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SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Friday, March 26, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension Auditorium, E1.004

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Friday, March 26, 2021, in the Capitol Extension Auditorium, E1.004.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 4 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 29 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 29 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1112 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1112 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1113 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1113 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1116 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1116 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1387 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1387 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1018 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1018 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1340 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1340 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 331 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 331 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 598 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 598 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:47 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1234 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1234 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:52 AM Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1235 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1235 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 7 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

At 12:00 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 7 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand at ease for 15 minutes; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:30 PM Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting.

Public testimony on SB 4 and SB 29 began at 1:31 PM.

The chair moved public testimony on SB 4 and SB 29 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Public testimony began at 4:56 PM on the following: SB 7, 331, 598, 1018, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1116, 1340, 1387, 1234 and 1235 began at 4:56 PM.

At 5:41 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

At 6:12 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

At 8:08 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

At 9:01 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair moved public testimony on be closed on the following: SB 7, 331, 598, 1018, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1116, 1340, 1387, 1234, and 1235; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:19 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 7. Senator Hughes moved that SB 7 do not pass but that CSSB 7 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1234. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1234 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 10:21 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 4. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 4 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Birdwell 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 SB 29. Senator Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 29 do not pass but that CSSB 29 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1018. Senator Zaffirini moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1018 do not pass but that CSSB 1018 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Zaffirini 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 SB 331. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 331 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Birdwell 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 SB 1112. Senator Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1112 do not pass but that CSSB 1112 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1113. Senator Hall moved that SB 1113 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1114. Senator Campbell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1114 do not pass but that CSSB 1114 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1116. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1116 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 10:30 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Courtney Smith, Clerk