

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Whitmire, Chair
Senator Pete Flores, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Huffman, Senator King, and Senator Miles.

The chair laid out SB 49 and recognized the author, 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 49 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1717 and recognized the author, 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 Huffman moved that SB 1717 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator King submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB1717.

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

The chair laid out SB 385 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Whitmire moved that SB 385 be left pending; without objection.

The chair laid out SB 386 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 386 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 806 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Whitimir sent up a committee substitute for SB806. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Whitmire 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 Huffman moved that SB 806 do not pass but that CSSB 806 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1527 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Flores moved that SB 1527 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB1527.

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

The chair laid out SB 991 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Whitmire 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 Whitmire moved that SB 991 do not pass but that CSSB 991 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB991.

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

The chair laid out SB 876 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, 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 Whitmire moved that SB 876 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Whitmire moved that the Committee stand recessed.

At 2:54 PM Senator Whitmire reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1727 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Whitmire 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 Huffman moved that SB 1727 do not pass but that CSSB 1727 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles and Senator King submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB1727.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 129.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 129 do not pass but that CSSB 129 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB129.

Senator Flores 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 947.

Senator Whitmire moved that SB 947 do not pass but that CSSB 947 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Whitmire moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senators Bettencourt and Senator Huffman suggested the votes for CSSB129 and CSSB947 be reconsidered. Without objection, it so ordered.

Senator King sent up a committee substitute for sb947. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator King moved for adoption of the committee substitute

Senator Huffman moved that SB 947 do not pass but that CSSB 947 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB947.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Flores moved that SB 129 do not pass but that CSSB 129 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB129.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB2000

There being no further business, at 3:35 PM Senator Whitmire moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Whitmire, Chair

Juan Negrete, Clerk