

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:30 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 Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM. There being a quorum established at 8:36 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator César Blanco
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kel Seliger

The chair laid out HB 119 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on CSHB 119.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 119 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 780 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 780.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 780 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2115 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2115. (See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 2115 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 961 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 961 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 962 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 962 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2013 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2013.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2013 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 723 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 723.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 723 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 225 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 225.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 225 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 735 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 735. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 735 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 263 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 263.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 263 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1820 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1820.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1149 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1149. (See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 1149 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2195 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on CSSB 2195 .(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 2195 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 786 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 786.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills HB 119, HB 723, HB 786, SB 225, SB 263, SB 2115, SB 1149. Public testimony was heard on the bills.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The bills were left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1489 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1489.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1489 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 500 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 500. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 500 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1629 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1629. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1629 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1630 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1630. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 505 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 505. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 505 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1200 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Powell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on CSSB 1200. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1847 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1847. (See attached witness list). The Chair opened public testimony. Public testimony was heard. Please see attached witness list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills SB 1629, SB 500, SB 735, SB 505, SB 505, SB 1630, SB 962, HB 780. Public testimony was heard.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

These bills were left pending.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:51 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills, SB 2013, SB 1489, SB 961, SB 1820, SB 2195. Public testimony was heard.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

These bills were left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2195.

Senator Seliger then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 2195 do not pass but that CSSB 2195 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 Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2195.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1353.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1353 do not pass but that CSSB 1353 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. Senator Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1353.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1628.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1628 do not pass but that CSSB 1628 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 Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1628. Senator Perry 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 500.

Senator Perry moved that SB 500 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, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 500. Senator Perry 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 119.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 119 do not pass but that CSHB 119 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 Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 119. Senator Blanco 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 723.

Senator Perry moved that HB 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. Senator Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 723. Senator Perry 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 780.

Senator Perry moved that HB 780 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, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 780. Senator Blanco 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 786.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 786 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, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 786. Senator Seliger 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 225.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 225 do not pass but that CSSB 225 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 Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 225.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 263.

Senator Perry moved that SB 263 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, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 263. Senator Perry 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 1200.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1200 do not pass but that CSSB 1200 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 Campbell, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1200. Senator Perry 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 2013.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2013 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, Senator Powell and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2013. Senator Perry 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 2115.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2115 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. Senator Campbell and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2115. Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on SB 2115.

There being no further business, Senator Miles moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Avery Kotic". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Avery Kotic, Clerk