

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, May 8, 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, May 8, 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 Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

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

The chair laid out SB 824 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Burton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Hughes 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.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 824 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1989 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Huffman moved that SB 1989 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1428 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 moved that HB 1428 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1526 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, 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 moved that HB 1526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 791 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.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 791 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1761 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Huffman moved that HB 1761 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 873 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Huffman moved that HB 873 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 47 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Huffman moved that SCR 47 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 506.

Senator Zaffirini sent up and explained Committee Amendment 1. Senator Huffman moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Huffman requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendments into the bill to create a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 506 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 959 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Huffman moved that SB 959 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 506.

Senator Estes moved that SB 506 do not pass but that CSSB 506 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 459.

Senator Estes moved that SB 459 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 959.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 959 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SCR 47.

Senator Hughes moved that SCR 47 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 791.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 791 do not pass but that CSHB 791 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 873.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 873 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1761.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1761 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1428.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1428 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1526.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1526 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell 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 10:45 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Huffman on the Senate floor, to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened on the Senate floor at 12:47 PM.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 824.

Senator Estes moved that SB 824 do not pass but that CSSB 824 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 3 absent.

There being no further business, at 12:49 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