

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 23, 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 23, 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 Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Whitmire

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 1444 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 1444 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 938 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying 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 938 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1456 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying 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 1456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2380 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying 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 2380 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1882 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying 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 1882 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:32, the roll was called.

The chair laid out SB 2340 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 2340 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 921 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 239 by Senator Nelson. Senator Campbell sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Campbell moved that SB 239 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 239 do pass and be recommended to the full senate.

The chair laid out HB 793 in lieu of SB 491 by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved that HB 793 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 853 in lieu of SB 512 by Senator Creighton. Senator Nichols moved that HB 853 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 986 in lieu of SB 566 by Senator Perry. Senator Nichols moved that HB 986 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1311 by Senator Watson. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1311 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1520 by Senator Watson. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1520 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 1520 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1595 in lieu of SB 454 by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1595 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2016 in lieu of SB 1833 by Senator Alvarado. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2016 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2900 in lieu of SB 2036 by Senator Hall. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2900 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 81 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 HB 81 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 785 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, 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 785 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1397 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 HB 1397 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 402 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 897 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock 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 HB 897 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1655 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 HB 1655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1854 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 1854 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 Schwertner on SB 239, HB 793, HB 853, HB 986, HB 1311, HB 1520, HB 1595, HB 2016, and HB 2900. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills

There being no further business, at 9:44 AM 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