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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 9, 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, April 9, 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 861 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute to SB 861; the chair recognized Senator Davis 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Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 861 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1600 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute to HB 1600; the chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the House bill as engrossed.

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 Estes sent up Committee Amendment 1 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Estes then withdrew Committee Amendment 1 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

Senator Van de Putte sent up Committee Amendment 2 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Van de Putte then withdrew Committee Amendment 2 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

Senator Van de Putte sent up Committee Amendment 3 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Van de Putte then withdrew Committee Amendment 3 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

Senator Van de Putte sent up Committee Amendment 4 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Van de Putte then withdrew Committee Amendment 4 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

Senator Van de Putte sent up Committee Amendment 5 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Van de Putte then withdrew Committee Amendment 5 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that HB 1600 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1268 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute to SB 1268; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 1268 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 236 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute to SB 236; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1345 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 1345 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 870 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute to SB 870; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte 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 Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 870 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1586 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute to SB 1586; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez 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.

At 10:03 AM Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

At 10:09 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

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

Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB1586 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1364 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 1364 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:51 AM Senator Carona moved that the Committee stand recessed, and ordered that it reconvene 15 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate in room E1.036. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended, and at 2:48 PM Senator Carona reconvened the meeting in room E1.036.

At 2:50 PM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1600.

Senator Watson sent up Committee Amendment 6 to the proposed substitute to HB 1600. Senator Watson then withdrew Committee Amendment 6 so as to preserve it for consideration on the Senate floor.

The chair laid out SB 1034 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

At 2:54 PM Senator Watson moved that the Committee stand recessed briefly. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:56 PM Senator Watson reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1034 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute to SB 1034; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Watson moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 1034 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 451 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute to SB 451; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed.

Senator Carona sent up Committee Amendment 1 to the proposed committee substitute to SB 451.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 3:15 PM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

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

Senator Van de Putte moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn, Committee Amendment 1 be withdrawn and that SB 451 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 241 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute to SB 241; the chair recognized Senator Carona 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.

At 3:45 PM Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

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

Senator Hancock moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:56 PM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 883 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute to SB 883; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte 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 Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 883 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1280 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute to SB 1280; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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 Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 1280 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1219 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute to SB 1219; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Carona moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 1219 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:25 PM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 950 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute to SB 950; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Watson moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 950 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 962 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute to SB 962; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed.

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

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Senator Watson moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn and that SB 962 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1351 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 1351 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:39 PM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:39 PM 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