shapiro

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Davis moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 14, 2011; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1571 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the un-adopted committee substitute laid out at the previous hearing.

Senator Davis 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 Davis moved that SB 1571 do not pass but that CSSB 1571 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 677 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up and moved adoption of a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 677 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1826 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous committee substitute was adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis moved adoption of the new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair recognized Senator Gallegos 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 1826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:15 AM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1147 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

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 Wentworth moved that HB 1147 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Davis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1904 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Wentworth 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 Davis moved that CSSB 1904 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1906 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Wentworth 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1906 do not pass but that CSSB 1906 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Wentworth moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1907 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Wentworth 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1907 do not pass but that CSSB 1907 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Wentworth 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 669 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Wentworth moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Wentworth moved that SB 669 do not pass but that CSSB 669 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Wentworth moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wentworth resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:58 AM, Senator Wentworth moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jeff Wentworth, Chair

Amanda Kit, Clerk