

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

8:30 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, May 10, 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 Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Van Taylor  
Senator Kirk Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Van Taylor

The chair laid out HB 2062 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Estes 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 left pending.

At 8:36 AM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4.

Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the committee substitute, which was discussed at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

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.

Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 4; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that HB 4 do not pass but that CSHB 4 be reported back 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5.

Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 5; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 5 do not pass but that CSHB 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.

At 8:43 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1407 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 left pending.

At 8:30 AM Senator Uresti resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3954 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 left pending.

The chair laid out HB 13 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1486 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.

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 left pending.

At 9:10 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2124 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony on HB 2124. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1076 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony on HB 1076. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

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

Senator Uresti 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 left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2891 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 left pending.

At 9:23 AM Senator Uresti resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1978 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, 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 left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2561 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony on HB 2561. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

There being no further business, at 9:50 AM Senator Burton 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