

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:00 AM

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, March 8, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair  
Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Konni Burton  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Van Taylor  
Senator Kirk Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 497 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson moved that SB 497 do not pass but that CSSB 497 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:08 AM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 267 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

Senator Burton moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 267; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Burton moved that SB 267 do not pass but that CSSB 267 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 Burton 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 674 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

Senator Buckingham moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 674; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Buckingham moved that SB 674 do not pass but that CSSB 674 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 Buckingham moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 74 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide testimony on SB 74. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

SB 74 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1107 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide testimony on SB 1107. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

SB 1107 was left pending.

At 8:31 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 139 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

SB 139 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 790 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide testimony on SB 790. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

SB 790 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 894 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide testimony on SB 894. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

SB 894 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 430 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide testimony on SB 430. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

SB 430 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 139 and opened the floor for public testimony. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 139 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 790 and opened the floor for public testimony. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 790 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 894 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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.

SB 894 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 74 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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.

SB 74 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1107 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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.

SB 1107 was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 430 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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.

SB 430 was left pending.

There being no further business, at 10:34 AM Senator Schwertner 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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Luisa Venegoni, Clerk