

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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, April 9, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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

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 SB 1035 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1035 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1769 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor 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 1769 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2304 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, 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 2304 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 64 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson 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 64 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 819 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, 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 819 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1845 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles 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 1845 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 339 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman 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 339 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1949 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Whitmire 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1949 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1584 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 1584 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2370 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 2370 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1318 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 1318 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 437 by Senator Nelson. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 437 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 446 by Senator West. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0

present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 446 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1336 by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 446 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1852 by Senator Paxton. Senator Paxton moved that the bill be reported favorably to the full 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 Paxton moved that SB 1852 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1853 by Senator Paxton. Senator Paxton moved that the bill be reported favorably to the full 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 Paxton moved that SB 1853 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2409 by Senator Menendez. Senator Menendez moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menendez moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Menendez moved that SB 2409 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1415 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1415 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1940 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill do not pass but that the committee substitute to the bill do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1940 be reported to the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1833 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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 1833 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 491 and recognized the author, 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 chair moved that SB 491 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 939 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 939 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1502 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1502 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1958 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1958 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2195 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 2195 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 662 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 662 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1883 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1883 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1778 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1778 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1779 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 1779 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1742 and recognized the author, Senator Menendez, to explain the bill. Senator Menendez sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 1742 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 Whitmire on CSSB 437, CSSB 446, CSSB 1336, CSSB 1415, SB 1852, SB 1853, CSSB 1940, and CSSB 2409; Senator Zaffirini on SB 437, SB 446, SB 1336, SB 1415, SB 1852, SB 1853, SB 1940, and SB 2409. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

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

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk