

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 63 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nelson moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left pending.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 202 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 288 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 330 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 372 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out HB 1195 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

SB 372 and HB 1195 were left pending.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 475 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nelson moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 538 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 833 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 903 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Perry sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left temporarily pending.

The chair laid out SB 931 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 938 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left temporarily pending.

The chair laid out SB 1122 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left temporarily pending.

The chair laid out SB 1372 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left temporarily pending.

The chair laid out SB 1605 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left temporarily pending.

The chair laid out SB 609 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The bill was left pending.

At 10:45 AM Senator Nelson announced that the Committee stand in recess until after adjournment of the Senate.

At 1:31 PM the Committee reconvened.

Public testimony was heard.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed on all the bills; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire moved that SB 202 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 288 do not pass but that CSSB 288 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 475 do not pass but that CSSB 475 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nelson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Senator Buckingham moved that SB 538 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 833 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 903; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 903 do not pass but that CSSB 903 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1 for SB 938; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Campbell requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into a committee substitute and adopt the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 938 do not pass but that CSSB 938 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator West moved that SB 1122 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1372; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1372 do not pass but that CSSB 1372 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1605 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell and Senator Taylor asked to be shown voting aye on any bills voted on where they missed the vote. There was no objection.

Senator Creighton submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 202, SB 288, SB 475, SB 538, SB 833, SB 903, SB 938, SB 1122, SB 1372 and SB 1605.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 202, SB 288, SB 475, SB 538, SB 833, SB 903, SB 938, SB 1122, SB 1372 and SB 1605.

Senator Lucio submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 202, SB 288, SB 475, SB 538, SB 833, SB 903, SB 938, SB 1122, SB 1372 and SB 1605.

Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on SB 202, SB 288, SB 475, SB 538, SB 833, SB 903, SB 938, SB 1122, SB 1372 and SB 1605.

There being no further business, at 2:29 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk