

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 30, 2015

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 30, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1369 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 1369 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 432 and recognized Senator Birdwell, in the absence of the author, 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 432 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 19 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Van 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 19 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 812 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini 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.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair moved that SB 812 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 817 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.

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 817 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 387 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 moved that SB 387 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 218 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 218 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 291 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson 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 291 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 643 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 643 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1702 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 1702 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1703 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 1703 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1706 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 1706 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1707 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.

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 1707 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1139 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 1139 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 474 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that SB 474 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until 11:55 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:03 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 291.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 291 do not pass but that CSSB 291 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 Estes requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson 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 387.

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 387 do not pass but that CSSB 387 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 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 432.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 432 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 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 474.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 474 do not pass but that CSSB 474 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 643.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 643 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 Creighton 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 812.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 812 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 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 824.

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 824 do not pass but that CSSB 824 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 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 1703.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1703 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 Huffman 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 1707.

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 1707 do not pass but that CSSB 1707 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 Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 12:11 PM the chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Ashley Brooks, Clerk