

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, May 17, 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 Friday, May 17, 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 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4347 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3317 in lieu of SB 2179 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2611 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HJR 82 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1607 in lieu of pending bill SB 1081 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 1607 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 recommended that HB 1607 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 3317; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson moved that HB 3317 do not pass but that CSHB 3317 be reported back 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 resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4032 in lieu of SB 1669 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1243 by the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 1243 do not pass but that CSHB 1243 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HJR 5 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a new 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.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HJR 5 do not pass but that CSHJR 5 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2545 by the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HJR 38 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fallon, 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 Nichols moved that HJR 38 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1401 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 1401 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 1401 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out HB 3225 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fallon, 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 Nichols moved that HB 3225 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 4542 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 4542 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 4542 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

At 10:05 AM the Committee stood in recess.

At 10:20 AM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 4347; 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.

Senator Nelson moved that HB 4347 do not pass but that CSHB 4347 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 4032 do not pass but that CSHB 4032 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 1243, HB 1607 and HB 3317.

Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 1401, HB 3225, HB 3317, HB 4032, HB 4542, HJR 5 and HJR 38. Senator Campbell asked to be shown voting nay on HB 1243 and HB 4347.

Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 1243, HB1401, HB 1607, HB 3225, HB 3317, HB 4032, HB 4347, HB 4542, HJR, 5, and HJR 38.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 1401, HB 3225, HB 4542 and HJR 38.

Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 4032 and HB 4347.

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