

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, May 17, 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, May 17, 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 HB 3012 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill. Senator Nelson moved that HB 3012 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.

The chair laid out HJR 143 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill. Senator Nelson moved that HJR 143 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.

The chair laid out HB 956 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, 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 956 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4346 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 4346 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2593 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, 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 2593 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2926 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2926 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:25 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2757 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2757 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1430 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Birdwell moved that SB 1430 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 458 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2057 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2057 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2204 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. 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2204 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2116 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2116 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:24 AM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2283 and recognized Senator Hughes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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. 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 2283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3046 and recognized Senator Hughes, 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 853 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 853 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 448 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 448 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2924 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 2924 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3069 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 3069 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3333 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3333 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:11 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

At 12:11 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 448 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 448 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 HB 458 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 458 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 HB 2057 as a matter of pending business. Senator Powell moved that HB 2057 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 Powell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4346 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 4346 be reported favorably 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 5:32 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 853 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that HB 853 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 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 2924 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2924 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 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 3333 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3333 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:36 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3979 and recognized Senator Hughes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3979 do not pass but that CSHB 3979 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 6:11 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1430. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 1430 do not pass but that CSSB 1430 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2204. Senator Schwertner moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 2204 do not pass but that CSHB 2204 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 Schwertner 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 HB 2283. Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that HB 2283 do not pass but that CSHB 2283 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2593. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 2593 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2757. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that HB 2757 do not pass but that CSHB 2757 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 HB 2926. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2926 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 as a matter of pending business HB 3046. Senator Hall moved that HB 3046 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 957. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 957 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1128. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1128 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1920. Senator Nelson moved that HB 1920 be reported favorably 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 HB 2622. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2622 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 6:25 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2064. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2064 do not pass but that CSHB 2064 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3069. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3069 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:28 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:28 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