

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, March 16, 2015

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Rodney Ellis, Vice Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Craig Estes  
Senator Troy Fraser  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 314 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West 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.

The chair moved that SB 314 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 631 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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.

The chair moved that SB 631 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 814 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 815 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 818 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 822 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 814, SB 815, SB 818, and SB 822 are shown on the attached list.

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

The chair moved that SB 814 and the committee substitute, SB 815, SB 818, and SB 822 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 10 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

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.

The chair moved that SB 10 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

At 10:30 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:45 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:47 AM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 314.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 314 do not pass but that CSSB 314 be reported back 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini 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 631.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 631 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 815.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 815 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 818.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 818 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 822.

Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute. Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 822 do not pass but that CSSB 822 be reported back 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 10.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. Senator Huffman moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 10 do not pass but that CSSB 10 be reported back 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 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:54 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Ashley Brooks, Clerk