

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 20, 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 20, 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 laid out SB 571 by Senator Zaffirini and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 571. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 571 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1089 by Senator Buckingham and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1089. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1089 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1090 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. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1090. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1090 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2116 by Senator Campbell and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Campbell 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 2116. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony on SB 2116. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 2116 do not pass but that the committee substitute 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 Campbell moved that SB 2116 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 989 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.

The chair jointly laid out SB 1493 by Senator Springer and recognized the author to explain the bill.

The chair opened up public testimony on SB 989 and SB 1493. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony on both bills. SB 989 and SB 1493 were left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2213 by Senator Springer and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 2213. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2213 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1225 by Senator Huffman and recognized Senator Nichols to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1225. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1225 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 243 by Senator Eckhardt and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 243. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 243 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1602 by Senator Taylor 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 1602. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1602 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2533 by Representative Darby and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the Senate Sponsor 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 HB 2533 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumes the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1755 by Representative Metcalf and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony on HB 1755. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 1755 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2005 by Representative Meyer and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 2005. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 2005 was left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2051 by Senator Menendez and recognized Senator Campbell to explain the bill. Senator Menendez sent up the 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 2051. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2051 was left pending.

There being no further business, the chair moved that the committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye was submitted by the following: Senator Whitmire on SB 2116; Senator Johnson on SB 2116; and Senator Creighton on SB 2116. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk