

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 12, 2021

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 Monday, April 12, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1922 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Hughes moved that SB 1922 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1439 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Hughes moved that SB 1439 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1675 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Hughes moved that SB 1675 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 721 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that SB 721 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 723 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 723 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 22 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 22 do not pass but that CSSB 22 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 726 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved that SB 726 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1418 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1418 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1901 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1901 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:08 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 885 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. 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. 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 Hughes moved that SB 885 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1699 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:25 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1311 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Hughes moved that SB 1311 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1646 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1646 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:50 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 3 PM or upon adjournment of the Senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:07 PM Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1158 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1158 do not pass but that CSSB 1158 be reported back to the Senate with the

recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 721 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 721 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 723 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 723 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 SB 726 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 726 do not pass but that CSSB 726 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 1418 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Nelson moved that SB 1418 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Nelson 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 1439 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1439 do not pass but that CSSB 1439 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1675 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1675 do not pass but that CSSB 1675 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 SB 1901 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1901 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:15 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1936 as a matter of pending business. 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1936 do not pass but that CSSB 1936 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 885 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 885 do not pass but that CSSB 885 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1699 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1699 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 6:20 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 7:56 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