

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator John Whitmire

Senator Creighton moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on March 24, 2015, and March 26, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 802 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute; 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 Creighton moved that CSSB 802 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 788 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 788 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 335 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 336 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 337 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

The chair opened public testimony on SB 335, SB 336 and SB 337. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Eltife moved that SB 335, SB 336 and SB 337 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to speak on SB 302.

No action was taken on SB 302.

The chair laid out SB 900 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, 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 Eltife moved that SB 900 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1628 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 10:47 AM Senator Eltife moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:31 PM Senator Eltife reconvened the meeting.

Public testimony was resumed for SB 1628.

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

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1628 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:40 PM Senator Eltife moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair

Brady Faglie, Clerk