

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 987 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill and the committee substitute.

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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1237 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Flores 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 65 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

At 9:18 AM the committee stood in recess.

At 9:47 AM the committee reconvened.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1243 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1244 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 10 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SCR 28 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 22 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute to SB 22; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa 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 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini on SB 65.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 65 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 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 recognized Senator Kolkhorst on SB 987.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 987 do not pass but that CSSB 987 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Huffman on SB 10.

Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 10 do not pass but that CSSB 10 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair recognized Senator Huffman on SCR 28.

Senator Huffman moved that SCR 28 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 10, SB 22, SB 65, SB 987 and SCR 28.

Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 10, SB 22, SB 65, SB 987 and SCR 28.

Senator Creighton submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 10, SB 22, SB 65, SB 987 and SCR 28.

Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 10, SB 22, SB 65, SB 987 and SCR 28.

Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 10, SB 22, SB 65, SB 987 and SCR 28.

Senator West submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 22, SB 65 and SB 987.

There being no further business, at 10:53 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk