

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Senator Lucio called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 968 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was taken at 9:13 AM, a quorum was present.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1568 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 Van Taylor moved that SB 1568 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 471 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, 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 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 471 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1170 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1170 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1897 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

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

Senator West assumed the chair.

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

Senator West moved that SB 1897 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

At 10:58 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:36 PM Senator Van Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Testimony resumed on 1897.

Roll was taken at 4:08 PM, a quorum was present.

Senator Van Taylor made a motion to not read but enter into the record witnesses registering but not wishing to testify; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The substitute to SB 1897 was withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1897 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1611 and recognized the author, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Van Taylor moved to suspend testimony to take up pending business; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 69.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 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 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 69.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 265.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 265 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 265.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 810.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 810 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 810.

Senator Van Taylor 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 925 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 925 do not pass but that CSSB 925 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record

vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 925.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 934 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 934 do not pass but that CSSB 934 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 934.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 935 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 935 do not pass but that CSSB 935 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 935.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 972 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 972 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 972.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1003 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1003 do not pass but that CSSB 1003 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1003.

Senator Bettencourt 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 CSSB 1494.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1494 do not pass but that CSSB 1494 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1494.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 945 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 945 do not pass but that CSSB 945 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 945.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1200 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1200 do not pass but that CSSB 1200 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Seliger submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1200.

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

Testimony resumed on 1611.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1611 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1898 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1898 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor recognized Senator Kolkhorst to ask questions of the Texas Education Agency on the subject of SB 893.

There being no further business, at 6:53 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk