

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9:45 AM

Press Room

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 Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Nathan Johnson

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator José Menéndez

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1028, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Huffman. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1028 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1028 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 SB 1028 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 839, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Schwertner. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the

committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 839 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 839 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 Schwertner moved that SB 839 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1343, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Taylor. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1343 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1343 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1541, 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 1541 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1541 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 SB 1541 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1588, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the author 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 1588 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1588 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1783 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 1783 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1783 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 Creighton moved that SB 1028 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 17, in lieu of SB 1262 by Senator Birdwell. Senator Nichols moved that HB 17 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 999, 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 adoption of the substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 999 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 999 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 SB 999 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1750, 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 adoption of the substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1750 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1750 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 SB 1750 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1024, in lieu of SB 298 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1024 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that HB be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1033, in lieu of SB 875 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1033 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1033 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1689, in lieu of SB 1777 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1689 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1689 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

There being no further business to come before the committee. The chair moved that the committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk