

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 30, 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 30, 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 HB 1523 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a 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 1523 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 523 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 523 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2551 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 2551 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 125 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 125 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 699 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2228 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, 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 2228 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 732 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 732 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1463 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 1463 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 387 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 chair moved that HB 387 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1940 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 chair moved that HB 1940 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 125 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menendez, 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 HB 125 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 518 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini 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 518 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1554 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 1554 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1555 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 1555 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2585 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sends 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 2585 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1385 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 1385 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1944 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 HB 1944 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1960 as a matter of pending business by Senator Perry. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton, in the absence of the author, to explain the difference between the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that HB 1960 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 1960 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 the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 732 as a matter pending business by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 732 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 732 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 the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2551 as a matter pending business by Senator Hinojosa. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2551 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 2551 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye was submitted by the following: Senator Whitmire on HB 1960, SB 732, and SB 2551; Senator Campbell on HB 1960, SB 732, and SB 2551. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

There being no further business, at 10:01 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