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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY

Friday, May 17, 2019

10:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security was held on Friday, May 17, 2019, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair recognized Marine Corps veteran and committee intern, Charles Pike, to lead the committee in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

The chair laid out HB 4306 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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.

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At 10:50 AM roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Menéndez

Senator Hall moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on May 15, 2019; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 714.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 714 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hall 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 696.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 696 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hall 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 2214.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 2214 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hall 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 1351.

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Senator Campbell moved that HB 1351 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

Senator Hall assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1593.

Senator Hall moved that HB 1593 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 120.

Senator Hall moved that HCR 120 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Seliger 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 HCR 148.

Senator Hall moved that HCR 148 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 10:56 AM 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

Elliot Smith, Clerk