

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, May 13, 2021

10:30 AM

Press Room

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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 13, 2021, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair  
Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator John Whitmire

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 763, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that HB 763 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 HB 763 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 914, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Huffman. Senator Nichols moved that HB 914 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 HB 914 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1752, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Schwertner. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1752 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 Schwertner moved that HB 1752 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1939, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Creighton. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1939 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 HB 1939 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2819, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Nichols. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2819 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 HB 2819 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3130 in lieu of SB 1273 by Senator Paxton. Senator Paxton moved that HB 3130 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 Paxton moved that HB 3130 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3615 in lieu of SB 1470 by Senator Buckingham. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3615 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.

The chair laid out HB 3769, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3769 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 HB 3769 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3924 in lieu of SB 1973 by Senator Springer. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3924 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 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2106, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2106 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 HB 2106 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2698, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2698 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 HB 2698 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1777, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1777 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 1777 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2920, as a matter of pending business, by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that HB 2920 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 2920 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3648, in lieu of SB 1749 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock sends up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3648 do not pass but that the committee substitute do pass and be recommended for 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

HB 3648 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4030, in lieu of SB 1810 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock sends up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. Senator moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 4030 do not pass but that the committee substitute do pass and be recommended for 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 HB 4030 be recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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

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Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

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Kennedy Calvo, Clerk