

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 30, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Thursday, April 30, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair advised that SB 2065 had been tagged pursuant to Senate Rule 11.19 and would not be heard.

The chair laid out HB 39 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 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.

The chair moved that HB 39 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out, as a matter of pending business, SB 645 and its House Companion, HB 431, and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain HB 431.

The chair moved that HB 431 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2419 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

The chair moved that HB 2419 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2604 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman resumed 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 HB 2604 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3327 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3327 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 705 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, 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.

The chair moved that HB 705 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1806 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 SB 1806 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:50 AM the chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:55 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill: SB 983.

The chair laid out SB 983 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1806 and the committee substitute.

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 1806 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 948 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner 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.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment 1 and recognized Senator Taylor, Van to explain the amendment.

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

The chair laid out SB 1010 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner 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.

The chair moved that SB 1010 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:19 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