

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
1:00 PM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Administration was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Nathan Johnson, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Drew Springer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:41 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1585 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up Committee Amendment 1 and the amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Menéndez sent up Committee Amendment 2 and the amendment was withdrawn.

No witnesses testified on the bill.

Witnesses registered 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 Schwertner moved that HB 1585 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1600 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:53 PM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 655 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 Johnson moved that SB 655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:06 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SCR 6.

Senator Buckingham moved that SCR 6 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Buckingham 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 1585.

Senator Buckingham moved that HB 1585 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.

At 5:09 PM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

Senator Johnson laid out as a matter of pending business SB 655.

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

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 655 do not pass but that CSSB 655 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 Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be added to the current recommended list; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:09 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair lays out the recommended list of bills for placement of the Local and Uncontested Calendar to be held on April 23, 2021.

Senator Johnson moved that the list of bills recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar to be held on April 23, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. be certified. 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 5:09 PM Senator Johnson moved that the Committee be recessed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Matthew Cooksey, Clerk