

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, May 8, 2023

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 8, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Mayes Middleton

The Chair laid out HB 1745 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 1745 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 255 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 9:15 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

Senator Birdwell moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 255 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 567 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 9:36 AM Senator Parker assumed the chair.

Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 367 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 367 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HCR 39 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 Parker moved that HB 367 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3647 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 3647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 907 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 907 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2629 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 2629 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HCR 86 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HCR 86 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 2196. 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 Parker moved that HB 2196 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 87 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one being registered to testify, Senator Parker moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that HB 87 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 5232 and recognized Senator Middleton, 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 Parker moved that HB 5232 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 5214 and recognized Senator Middleton, 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 Parker moved that HB 5214 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:33 AM Senator Parker moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Taryn Taylor, Clerk