

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 6, 2023

12:30 PM or upon recess

Press Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 147. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 147 do not pass but that CSSB 147 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 12:45 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1446. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1446 do not pass but that CSSB 1446 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 12:48 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 250. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 250 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2433. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2433 do not pass but that CSSB 2433 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 417. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 417 do not pass but that CSSB 417 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Paxton 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 2021. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 2021 do not pass but that CSSB 2021 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1556. Senator Parker moved that SB 1556 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Parker 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 1711. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1711 do not pass but that CSSB 1711 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1893. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that SB 1893 do not pass but that CSSB 1893 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Parker 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 1512. Senator Parker moved that SB 1512 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1513. Senator Parker moved that SB 1513 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 as a matter of pending business SB 998. Senator Parker moved that SB 998 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Parker 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 60. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 60 do not pass but that CSSB 60 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Menéndez 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 1375. Senator Parker moved that SB 1375 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Menéndez 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 2186. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2186 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2284. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 2284 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2284 do not pass but that CSSB 2284 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Menéndez moves that the vote on CSSB 2284 be reconsidered; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2284 do not pass but that CSSB 2284 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 926. Senator Parker moved that SB 926 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2071. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2071 do not pass but that CSSB 2071 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1097. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Parker moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that SB 1097 do not pass but that CSSB 1097 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Parker moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:07 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 70. Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SJR 70 do not pass but that CSSJR 70 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1281. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1281 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Menéndez moves to reconsider the vote on SB 1281; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 1281 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1725. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1725 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 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 as a matter of pending business SB 2275. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2275 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 1:12 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:12 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

Taryn Taylor, Clerk

Motions in writing received from Senators Zaffirini, Middleton, and Schwertner.