

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 18, 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 18, 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 Tommy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Leticia Van de Putte

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 9:08 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 635 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Duncan sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Duncan 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 Deuell moved that SB 635 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:31 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 200 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up Committee Amendment 1.

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 Duncan moved that SB 200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 396 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.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 396 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 632 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.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 632 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 874 and recognized Senator Deuell, 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.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 874 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 553 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:35 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

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 10:39 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 553 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 578 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

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

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 396.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 396 do not pass but that CSSB 396 be reported back 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.

Senator Nichols 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 553.

Senator Deuell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 553 do not pass but that CSSB 553 be reported back 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.

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 874.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 874 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 633.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 633 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.

At 10:59 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 578.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 578 do not pass but that CSSB 578 be reported back 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.

Senator Duncan 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 635.

Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 635 do not pass but that CSSB 635 be reported back 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.

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

At 11:00 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 11:00 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

Kayli Ragsdale, Clerk