

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 25, 2019

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Peter Flores
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 3 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Watson moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson sent up Committee Amendment 2 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Watson requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 2 into the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Public testimony continued on SB 3.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 3 do not pass but that CSSB 3 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Nelson announced the following workgroups:

Articles I, IV and V:

Senator Huffman, Chair

Senator Flores

Senator Hancock

Senator Whitmire

Article II:

Senator Kolkhorst, Chair

Senator Campbell

Senator Flores

Senator Watson

Article III, Public Education

Senator Taylor, Chair

Senator Bettencourt

Senator Perry

Senator West

Article III, Higher Education

Senator Bettencourt, Chair

Senator Campbell

Senator Hancock

Senator Watson

Articles VI, VII and VIII

Senator Nichols, Chair

Senator Birdwell

Senator Hinojosa

Senator Perry

There being no further business, at 1:09 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk