

The House Committee on Elections

87th Legislature

April 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.

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E2.028

Pursuant to a notice posted on March 26, 2021 the House Committee on Elections met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Cain, at 8:08 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; and Swanson.

A quorum was present.

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HB 463

The chair laid out HB 463 as pending business.

Representative Schofield offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 463, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; Clardy; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (5).

Nays: Representatives González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Fierro (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 611

The chair laid out HB 611 as pending business.

Representative Swanson offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 611, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; Clardy; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (5).

Nays: Representatives González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Fierro (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 1128

The chair laid out HB 1128.

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Representative Jetton offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 1128, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 1622

The chair laid out HB 1622 as pending business.

Representative Jetton offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 1622, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2057

The chair laid out HB 2057 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2057, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2197

The chair laid out HB 2197 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2197, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2318

The chair laid out HB 2318 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2318, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2640

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The chair laid out HB 2640 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2640, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Clardy; Fierro; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

(Representative Clardy in chair.)

HB 6

The chair laid out HB 6 as pending business.

Representative Cain offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Cain to explain HB 6.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 6 was left pending without objection.

At 9:46 a.m., on the motion of Representative Clardy and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn or recess of the House today or during the period authorized for the reading and referral of bills if permission is granted by the House.

The committee reconvened at 12:16 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Cain.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Cain; González, Jessica; Beckley; Clardy; and Schofield.

A quorum was present.

(Representative Clardy in chair.)

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Representative Cain offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Cain to explain HB 6.

(Representative Fierro now present.)

(Representative Bucy now present.)

(Representative Jetton now present.)

(Representative Swanson now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Cain in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Clardy in chair.)

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(Representative Clardy in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Cain in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The hearing continued after midnight. The following actions occurred April 2, 2021.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Schofield in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Cain in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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(Representative Schofield in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Cain in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Clardy in chair.)

The chair recognized Representative Cain to close on HB 6.

Representative González, Jessica raised a point of order under House Rule 4, Section 7, on the grounds that the analysis provided to the committee members before the committee hearing was a background and purpose and not a section-by-section analysis.

The chair overruled the point of order.

Representative González, Jessica appealed the ruling of the chair.

The appeal was seconded by Representative Beckley.

The chair announced that the committee would stand at ease for five minutes.

The chair called the committee back to order and asked if there were additional seconds of the appeal. The appeal was then seconded by Representatives Fierro and Bucy. The chair called Representative Schofield to preside.

(Representative Schofield in chair.)

The question on whether to sustain the chair's ruling was before the committee. The chair's ruling was sustained by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Cain; Clardy; Jetton; Schofield; Swanson (5).

Nays: Representatives González, Jessica; Beckley; Bucy; Fierro (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

(Representative Clardy in chair.)

The chair recognized Representative Cain to close on HB 6.

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The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 6 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Cain in chair.)

HB 1987

The chair laid out HB 1987.

The chair recognized Representative Vasut to explain HB 1987.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Vasut to close on HB 1987.

HB 1987 was left pending without objection.

HB 1300

The chair laid out HB 1300.

The chair recognized Representative Fierro, on behalf of Representative Guillen, to explain HB 1300.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Fierro, on behalf of Representative Guillen, to close on HB 1300.

HB 1300 was left pending without objection.

HB 2092

The chair laid out HB 2092.

The chair recognized Representative Schofield, on behalf of Representative Sanford, to explain HB 2092.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Schofield, on behalf of Representative Sanford, to close on HB 2092.

HB 2092 was left pending without objection.

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HB 3269

The chair laid out HB 3269.

The chair recognized himself, Representative Cain, on behalf of Representative Noble, to explain HB 3269.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized himself, Representative Cain, on behalf of Representative Noble, to close on HB 3269.

HB 3269 was left pending without objection.

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At 6:03 a.m., Friday, April 2, 2021, on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Cain, Chair

Jessica Hart, Clerk