

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Nathan Johnson

Senator José Menéndez

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nichols moved that all testimony be limited to 3 minutes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 196 by Senator Zaffirini as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 196 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nichols moved that CSSB 196 be recommended to the Local and Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 860 by Senator Johnson as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 860 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Johnson moved that CSSB 860 be recommended to the Local and Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 872 by Senator Hancock as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that SB 872 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do passed and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 872 be recommended to the Local and Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 873 by Senator Hancock as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that SB 873 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do passed and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 873 be recommended to the Local and Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 911 by Senator Hancock as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 911 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that CSSB 911 be recommended to the Local and Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 6 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 6. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 6 was left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 790 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony on SB 790. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 790 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 965 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 965 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1216 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1216. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1216 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 347 by Senator Paxton and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 347. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 347 was left pending.

The chair laid SB 1402 by Senator Buckingham and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1402 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 999 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 999 was left pending.

Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 993 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair closed public testimony and SB 993 was left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 918 by Senator Kolkhorst and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 918. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 918 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 877 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 877. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 877 was left pending.

At 12:05 PM, the chair moved that the committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

At 2:30 PM, the chair called the meeting back to order.

The chair laid out SB 874 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown in the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 874 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 875 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened public testimony on SB 875. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 875 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1202 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1202. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1202 was left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 783 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 783. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 783 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1181 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 783. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1181 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 14 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill at filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 14. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown in the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 14 was left pending.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye was submitted by the following: Senator Menendez on SB 196, SB 860, SB 872, SB 873, and SB 911; Senator Johnson on SB 196; Senator Paxton on SB 196, SB 860, SB 872, SB 873, and SB 911. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills

With there being no other further business to come before the committee, at 4:06 PM the chair moved that the committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk