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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Thursday, April 25, 2013

1:15 PM or upon adjournment

Senator Zaffirini's Desk

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Government Organization was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at Senator Zaffirini's Desk.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Chair
Senator Charles Schwertner, Vice Chair
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Ken Paxton
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 1:16 p.m. Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 403 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up the committee substitute for SB 403 and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed. The Chair opened public testimony. There being no witnesses registered for, against, or on the bill, the Chair closed public testimony. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 403 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. There being 4 ayes and 2 nays, the committee substitute for SB 403 was reported favorably.

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The Chair laid out SB 1208 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up the committee substitute for SB 1208 and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed. The Chair opened public testimony. There being no witnesses registered for, against, or on the bill, the Chair closed public testimony. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1208 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. There being 6 ayes and 0 nays, the committee substitute for SB 1208 was reported favorably. Senator Garcia moved that CSSB 1208 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, at 1:19 p.m., the Chair announced that the committee would stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Judith Zaffirini, Chair

Gonzalo Serrano, Clerk