

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, and pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18 on May 19, 2015, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 731 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 731 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1171 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 1171 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2593 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 2593 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 743 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

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

Roll was taken at 10:25 AM, a quorum was present.

Testimony resumed on HB 743.

At 10:59 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:46 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Testimony resumed on HB 743.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that HB 743 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2186 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.

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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 2186 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Chair moved that the committee stand at ease at 3:00 PM; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:27 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 2251 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 2251 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1164 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator

Larry Taylor 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 1164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3987 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, 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 Larry Taylor moved that HB 3987 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Chair moved that the committee stand at ease at 4:19 PM; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:22 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 771.

Senator Van Taylor moved that HB 771 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. Senators Campbell, Rodriguez and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 771.

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 HB 1170 as amended.

Senator Lucio, Jr. requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1170 do not pass but that CSHB 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1170.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1474.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1474 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1474.

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 HB 1706.

Senator Van Taylor moved that HB 1706 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1706.

Senator Bettencourt made a motion to reconsider the vote by which HB 1706 was passed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1706 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1706.

Senator Huffines 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 1786.

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

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

Senator Bettencourt requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1786 do not pass but that CSHB 1786 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1786.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2349 as amended.

Senator Seliger requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2349 do not pass but that CSHB 2349 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2349.

Senator Seliger 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 2660.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2660 be reported favorably 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 2 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2660.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3106.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 3106 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3106.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1559.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that HB 1559 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 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1559.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2610.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that HB 2610 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. Senators Campbell and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2610.

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

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

Senator Lucio, Jr. made a motion to reconsider the vote by which HB 1786 was passed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that HB 1786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:38 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