

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 11, 2013

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 Monday, March 11, 2013, 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 Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Tommy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 160 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 Huffman moved that SB 160 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.

Senators Fraser and Williams submitted Motions in Writing requesting to be shown voting 'aye' on SB 160.

The chair laid out SB 764 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Duncan moved that SB 764 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 13 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, 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 left SJR 13 pending to await a quorum.

The chair laid out SB 655 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 left SB 655 pending to await a quorum.

The chair laid out SB 777 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses.

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

The chair left SB 777 pending to await a quorum.

The chair laid out SB 633 and recognized the author, 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 Ellis moved that SB 633 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 366 and recognized Senator Deuell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Deuell 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 left SB 366 pending to await a quorum.

The chair laid out SB 692 and recognized Senator Van de Putte, in the absence of the author, 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 left SB 692 pending to await a quorum.

At 10:18 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 531 and recognized the author, 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.

At 10:24 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:25 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed until a time certain vote at 10:30 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:33 AM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SJR 13.

Senator Ellis moved that SJR 13 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.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 777.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 777 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 Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 764.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Williams moved that SB 764 do not pass but that CSSB 764 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 Deuell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 692.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 692 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 655.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 655 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.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 531.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 531 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 Deuell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 366. Senator Deuell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 366 do not pass but that CSSB 366 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 Deuell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:47 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

Jennifer Fagan, Clerk