

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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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 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 394 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van de Putte, 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 Van de Putte moved that HB 394 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2373 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 HB 2373 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1996 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser, 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 Fraser moved that HB 1996 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:16 AM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3152 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser, 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 Fraser moved that HB 3152 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2380 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

At 9:34 AM Senator Duncan resumed 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 Van de Putte moved that HB 2380 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 259 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 Van de Putte moved that HB 259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1035 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Fraser sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Fraser 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.

Senator Fraser moved that HB 1035 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 581 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 581 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2006 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Fraser moved that HB 2006 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 259 sponsored by Paxton.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 259 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 394 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 394 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 581 sponsored by Lucio.

Senator Lucio moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 581 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1035 sponsored by Patrick.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 1035 do not pass but that CSHB 1035 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 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 1996 sponsored by Fraser.

Senator Fraser moved that HB 1996 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 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 HB 2006 sponsored by Hancock.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 2006 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 2373 sponsored by Estes.

Senator Van de Putte moved that HB 2373 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 Van de Putte 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 2380 sponsored by Taylor.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2380 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3152 sponsored by Fraser.

Senator Fraser moved that HB 3152 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2127 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 Van de Putte moved that HB 2127 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 10:36 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3357 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Duncan sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Duncan sent up Committee Amendment 2 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 3357 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:39 AM Senator Duncan assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2929 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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 2929 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:50 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon a motion made by Senator Duncan to suspension of senate rule 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened at 1:40 PM at Senator Duncan's desk.

At 1:41 PM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3357 sponsored by Duncan.

Senator Duncan moved that HB 3357, as amended, 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.

At 1:44 PM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2929 sponsored by Deuell.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 2929 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.

There being no further business, at 1:45 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