

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 25, 2019

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Pat Fallon  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1872 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1872 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 535 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2137 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses 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 Huffman moved that HB 2137 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1570 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses 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 Huffman moved that SB 1570 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 559 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 559 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2254 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Huffman moved that SB 2254 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1689 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, 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 Huffman moved that HB 1689 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1241 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 535.

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 Huffman moved that SB 535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1241.

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 Huffman moved that HB 1241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 598 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Huffman moved that HB 598 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1783 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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 Huffman moved that SB 1783 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 117 and recognized the author, 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.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 117 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 535.

Senator Hughes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 535 do not pass but that CSSB 535 be reported back to the 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.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1570.

Senator Hughes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1570 do not pass but that CSSB 1570 be reported back to the 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.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1783.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1783 do not pass but that CSSB 1783 be reported back to the 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.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 347 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 Hughes moved that HB 347 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1980 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

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 Zaffirini moved that SB 1980 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2820 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 302 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 302 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:42 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Katherine Engelauf, Clerk