

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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 moved that testimony be limited to 2 minutes to each witness. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1541 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. The chair opened up public testimony SB 1541. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1541 was left pending.

The clerk called the roll.

The chair laid out SB 1028 by Senator Huffman and recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute and recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1028. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1028 was left pending.

The chair laid SB 1262 by Senator Birdwell and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1262. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown the attached list. The chair closed up public testimony and SB 1262 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1988 by Senator Miles and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1988. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1988 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 648 by Senator Springer 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. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 648. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 648 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1003 by Senator Springer and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 648. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1003 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1343 by Senator Taylor and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1343. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1343 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1065 by Senator Alvarado 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 1065. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair laid out SB 1020 by Senator Hughes and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1020. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1020 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2122 by Senator Hughes and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 2122. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2122 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2124 by Senator Blanco and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 2124. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2124 was left pending.

The chair laid out 668 by Senator Menendez and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Menendez 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 668. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 668 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1170 by Senator Menendez and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1170. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1170 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1538 by Senator Menendez and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair left SB 1538 pending.

The chair laid out by SB 839 by Senator Schwertner and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair moved that SB 839 was left pending.

The chair laid out by SB 844 by Senator Schwertner and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair moved that SB 844 was left pending.

The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1538. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1538 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1097 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 1097. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1097 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1783 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 1783. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1783 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1296 by Senator Johnson and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Johnson 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 1296. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1296 was left pending.

The chair opened up public testimony for SB 839. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony on SB 839.

The chair opened up public testimony on SB 844. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony on SB 844.

The chair laid out SB 1606 by Senator Hall 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 1606. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1606 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1580, 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 1580 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1580 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 moved that CSSB 1580 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1809, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1809 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 1809 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1757, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. 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 1757 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1757 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 moved that CSSB 1757 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 566, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Buckingham. Senator Nichols moved that SB 566 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 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 566 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the committee, at 10:51 AM, the chair moved that the committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk