

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Thursday, April 22, 2021

8:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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 22, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room 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 Senator Hinojosa, assuming the chair, called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 41 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes 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 Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that CSSB 41 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1831 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, 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 HB 1831 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 41 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. No witnesses testified or registered on the bill. Senator Hinojosa moved that SCR 41 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:45 AM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 654 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, 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 HB 654 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:20 AM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 315 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 Huffman moved that SB 315 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.

At 10:05 AM Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:05 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:55 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1530 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 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 1530 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 390 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

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 the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that HB 390 do not pass but that CSHB 390 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 and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSHB 390.

The chair laid out HB 1428 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Huffman moved that HB 1428 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 and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1428.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1530. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 1530 do not pass but that CSSB 1530 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 Creighton and Senator Hughes each submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 1530.

At 1:17 PM Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 654. Senator Johnson moved that HB 654 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting nay for HB 654.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1831. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1831 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 Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for HB 1831.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 41. Senator Creighton moved that SB 41 do not pass but that CSSB 41 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 Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for CSSB 41.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SCR 41. Senator Creighton moved that SCR 41 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye for SCR 41.

There being no further business, at 1:19 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