

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

4:30 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Press Room

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 40, 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 40 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 40 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 CSSB 40 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 398, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Menendez. Senator Menendez moved that SB 398 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 Menendez moved that SB 398 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 629, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hinojosa. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 629 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 629 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 CSSB 629 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 865, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 865 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 865 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 CSSB 865 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 964, 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 964 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 40 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 CSSB 964 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1226, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Schwertner. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 1226 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 1226 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 Schwertner moved that CSSB 1226 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1367, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1367 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 865 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 Creighton moves that CSSB 1367 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Is there objection? Chair hears none, motion is adopted.

The chair laid out SB 1368, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1368 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 1368 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 6, 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 moves adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 6 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 6 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 1130, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moves adoption of the committee substitute. Is there objection? Chair hears none, motion is adopted. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1130 does not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 1130 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 1130 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1278, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1278 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 1278 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 1278 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1281, 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 moves adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1281 do not pass but that the Committee Substitute to SB 1281 do pass and be recommended to

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the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that CSSB 1281 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

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Kennedy Calvo, Clerk