

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, April 15, 2019

9:00 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, April 15, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Whitmire

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 66 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1481 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1869 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1081 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 570 and recognized Senator Taylor, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1824 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. There was no one wishing to give oral testimony on the bill.

The chair laid out SB 774 and recognized Senator Taylor, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 2326 and recognized Senator Taylor, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1824 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 941 do not pass but that CSSB 941 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1138 do not pass but that CSSB 1138 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Nelson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1205 do not pass but that CSSB 1205 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1525 do not pass but that CSSB 1525 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Nelson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 288 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, 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.

Senator West moved that SB 288 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 574 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 412 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 2220 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1143 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1050 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Public testimony was heard on SB 2220. 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.

Public testimony was heard on SB 412. 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 West moved that SB 1824 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1417 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.

Public testimony was heard on SB 574. 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.

Public testimony was heard on SB 1081. 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 Hughes explained the committee substitute to SB 1050.

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1050 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Watson asked if there was anyone else present who would like to testify on any bill listed on the agenda. With no other witnesses there to testify, Senator Watson closed public testimony on all bills.

Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 1824.

Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 941, SB 1138, SB 1205, SB 1525 and SB 1824.

Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 288, SB 941, SB 1138, SB 1205, SB 1525, SB 1674, SB 1824 and SB 2050.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 1824.

Senator Nichols submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 288, SB 941, SB 1138, SB 1525, SB 1674, SB 1824 and SB 2050.

There being no further business, at 10:47 AM Senator Watson 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