

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, May 6, 2021

9:30 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, May 6, 2021, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Nathan Johnson

Senator José Menéndez

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Angela Paxton

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1451, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Alvarado. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1451 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1451 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 1451 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1984, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Lucio. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1984 do not pass but that the committee substitute to SB 1984 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 1984 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 531, 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 HB 531 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 531 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 HB 531 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 738, 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 738 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 738 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 HB 738 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 876, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Perry. Senator Nichols moved that HB 876 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 876 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1322, 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 HB 1322 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 1322 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 HB 1322 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1571, 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 HB 1571 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 1571 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 HB 1571 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1572 in lieu of SB 648 by Senator Springer. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1572 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 1572 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1729, 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 1729 do not pass but that the committee substitute to HB 1729 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 HB 1729 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1763 in lieu of SB 528 by Senator Hughes. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1763 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.

The chair laid out HB 3529 in lieu of SB 571 by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3529 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 3529 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 585, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Springer. Senator Nichols moved that SB 585 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

There being no further business, the committee stood 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 Johnson on SB 1451, HB 1984, HB 531, HB 738, HB 876; and Senator Schwertner on SB 1451, HB 531, HB 738, HB 876, HB 1322, HB 1571, HB 1572. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bills.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk