

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dan Patrick, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Ken Paxton
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Leticia Van de Putte

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1264 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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 Patrick moved that HB 1264 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 525 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser, 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 Patrick moved that HB 525 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2016 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Duncan, 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 Patrick moved that HB 2016 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 544 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Patrick moved that SB 544 and public testimony be left pending temporarily; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:53 AM the roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 525. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 525 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1304 by Senator Davis. Senator Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up on Tuesday, April 30, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Duncan moved that SB 1304 do not pass but that CSSB 1304 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Duncan 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 1310 by Senator Davis. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1310 do not pass but that CSSB 1310 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 2016. Senator Duncan moved that HB 2016 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Duncan moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair opened public testimony on SB 544. 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 Patrick moved that SB 544 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2058 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Ellis, 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 Patrick moved that HB 2058 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2137 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 Patrick moved that HB 2137 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:29 AM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1952 and recognized Senator Patrick, 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 Paxton moved that HB 1952 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 222 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Patrick, 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 Paxton moved that HB 222 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2137. Senator Paxton moved that HB 2137 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 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 HB 2058. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2058 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 2 absent. The chair 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 1264. Senator Paxton moved that HB 1264 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 2 absent. Senator Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:40 AM Senator Patrick moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to the suspension of Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18 at 1:36 PM the committee reconvened at Senator Patrick's desk. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1952. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1952 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 2 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Duncan requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1264, HB 2058 and HB 2137; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1304, SB 1310, HB 525, and HB 2016; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1264, and HB 2058; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting PNV on HB 2137; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:37 PM Senator Patrick moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dan Patrick, Chair

Holly Mabry McCoy, Clerk