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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

11:30 AM or upon adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair
Senator Konni Burton, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair recognized Senator Hall to lead the committee in the Pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Senator Garcia was later recognized as being present.

Senator Lucio moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on April 22, 2015, and April 29, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:47 PM Senator Burton assumed the chair.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 437 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 437 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 0 absent.

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

At 4:48 PM Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2152 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Hall moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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.

Senator Hall moved that HB 2152 do not pass but that CSHB 2152 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 HB 115 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on HB 115.

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

Senator Burton moved that HB 115 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 0 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 SCR 26 and recognized the author, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on SCR 26.

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

Senator Birdwell moved that SCR 26 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 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1133 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on HB 1133.

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

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1133 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 0 absent.

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

The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to lay out the Subcommittee Report on SB 838.

Senator Birdwell moved adoption of the subcommittee report for SB 838 including the recommendation that SB 838 do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof be reported to the full 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 0 absent.

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Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 5:04 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair

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