

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY

Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
1:30 PM or upon adjournment  
Betty King Committee Room

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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 Veteran Affairs & Border Security was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair  
Senator Bob Hall, Vice Chair  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Kel Seliger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Seliger, Senator Lucio, Senator Johnson.

The chair recognized Elliot Smith to lead the committee in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Senator Hall moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on May 8, 2019; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1725 as pending business.

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Senator Campbell moved that HB 1725 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 295 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 295 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 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 714 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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.

The chair laid out HB 696 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, 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 chair laid out HB 2214 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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.

The chair laid out HB 1351 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Hall assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1593 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 chair laid out HCR 120 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out HCR 148 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 Campbell resumed the chair.

Senator Campbell moved to adopt a motion in writing showing Senator Johnson voting “aye” on HB 1725; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:47 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Donna Campbell, Chair

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Elliot Smith, Clerk