

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Thursday, May 16, 2013

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013, in the Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Royce West, Chair

Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Sylvia Garcia

Senator Kelly Hancock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Carona

Senator Ken Paxton

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out HB 1245 and recognized Senator Garcia, 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 Rodríguez moved that HB 1245 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1245 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The Chair laid out HB 1228 and recognized Senator Garcia, 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 West moved that HB 1228 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1228 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The Chair laid out HB 2621 and recognized Senator Garcia, 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 West moved that HB 2621 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 2621 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 1:37 PM a quorum was established.

Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on May 14, 2013. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2080 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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 Rodríguez moved that HB 2080, as amended, be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The Chair laid out HB 2501 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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 West moved that HB 2501 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1846 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There were no persons registered to testify on this bill.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 1846 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The Chair laid out HB 2749 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 West moved that HB 2749 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:10 PM Senator Hancock assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out HB 2912 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to explain the amendment.

Senator Rodríguez sent up Committee Amendment 2 and was recognized to explain the amendment.

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 Hancock moved that HB 2912 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2913 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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 Hancock moved that HB 2913 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2918 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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 Hancock moved that HB 2918 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3314 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, 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 Rodríguez moved that HB 3314 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:21 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out HB 1755 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Rodríguez moved that HB 1755 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2978 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Rodríguez moved that HB 2978 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:29 PM the Committee stood at ease temporarily.

At 2:44 PM Senator West reconvened the meeting.

There being no further business, at 2:45 PM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Royce West, Chair

Tiffany White, Clerk