

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, May 4, 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, May 4, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Nathan Johnson

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator José Menéndez

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 HB 1322 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the sponsor to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 1322. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 1322 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 585 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 585. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 585 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1999 by Senator Springer and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1999. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1999 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 876 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 876. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 876 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1554 by Senator Hinojosa 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 1554. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1554 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1571 by Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 1571. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 1571 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 531 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized the sponsor to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 531. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 531 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1984 by Senator Lucio 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 1984. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1984 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1020, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1020 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 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1020 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1090, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Buckingham. 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 1090 do not pass but that the committee substitute so SB 1090 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that CSSB 1090 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1606, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hall. 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 1606 do not pass but that the committee substitute so SB 1606 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 2051, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Menendez. Senator Paxton sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Paxton moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 2051 do not pass but that the committee substitute so SB 2051 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Menendez moved that CSSB 2051 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1363 in lieu of SB 455 by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moves that HB 1363 be reported back to to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moves that HB 1363 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1510 in lieu of SB 1782 by Senator Creighton. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1510 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass and printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1510 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2533, as a matter of pending business by Senator Nichols.. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2533 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 2533 be reported back to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2533 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1279, 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 committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1279 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1279 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1279 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1471 by Senator Taylor and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 1471. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1471 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 317 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on HB 317. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony on HB 317. Senator Nichols moved that HB 317 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 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that HB 317 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1076 by Senator Paxton and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sends 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 1076. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1076 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1479 by Senator Johnson and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sends 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 1479. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1479 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 773 by Senator Nichols and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 773. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 773 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1451 by Senator Alvarado and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sends 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 1451. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 1451 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 738 by Senator Nichols and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sends 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 HB 738. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 738 was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1729 by Senator Nichols and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sends 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 HB 1729. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 1729 was left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2090 by Senator Hancock and recognized the author to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sends 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 HB 2090. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and HB 2090 was left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

At 9:41 AM, the chair moved that the committee stand in recess until upon adjournment of the legislative session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:30 PM, the chair called the committee back to order.

The chair laid out SB 528 by Senator Hughes and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 528. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 528 was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 2122, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moves adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2122 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 2122 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2122 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 993, 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 committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 993 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 993 do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2227 by Senator Hughes and recognized the author to explain the bill. The chair opened up public testimony on SB 2227. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair closed public testimony and SB 2227 was left pending.

There being no further business, the chair moved that the committee stand in recess 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 1020, SB 1090, SB 1606, SB 2051, HB 1363, HB 1510, HB 2533, SB 1279, HB 317, SB 2122, and SB 993. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk