

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, May 9, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, 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 2791 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 2791 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2792 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 2792 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2950 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 2950 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3306 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 3306 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3768 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 3768 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1545 as a matter of pending business by Birdwell. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the committee substitute. Senator Nichols sent up the new committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the bill as filed.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #1. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #2. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment #3. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #4. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #5. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Paxton sent up Committee Amendment #6. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment #7. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment #8. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment #9. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment #10. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #11. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #12. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment #13. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment #14. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment #15. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment.

The chair opened up public testimony. 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 to withdraw all amendments. The chair moved that HB 1545 be left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3934 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that SB 3934 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 3167 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3167 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2422 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2422 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1896 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1896 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 305 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 305 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1260 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1260 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2320 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2320 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2452 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2452 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2698 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2698 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2952 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2952 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3913 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3913 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 7 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 7 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1742 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 1742 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3175 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 3175 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1833 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 1833 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1455 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 1455 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 259 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 259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3228 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 3228 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 207 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 207 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1306 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1306 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4456 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 4456 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 985 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 985 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 6 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2847 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 2847 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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