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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

1:30 PM

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 Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Charles Perry
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. There being a quorum established at 1:34 PM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 114 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 1:48 PM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 133.

Senator Taylor, Van, moved that SB 133 do not pass but that CSSB 133 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator Uresti, and Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing form to be shown voting aye on the bill.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 197.

Senator Taylor, Van, moved that SB 197 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator Uresti, and Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing form to be shown voting aye on the bill.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 424 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Taylor, Van, moved that SB 424 do not pass but that CSSB 424 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Campbell and Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing form to be shown voting aye on the bill.

At 1:56 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 358 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 373 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 2:30 PM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 219 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up Committee Amendment 1. The chair laid out Committee Amendment 1 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the amendment.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 3:28 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 97.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute for SB 97 was adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute for SB 97; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 97 do not pass but that CSSB 97 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Uresti and Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing form to be shown voting aye on the bill.

At 3:32 PM Senator Estes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 304 and SB 553 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bills.

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The chair closed public testimony on the bills. The bills were left pending.

At 4:51 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:53 PM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Meagan Kirby, Clerk