

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
11:00 AM or upon adjournment
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 Local Government was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator José Menéndez, Vice Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:56 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1412.

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

Senator Paxton moved SB 1412 do not pass but CSSB 1412 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1745.

Senator Zaffirini moved SB 1745 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved 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 SB 2214.

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

Senator Eckhardt moved SB 2214 do not pass but CSSB 2214 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Eckhardt moved 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 SB 2237.

Senator Paxton moved SB 2237 do not pass but CSSB 2237 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton moved 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 SB 2244.

Senator Springer moved SB 2244 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer moved 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 HB 180.

Senator Menéndez moved HB 180 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved 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 HB 840.

Senator Zaffirini moved HB 840 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved 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 HB 1228.

Senator Springer moved HB 1228 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair noted the presence of Senator Gutierrez at 3:07pm. Senator Gutierrez requested the vote reflect aye on the following bills:

SB 1412

SB 1745

SB 2214

SB 2237

SB 2244

HB 180

HB 840

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2242.

Senator Gutierrez moved SB 2242 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Gutierrez moved 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 HB 1338.

Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved HB 1338 do not pass but CSHB 1338 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1543.

Senator Hall moved HB 1543 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1925, the companion bill to SB 987, which was heard and left pending during a previous hearing.

Senator Hall moved HB 1925 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2847.

Senator Springer moved HB 2847 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2094, the companion bill to SB 1333, which was heard and left pending during a previous hearing.

Senator Zaffirini moved HB 2094 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 4577, the companion bill to SB 2155, which was heard and left pending during a previous hearing.

Senator Menéndez moved HB 4577 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 4585, the companion bill to SB 2148, which was heard and left pending during a previous hearing.

Senator Hall moved HB 4585 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 4610, the companion bill to SB 720, which was heard and left pending during a previous hearing.

Senator Paxton moved HB 4610 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 3:15 PM Senator Bettencourt moved the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Sydney Suss, Clerk