

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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 Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Craig Estes
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Committee heard invited testimony regarding the following interim charge: Monitor the implementation of open and campus carry legislation and determine if the current laws regulating the places that handguns can be carried are easily understood or if clarification is needed to ensure the average citizen understands when, where, and under what circumstances it is lawful to carry a weapon, versus when it is a criminal offense for which there may be a defense.

Witnesses testifying on the charge are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 12:11 PM Senator Huffman 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