

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 19, 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 19, 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 9:13 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 275 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 275 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 Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 162 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 162 do not pass but that CSSB 162 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1339 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini 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 Zaffirini moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1339 do not pass but that CSSB 1339 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.

At 9:37 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1106 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 1106 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2536 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2536 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 29 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SCR 29 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 912 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, 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 912 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 704 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 704 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 282 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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 282 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1514 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Hughes moved that HB 1514 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1612 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill. Senator Hall 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1612 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 61 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell 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 SJR 61 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1111 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 1111 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1589 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Hall 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. The chair moved that the

public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1589 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2202. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2202 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 51 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 SJR 51 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1509 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1509 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1508 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1508 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:43 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 4:34 PM Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2202 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2202 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 29 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that SCR 29 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 SJR 51 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that SJR 51 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SJR 61 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 SJR 61 do not pass but that CSSJR 61 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, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 282 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 282 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 912 as a matter of pending business. Senator Campbell moved that SB 912 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 Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1111 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Hall moved that SB 1111 be reported favorably 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 1508 as a matter of pending business. Senator Campbell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 1508 do not pass but that CSSB 1508 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 1509 as a matter of pending business. Senator Schwertner moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 1509 do not pass but that CSSB 1509 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 1589 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 1589 do not pass but that CSSB 1589 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 2202 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nelson moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson moved that SB 2202 be reported favorably 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 HB 1514 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1514 do not pass but that CSHB 1514 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 HB 2536 as a matter of pending business business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2536 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 Lucio, Jr. 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 5:13 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