

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, May 13, 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, May 13, 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 Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3386 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2358 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 4611 and HJR 151 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on HB 4611 and HJR 151 are shown on the attached list.

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

HB 4611 and HJR 151 were temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2256 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2358 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson requested that HB 2358 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved that HB 3386 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson requested that HB 3386 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 4611 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Taylor moved that HJR 151 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2545 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out HB 3475 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.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3475 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson requested that HB 3475 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out HB 4614 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2065 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 2065 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 Nelson requested that HB 2065 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out HB 1243 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

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 bill was left pending.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4614 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HJR 5 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

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 bill was left pending.

The chair opened public testimony on HB 2545.

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 bill was left pending.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2256 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, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Nelson requested that HB 2256 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Birdwell submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2256.

Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2358, HB 3386, HB 3475, HB 4611, HB 4614 and HJR 151.

Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2065, HB 2256, HB 2358, HB 3386, HB 3475, HB 4611, HB 4614 and HJR 151.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2358, HB 3386, HB 3475, HB 4611 and HJR 151.

Senator Watson submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2065, HB 2256, HB 2358, HB 3386, HB 3475, HB 4611, HB 4614 and HJR 151.

Senator West submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on HB 2065, HB 3475 and HB 4614.

There being no further business, at 10:28 AM 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