

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Veteran Affairs & Border Security was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair  
Senator Don Huffines, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Carlos Uresti

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 3:29 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair recognized Adrienne Evans – Quickley, an Army veteran, to lead the committee in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on March 8, 2017; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 840 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 840 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffines assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 27 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 Huffines moved that SB 27 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 578 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 Campbell moved that SB 578 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 588 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 Campbell moved that SB 588 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:17 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Donna Campbell, Chair

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Carrie Smith, Clerk