

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 16, 2015

8:00 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 State Affairs was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:13 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1929 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair laid out SB 1930 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair laid out SB 1931 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1929, SB 1930, and SB 1931 are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that SB 1929, SB 1930, SB 1931, and the committee substitutes be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1733 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

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.

The chair moved that SB 1733 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 716 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.

The chair moved that SB 716 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1116 and recognized Senator Nelson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that SB 1116 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 995 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that SB 995 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1202 and recognized the author, 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.

The chair moved that SB 1202 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 779.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair moved that SB 779 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2048 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that SB 2048 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 19.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Van to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Creighton sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Senator Ellis sent up Committee Amendment 2.

The chair moved that SB 19, the committee substitute, and the committee amendments be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:12 AM the chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:38 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 716.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 716 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 Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell 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 3:44 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Ashley Brooks, Clerk