

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Charles Perry
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:03 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 622 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 closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 203.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 203 do not pass but that CSSB 203 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 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 SB 292.

Senator Taylor, Van, moved that SB 292 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 Taylor, Van, moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:09 AM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 304, and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the bill to create a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 304 do not pass but that CSSB 304 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 538, and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw committee substitute to SB 538 which was considered at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 538 do not pass but that CSSB 538 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 460, and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw committee substitute to SB 460 which was considered at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 460 do not pass but that CSSB 460 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 Kolkhorst 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 519, and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw committee substitute to SB 519 which was considered at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 519 do not pass but that CSSB 519 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.

At 8:35 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 125 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West 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 closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 694 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 791 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:07 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

At 10:09 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

At 10:41 AM Senator Schwertner moved that the Committee stand in recess, subject to the call of the chair.

At 5:31 PM Senator Schwertner reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 791 and testimony on the bill was resumed.

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

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 582 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

The chair closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 6:17 PM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 760 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 closed public testimony on the bill. The bill was left pending.

At 7:14 PM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 7:15 PM Senator Schwertner moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Meagan Kirby, Clerk