

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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 Jurisprudence was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Nathan Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 615 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1129 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 985 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. No witnesses testified or registered on the bill. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 495 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1055 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1055 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1252 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill. No witnesses testified or registered on the bill. Senator Huffman moved that the bill be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 232 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 295 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 chair moved that public testimony be

closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 907 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. No witnesses testified on the bill; however witnesses who registered, but did not testify, are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Huffman moved that SB 907 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 335 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1821 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 chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1371 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. No witnesses testified on the bill; however witnesses who registered, but did not testify, are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Hinojosa moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1054 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. No witnesses testified on the bill; however witnesses who registered, but did not testify, are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 312 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 312 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 567 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1056 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. No witnesses testified on the bill; however witnesses who registered, but did not testify, are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1056 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 766 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. No witnesses testified on the bill; however witnesses who registered, but did not testify, are shown on the attached witness list. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 766 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1129. Senator Huffman moved the withdrawal of the CSSB 1129, and sent up a new CSSB 1129 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the difference between the new committee substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Huffman moved that CSSB 1129 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:50 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed to meet upon adjournment of the legislative session, subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion by Senator Huffman, Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18 were suspended to allow the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence to meet to consider pending business during a public hearing in the Capitol Building, room 3E.4, 15 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. At 3:52 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 232. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson

moved that SB 232 do not pass but that CSSB 232 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 232.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 295. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 295 do not pass but that CSSB 295 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 295.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 335. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 335 do not pass but that CSSB 335 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 335.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 615. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 615 do not pass but that CSSB 615 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 615.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 907. Senator Johnson moved that SB 907 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested

Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SB 907.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 985. Senator Johnson moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 985 do not pass but that CSSB 985 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 985.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1129. Senator Johnson moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1129 do not pass but that CSSB 1129 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 1129.

At 3:56 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 312. Senator Huffman moved that SB 312 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown to be voting aye for SB 312.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 567. Senator Huffman moved that SB 567 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown to be voting aye for SB 567.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 766. Senator Huffman moved that SB 766 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SB 766.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1055. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1055 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting for SB 1055.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1056. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1056 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting for SB 1056.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1371. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1371 do not pass but that CSSB 1371 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting for CSSB 1371.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1821. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1821 do not pass but that CSSB 1821 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting for CSSB 1821.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:04 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Koy Kunkel, Clerk