

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 692 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 SB 692 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1458 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. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Witnesses 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 CSSB 1458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1923 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1923 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 41 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 SB 41 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1923. 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 SB 1923 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 692. Senator Johnson moved that SB 692 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 Hinojosa and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SB 692.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out CSSB 1458. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1458 do not pass but that CSSB 1458 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 Hinojosa and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 1458.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 1923. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1923 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 Hinojosa and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SB 1923.

The chair laid out SB 68 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Huffman moved 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that CSSB 68 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 69 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Huffman moved 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 chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that CSSB 69 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:28 AM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 47 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 Creighton moved that SJR 47 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 Hinojosa and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SJR 47.

The chair laid out SB 530 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

At 9:35 AM Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

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 Hughes moved that SB 530 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:47 AM Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:48 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:30 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 2212 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 SB 2212 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 Hinojosa and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SB 2212.

The chair laid out SB 2194 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 Huffman moved that SB 2194 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2109 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 CSSB 2109 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:10 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 530. Senator Huffman moved that SB 530 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.

At 5:12 PM Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 495. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 495 do not pass but that CSSB 495 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 68. Senator Johnson moved that SB 68 do not pass but that CSSB 68 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 69. Senator Johnson moved that SB 69 do not pass but that CSSB 69 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2194. Senator Huffman moved that SB 2194 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 motioned to reconsider the vote with which the committee substitute to SB 11 was passed out of the Committee on April 1, 2021; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that the committee substitute to SB 11 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:16 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Koy Kunkel, Clerk