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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
1:30 PM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair

Senator Brian Birdwell, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair requested a moment of silence in honor of Senator Van de Putte and the loss of her grandson Rex Neal Van de Putte.

The Chair recognized Matthew Birdwell, Intern from Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Office, to recite the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

Senator Davis moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on March 27, 2013, April 3, 2013, April 10, 2013, April 11, 2013, April 17, 2013, and April 18, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1960 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Birdwell moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:29 PM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 402 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 402 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The Chair recognized Senator Rodriguez was in attendance at 2:32 p.m.

The chair laid out HB 150 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 150 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 150.

The chair laid out HB 1589 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1589 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 1589.

The chair laid out HB 2254 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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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 Rodríguez moved that HB 2254 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 2254.

The chair laid out HB 2392 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 2392 do not pass but that CSHB 2392 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 2392.

The chair laid out HB 1514 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 1514 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 1514.

The chair laid out HB 3064 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 3064 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell asked to be shown voting AYE by unanimous consent on HB 3064.

There were no witnesses testifying or registering their position on the following House Bills: HB 150, HB 1514, HB 1589, or HB 3064.

There being no further business, at 2:47 PM Senator Davis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice-Chair

Cinda Johnson, Clerk