

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
1:30 PM or upon adjournment  
Betty King Committee Room

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Chris Harris, Chair  
Senator Jose Rodriguez, Vice Chair  
Senator John Carona  
Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Carlos Uresti

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Robert Duncan

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Jose Rodriguez  
Senator Joan Huffman

Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 61 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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 Harris moved that SB 61 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 118 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, 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 118 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 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 586 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 Harris moved that SB 586 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 209 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 209 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 2:32 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 485 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 Rodriguez moved that SB 485 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 543 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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.

Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 485 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:38 PM Senator Gallegos, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 605 and recognized the author, Senator Rodriguez, 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 605 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:41 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 283 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, 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.

Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 286 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, 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 Rodriguez moved that SB 286 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 481 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, 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 Rodriguez moved that SB 481 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:40 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:42 PM Senator Harris moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Chris Harris, Chair

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Katie Qualls, Clerk