

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, May 11, 2017

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1101 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 448 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2228 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2253 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1186 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffines, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2126 and recognized Senator Watson, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2989 and recognized Senator Watson, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 626 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 4054 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2999 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1472 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 4002 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 448 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 448 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 626 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 626 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Watson moved that HB 1101 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 1101 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1186 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 1186 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved that HB 1472 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 1472 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 2126 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 2126 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2228 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2228 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 2989 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 2989 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 2999 do not pass but that CSHB 2999 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 2999 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved that HB 4002 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 4002 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 4054; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 4054 do not pass but that CSHB 4054 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 4054 be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 2253; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2253 do not pass but that CSHB 2253 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, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 448, HB 626, HB 1101, HB 1186 and HB 1472.

Senator Whitmire submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 448, HB 626, HB 1101, HB 1186, HB 1472, HB 2126, HB 2228, HB 2989, HB 2999, HB 4002, HB 4054 and HB 2253.

There being no further business, at 9:56 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk