

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, April 29, 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, April 29, 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 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SJR 53 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 Nichols moved that SJR 53 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 897 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 Nichols moved that SB 897 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:38 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 13 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 13 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:53 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 278 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 Deuell moved that HB 278 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 487 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Deuell moved that HB 487 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1322 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.

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 Van de Putte moved that SB 1322 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:33 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1325 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 1325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:37 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1503 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1503 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1322 by Van de Putte.

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

Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 1322 do not pass but that CSSB 1322 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1503 by Lucio.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1503 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 11:14 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 13 sponsored by Duncan.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 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.

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

At 11:15 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 278 sponsored by Seliger.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 278 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.

Senator Deuell 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 HB 487 sponsored by Nichols.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 487 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.

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

At 11:16 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1325 sponsored by Duncan.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 1325 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.

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

At 11:17 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 338 by Rodríguez.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 338 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.

There being no further business, at 11:20 AM 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