

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

8:00 AM

E1.714

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Administration was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in the E1.714.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair
Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Charles Schwertner

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Royce West

The chair laid out HCR 65 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that HCR 65 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HCR 65 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 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1187 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 1187 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 1187 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 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 369 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 369 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Campbell moved that HB 369 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 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3538 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Barry Brooks, representing Office of the Attorney General, registered on the bill but did not testify.

Charles Smith, representing Office of the Attorney General, registered on the bill but did not testify.

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

Senator West moved that HB 3538 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West moved that HB 3538 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 8:10 AM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HCR 56 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock moved that HCR 56 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Hancock moved that HCR 56 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 8:13 AM Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1052 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that HB 1052 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 1052 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 69 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that HCR 69 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HCR 69 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HCR 70 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that HCR 70 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HCR 70 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2100 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that HB 2100 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 2100 do not pass but that CSHB 2100 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1372 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Becky Collins, General Manager, representing herself, registered in favor of the bill but did not testify.

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

Senator West moved that HB 1372 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West moved that HB 1372 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1264 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that HB 1264 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 1264 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out the list of bills recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar to be held on May 14th, 2015 at 4:00 PM or upon adjournment.

Senator Uresti moved that the list of bills recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar to be held on May 14th, 2015 at 4:00 PM or upon adjournment be certified. Without objection it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:30 AM Senator Uresti moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Hancock on the Senate floor to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on Administration reconvened at 4:08 PM at the back rail of the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair
Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kevin Eltife

The chair laid out HB 2819 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that HB 2819 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Uresti moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2894 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that HB 2894 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:14 PM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3628 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that HB 3628 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:16 PM Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4141 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that HB 4141 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Uresti moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4139 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 4139 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4153 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

There being no witnesses wishing to testify, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 4153 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the May 15th, Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:25 PM Senator Uresti moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Whitney Broughton, Clerk