

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, March 25, 2013

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 25, 2013, in the Senate Chamber.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1340 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 1340 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 211 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 2.

Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 3.

At 9:35 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Senator Duncan sent up Committee Amendment 4.

At 9:37 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

Senator Deuell sent up Committee Amendment 5.

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 211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 948 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

At 9:40 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

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

At 9:43 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

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

Senator Duncan moved that SB 948 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 958 and recognized the author, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:46 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

At 10:49 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

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

Senator Duncan moved that SB 958 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:06 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 679 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

At 11:08 AM Senator Nichols 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.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 679 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:14 AM Senator Duncan assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 292 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 22 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 292 and SJR 22 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 292 and SJR 22 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:19 AM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1332 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

At 11:20 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

At 11:20 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed for five minutes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:25 AM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

At 11:25 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1332 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 1332 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1367 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 1367 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:42 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 953 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 953 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:58 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed for five minutes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:05 PM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

The chair recognized Senator Nichols to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 200.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 200 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 22.

Senator Huffman moved that SJR 22 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 292.

Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute for SB 292. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 292 do not pass but that CSSB 292 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 12:10 PM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 679 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 679 be adopted. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 679 do not pass but that CSSB

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

At 12:10 PM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 948 and recognized Senator Nichols for a motion.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 948 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 Fraser moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 953 and recognized Senator Deuell for a motion.

Senator Deuell moved that the substitute for SB 953 be adopted. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 953 do not pass but that CSSB 953 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.

There being no further business, at 12:15 PM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

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Kayli Ragsdale, Clerk