

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, May 10, 2021

1:00 PM

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, May 10, 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 Beverly Powell
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1264 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1264 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 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 HB 2112 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2112 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 HB 1239 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Campbell 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. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that HB 1239 do not pass but that CSHB 1239 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, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out HB 868 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 868 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 HB 1227 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell moved that HB 1227 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 Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 29 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Hughes moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 29 do not pass but that CSHB 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 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 HB 1382 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1382 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1397 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 1397 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1578 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 1578 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:56 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