

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 29, 2019

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Pat Fallon
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1067 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 CSHB 1067 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1913 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 CSSB 1913 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 392 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 392 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1785 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1785 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1996 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1996 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3580 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 3580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1159 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 1159 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1854 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 Huffman moved that HB 1854 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2254.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2254 do not pass but that CSSB 2254 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 Zaffirini 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 HB 302.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 302 be reported favorably 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 HB 347.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 347 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Birdwell 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 HB 598.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 598 be reported favorably 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 Zaffirini 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 HB 1241.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1241 be reported favorably 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 Zaffirini 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 HB 1689.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1689 be reported favorably 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 Birdwell 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 HB 1872.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1872 be reported favorably 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 CSHB 2137.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2137 do not pass but that CSHB 2137 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 HB 2820.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2820 be reported favorably 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.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 559.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 559 be reported favorably 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 Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 392.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 392 be reported favorably 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 Zaffirini 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 CSHB 1067.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1067 do not pass but that CSHB 1067 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 HB 1159.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1159 be reported favorably 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 Zaffirini 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 HB 1854.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1854 be reported favorably 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.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1785.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1785 be reported favorably 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 Huffman 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 HB 1996.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1996 be reported favorably 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 Huffman 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 HB 3580.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 3580 be reported favorably 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 Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 121 and recognized Senator Hughes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1980.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1980 do not pass but that CSSB 1980 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 HB 121.

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

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Katherine Engelauf, Clerk