

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

9:00 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, May 5, 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 Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kel Seliger
Senator John Whitmire

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 601 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 Eltife moved that HB 601 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1077 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 HB 1077 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2133 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 HB 2133 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1060 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was established.

Senator Eltife moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on April 21, 2015, April 27, 2015, April 28, 2015, and April 30, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

Eltife 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 Eltife moved that SB 1060 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1251 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, 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 Eltife moved that SB 1251 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1221 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Eltife 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 Eltife moved that HB 1221 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 121 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill in the absence of the author.

Senator Ellis moved to reconsider a motion by which a committee substitute was adopted in a previous hearing. Without objection; it was so moved.

Senator Ellis moved to pull down the committee substitute. Without objection; the committee substitute was pulled down.

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

Senator Eltife moved that SB 121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 374.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 374 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1916.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1916 do not pass but that CSSB 1916 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 824.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 824 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Schwertner 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 HB 2022.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 2022 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Eltife resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1142 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife 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 Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1964 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Creighton 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 Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, the committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 1964 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2491 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, 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 HB 2491 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2145 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Eltife 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 Eltife moved that HB 2145 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2213 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 Eltife moved that HB 2213 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:23 AM 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