

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 27, 2015

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 Monday, April 27, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

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 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 585 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 586 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute to SB 586; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 585 and SB 586 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 585, SB 586, and the committee substitute to SB 586 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1551 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, 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 1551 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1848 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 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 1848 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1934 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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.

The chair moved that SB 1934 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1913 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 1913 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 575 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Larry 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 575 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 645 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 645 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1014 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini 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 1014 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1034 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 1034 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1192 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 1192 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1437 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 1437 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1267 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes 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 1267 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 834.

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

The chair moved that SB 834 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:36 AM, the chair moved that the Committee stand in recess until 1:30 PM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:32 PM Senator Huffman reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 575.

Senator Birdwell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 575 do not pass but that CSSB 575 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 585.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 585 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 586.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 586 do not pass but that CSSB 586 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 834.

Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 834 do not pass but that CSSB 834 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser and Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to both be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 1034.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1034 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser and Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to both be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 the committee substitute to SB 1192.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1192 do not pass but that CSSB 1192 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser and Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to both be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 the committee substitute to SB 1267.

Senator Estes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1267 do not pass but that CSSB 1267 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser and Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to both be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes 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 the committee substitute to SB 1437.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1437 do not pass but that CSSB 1437 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser and Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to both be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 the committee substitute to SB 1600.

Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1600 do not pass but that CSSB 1600 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1913.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1913 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis 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 1934.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1934 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, 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