

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, February 16, 2017

9:00 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 State Affairs was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Craig Estes

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 44.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 44 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Zaffirini 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 46.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 46 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Zaffirini 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 378.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 378 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Zaffirini 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 413.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 413 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 13.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 13 do not pass but that CSSB 13 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 24.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 24 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 38 and recognized Senator Nelson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 21 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 2 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on all bills 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 SJR 38.

Senator Nelson moved that SJR 38 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Lucio requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 21.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 21 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Lucio requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 2.

Senator Birdwell moved that SJR 2 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Lucio requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 12:12 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Addison Reagan, Clerk