

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair  
Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator John Whitmire  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 439 by Senator Perry. Senator Nichols moved that SB 439 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 Nichols 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 615 by Senator Buckingham. Senator Nichols sent up the Committee Substitute to SB 615. The chair recognized the author to explain the substitute. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the Committee Substitute; without objection,

it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 615 do not pass but the Committee Substitute to 615 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 747 by Senator Kolkhorst. Senator Nichols moved that SB 747 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 Nichols 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 1037. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1037 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1184 by Senator Perry. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the Committee Substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1184 do not pass but the Committee Substitute to 1184 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 Nichols moved that SB 1184 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 645 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 Nichols moved that SB 645 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 296 and recognized the author, 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 chair moved that SB 296 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 590 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 590 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 943 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 943 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 944 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 944 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 988 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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. The chair moved that SB 988 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1494 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 moved that SB 1494 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1232 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 moved that SB 1232 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1461 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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. The chair moved that SB 1461 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 787 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 moved that SB 787 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 928 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 moved that SB 928 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1210 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. 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. The chair moved that SB 1210 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1450 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 moved that SB 1450 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1531 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 moved that SB 1531 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1532 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1532 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1939 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 moved that SB 1939 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1490 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. The chair moved that SB 1490 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1821 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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. The chair moved that SB 1821 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1822 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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. The chair moved that SB 1822 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1823 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. The chair moved that SB 1823 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1200 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. The chair moved that SB 1200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye was submitted by the following: Senator Creighton on SB 439, SB 615, SB 747, SB 1037, and SB 1184. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

There was no action taken for the following bill:

SB 1414

There being no further business, at 10:43 AM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

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Kennedy Calvo, Clerk