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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
1:30 PM or upon adjournment
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 Veteran Affairs & Military Installations was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Jose Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:22 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair recognized the Texas Adjutant General, Major General John Nichols to lead the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

The chair laid out HB 2851 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses testifying or registering on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

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At 2:27 PM Senator Estes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 282 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. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 HB 1127 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 Van de Putte 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. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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.

At 2:35 PM Senator Van de Putte resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1514 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses testifying or registering on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1665 and recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the bill on behalf of the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser.

There were no witnesses testifying or registering on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2928 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses testifying or registering on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3179 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 HB 3470 and recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the bill on behalf of the Senate sponsor, Senator Ogden.

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

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

At 2:58 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2624 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. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 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.

At 3:11 PM Senator Van de Putte resumed the chair.

Senator Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on the following bills:

HB 282

HB 2851

Senator Davis submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on the following bills:

HB 2624

HB 2851

There being no further business, at 3:13 PM Senator Van de Putte moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair

Felicia Wright, Clerk