

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 1, 2019

2:00 PM or upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. There being a quorum present at 5:36 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair laid out SB 669 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 Perry moved the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 665 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Perry moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 520 and recognized the author, 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. Senator Perry moved that SB 520 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 483 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 81 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill. Senator Perry moved that SB 81 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1438 and recognized the author, 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 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 979 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of the author, 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 Perry moved that SB 979 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:17 PM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 317 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 Creighton moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 733 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 733 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:40 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 641 and recognized Senator Alvarado, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:19 PM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 851 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 851 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 733. Senator Perry moved that SB 733 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 733; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 851. Senator Perry moved that SB 851 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 8:05 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 81. Senator Creighton moved that SB 81 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 81; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 317. Senator Creighton moved that SB 317 do not pass but that CSSB 317 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 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 317; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 483. Senator Creighton moved that SB 483 do not pass but that CSSB 483 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 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 483; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 520. Senator Creighton moved that SB 520 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 520; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 669. Senator Creighton moved that SB 669 do not pass but that CSSB 669 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 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 669; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 979. Senator Creighton moved that SB 979 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 979; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 1438. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1438 do not pass but that CSSB 1438 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 0 absent. Senator Alvarado submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1438; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the SB 606. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute which Senator Creighton sent up at the March 25 hearing be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 606 do not pass but that CSSB 606 be reported back 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.

There being no further business, at 8:14 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Leah Curren, Clerk