

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, April 27, 2015

2:30 PM or upon adjournment of the Senate
Senate Chamber

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Kel Seliger

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:47 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 62 and recognized the author, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill and the committee substitute that was adopted at a previous hearing.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 62 do not pass but that CSSB 62 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 755 and recognized the author, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Carlos Uresti moved that SB 755 do not pass but that CSSB 755 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1396 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West moved to withdraw the committee substitute that was sent up at a previous hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Royce West moved that SB 1396 do not pass but that CSSB 1396 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

There being no further business, at 3:56 PM Senator Jane Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk