

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair
Senator Dan Patrick, Vice Chair
Senator John Carona
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Steve Ogden
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 291 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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.

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 291 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 975 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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.

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 975 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 746 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, 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 Shapiro moved that SB 746 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 346 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, 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 Shapiro moved that SB 346 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:29 AM the roll was called, and a quorum was present.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 291. Senator Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Davis moved that SB 291 do not pass but that CSSB 291 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 Davis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 746. Senator Seliger moved that SB 746 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 Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1349 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1349 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1788 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick 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.

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 1788 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 127. Senator Patrick moved to withdraw the substitute and amendment to SB 127 that was previously sent up. Senator Patrick sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Patrick sent up Committee Amendment 1 and Committee Amendment 2 and was recognized to explain the amendments. The resource witness testifying and registering on the bill is shown on the attached list.

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 127 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:14 AM Senator Shapiro moved that the Committee stand recessed temporarily; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:35 AM Senator Shapiro reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 1788. Senator Carona moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Carona moved that SB 1788 do not pass but that CSSB 1788 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 Carona moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out SB 127. Senator Patrick moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1 and 2; without objection, the amendments were adopted. Senator Carona requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendments into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Carona then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Carona moved that SB 127 do not pass but that CSSB 127 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Carona requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 291, and SB 746, and SB 1349; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 127, and SB 1788; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 127, and SB 1349, and SB 1788; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 291, and SB 746, SB 1349, and SB 1788; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on SB 127; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:42 AM Senator Shapiro moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair

Holly Mabry, Clerk