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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 30, 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 30, 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:

The chair discussed the intent of the hearing and the voting schedule.

The chair laid out SB 629 by Senator Hinojosa and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute and recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 629. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 629 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 40 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute and recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 40. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 40 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 195 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 195. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 195 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 964 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute and recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 964. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 964 was left pending.

The chair lays out SB 1145 by Senator Perry and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1145. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1145 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1367 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1367. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1367 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1368 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 1368. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1368 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 865 by Senator Creighton and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 865. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 865 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 398 by Senator Menendez and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 398. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 398 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 707 by Senator Paxton and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 707. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 707 was left pending.

Senator Menendez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1210 by Senator Johnson and recognized the author to explain the bill. Witnesses registering and testifying on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1210 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1226 by Senator Schwertner and recognized Senator Paxton to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1226. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1226 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1130 by Senator Hancock and recognized Senator Paxton to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up the committee substitute and recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1130. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1130 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1280 by Senator Hancock and recognized Senator Paxton to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1280. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1280 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1203 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1203. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1203 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1284 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1284. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1284 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1523 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1523. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1523 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 992 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 992. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 992 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 2. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2 was left pending.

The committee stood at ease at 10:47 AM.

The chair called the meeting back to order at 11:30 AM.

The chair laid out SB 1279 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1279. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1279 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1281 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1281. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1281 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1282 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1282. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1282 was left pending.

The chair opened up public testimony for SB 1279. Witnesses testifying and registering for the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1279 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1278 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 for SB 1278. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1278 was left pending.

The committee recessed to meet upon adjournment of the legislative session.

The committee reconvened at 5:30 PM.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1580 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 for SB 1580. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1580 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 415, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved to adopt the committee substitute. There being no objection, the motion was adopted. Senator Hancock moved that SB 415 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 415 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that CSSB 415 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. There being no objection, the motion was adopted.

The chair laid out SB 874, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moves that SB 874 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that SB 874 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 876, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved to adopt the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 876 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 876 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 877, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved to adopt the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 877 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 877 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that CSSB 877 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1202, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1202 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1202 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1203, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1203 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that SB 1203 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1280, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1280 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not

voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that SB 1280 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1284, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1284 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moves that SB 1284 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1523, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1523 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1523 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 14, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved to adopt the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 14 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 14 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 195, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that SB 195 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 195 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 424, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hinojosa. Senator Nichols sent up the Committee Substitute and recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 424 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 424 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moves that SB 424 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 760, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Springer. Senator Nichols moved that SB 760 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 760 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair lays out SB 783, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved that SB 783 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.. Senator Creighton moved that SB 783 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 790, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that SB 790 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.Senator Nichols moved that SB 790 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 918, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Kolkhorst. Senator Nichols moved that SB 918 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 918 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 965, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 965 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 965 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 965 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1181, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1181 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1181 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1210, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1210 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1210 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1216, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1216 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1216 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no business to come before the committee, the committee stood in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk