

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
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 Veteran Affairs & Military Installations was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Wendy Davis  
Senator José Rodríguez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1553 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Van de Putte moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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.

At 1:47 PM the roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The chair laid out SB 260 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

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Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Van de Putte moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Rodríguez commends Senator Davis and her staff on SB 260.

The chair laid out SB 871 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill. Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis 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 Birdwell is in attendance at 2:38

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 Van de Putte moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:44 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business the Chair opens public testimony back up on SB 1553.

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.

At 2:47 PM Senator Van de Putte resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business the Chair opens public testimony back up on SB 260.

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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.

At 2:57 PM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 164 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell is in attendance at 2:59 p.m.

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 Van de Putte moved that SB 164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1061 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 Van de Putte moved that SB 1061 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1199 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Van de Putte moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 recognized a Witnesses not testifying and registering on the bill shown on the attached list.

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

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As a matter of pending business the Chair opens public testimony back up on SB164.

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.

As a matter of pending business the Chair opens public testimony back up on SB 1553.

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 laid out SB 1158 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Van de Putte sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

At 3:51 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

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 Van de Putte moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1159 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 Birdwell moved that SB 1159 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:32 PM Senator Van de Putte assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 871. Senator Wendy Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved that SB 871 do not pass but that CSSB 871 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 0 absent. Senator Leticia Van de Putte 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 260. Senator Wendy Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved that SB 260 do not pass but that CSSB 260 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 0 absent. Senator Wendy Davis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:39 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 164. Senator Wendy Davis moved that SB 164 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 0 absent. Senator Brian Birdwell 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 1159. Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved that SB 1159 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 0 absent. Senator Leticia Van de Putte 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 898 from committee hearing last Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved that SB 898 do not pass but that CSSB 898 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 0 absent. Senator Leticia Van de Putte moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the full senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:43 PM Senator Van de Putte resumed the chair.

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SB 1061, SB 1199, and SB 1553 were left as pending business.

Senator José Rodríguez requested unanimous consent to be shown voting AYE on SB 164, SB 1159, SB 871, SB 898, and SB 260; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:44 PM Senator Van de Putte moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Chair

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Cinda Johnson, Clerk