

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
8:30 AM or upon adjournment  
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 Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, Senator Schwertner added the following bills to the posting:

HB 177  
HB 839  
HB 2903  
HB 3374  
HB 3781

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:48 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 3374 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1038 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1670 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3519 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3781 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1846 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

At 9:59 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2070 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

At 10:04 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2574 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 504 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 679 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1337 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2171 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2696 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1541 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 177 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Invited testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3523 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1661 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2630 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2697 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2849 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 77 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1804 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2646 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3092 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1924 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2498 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 10:48 AM Senator Schwertner moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:35 PM Senator Schwertner reconvened the meeting.

At 2:36 PM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2055 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2641 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The chair moved to withdraw the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3074 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3474 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The bill was left pending.

At 2:46 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2835 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

At 2:55 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2903 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 175 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor, Van, sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2950 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor, Van, sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 839 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2131 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Resource testimony was taken. See attached witness list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 175.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 679.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1038.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1804.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1846.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2070.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2498.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2630.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2641.

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The bill was left pending.



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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2055.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2574.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 839.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1541.

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The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 77.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 177.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1661.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2131.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2697.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2849.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3092.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3519.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3781.

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

The bill was left pending.

At 5:15 PM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2696.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2171.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 504.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1337.

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

The bill was left pending.

There being no further business, at 5:25 PM Senator Uresti moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

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Meagan Kirby, Clerk