

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
2:00 PM or upon adjournment
Senate Chamber

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

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 Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kel Seliger

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:24 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business 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. Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 471 do not pass but that CSSB 471 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 955 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, 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 955 do not pass but that CSSB 955 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business 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. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1170 do not pass but that CSSB 1170 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1222 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Chair moved to withdraw the committee substitute adopted at the April 9 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 1222 do not pass but that CSSB 1222 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1309.

Senator West moved that SB 1309 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 750 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 750 do not pass but that CSSB 750 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1241 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1241 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 894 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 894 do not pass but that CSSB 894 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1170 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB1222 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 750 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 471 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 955 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:42 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