

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
1:30 PM 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 Jurisprudence was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Chris Harris, Chair
Senator Jose Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Senator John Carona
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Joan Huffman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.
Senator Carlos Uresti

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 Robert Duncan.

The Chair recognized Alicia Key of the Attorney General's Office to go over Child Support Guidelines.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 61.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Harris to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Harris moved that SB 61 do not pass but that CSSB 61 be reported back 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on CSSB 61.

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

At 1:46 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 283.

Senator Harris moved that SB 283 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 283.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 481.

Senator Harris moved that SB 481 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 481.

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

At 1:42 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 485.

Senator Harris moved that SB 485 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 485.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 543.

Senator Harris moved that SB 543 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 543.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 605.

Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 605 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 605.

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

At 1:45 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 286.

Senator Harris moved that SB 286 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 Huffman submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting Aye on SB 286.

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

At 1:47 PM Senator Harris resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 502 and recognized Senator Carona, 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 502 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 886 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, 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 886 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:57 PM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 582 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 582 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 716 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Harris to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Harris moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 785 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Harris 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 Rodriguez moved that SB 785 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 786 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Senator Harris moved that SB 786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:13 PM Senator Harris assumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:14 PM Senator Harris moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Chris Harris, Chair

Katie Qualls, Clerk