

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 13, 2017

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 Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 5 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

Senator Hughes 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.

Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 75 and recognized the author, 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 chair laid out SB 77 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 539 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 712 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 laid out SB 31 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 5.

Senator Huffman moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 5 do not pass but that CSSB 5 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 31.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 31 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 75.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 75 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 77.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 77 do not pass but that CSSB 77 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 539.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 539 do not pass but that CSSB 539 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 712.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 712 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 12:22 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

Addison Reagan, Clerk