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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Carona, Chair
Senator Larry Taylor, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 515 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute for SB 515 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 516 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute for SB 516 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 517 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute for SB 517 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 518 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute for SB 518 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the SB 515, SB 516, SB 517, and SB 518 are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed for SB 515, SB 516, SB 517, and SB 518; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:25 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 639 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, 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 Taylor moved that SB 639 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:00 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 405 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, 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 Carona moved that SB 405 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 204 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 Carona was recognized to discuss an amendment to SB 204 that Senator Estes intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 204. The amendment was not adopted, but preserved for Senator Estes to offer on the floor.

Senator Carona moved that SB 204 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 642 and recognized the author, 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 Carona moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Carona moved that SB 642 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 652 and recognized the author, 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 Carona moved that SB 652 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:28 AM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 232 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 232 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 562 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, 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 Watson moved that SB 562 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 618 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 618 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 540 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 540 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 673 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 631 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 631 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 699 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 661 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Watson moved that SB 661 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 512 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 512 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:51 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

At 9:51 AM Senator Carona moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:00 AM to vote on bills Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:02 AM Senator Carona reconvened the meeting.

Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 642; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 642 do not pass but that CSSB 642 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.

Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 652 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.

At 10:04 AM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 232; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 232 do not pass but that CSSB 232 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 562 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 618 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 540 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 631 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 699 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 661; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 661 do not pass but that CSSB 661 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 512; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved that SB 512 do not pass but that CSSB 512 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:10 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:11 AM Senator Carona moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Carona, Chair

Troupe Brewer, Clerk