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SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 27, 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 Monday, March 27, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out CSSB 39.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 39 do not pass but that CSSB 39 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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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 CSSB 301.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 301 do not pass but that CSSB 301 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out CSSB 302.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 302 do not pass but that CSSB 302 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out CSSB 303.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 303 do not pass but that CSSB 303 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 416.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 416 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 498.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 498 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 528.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 528 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 667.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 667 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out CSSB 823.

Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 823 do not pass but that CSSB 823 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 944.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 944 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 CSSB 968.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 968 do not pass but that CSSB 968 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out CSSB 969.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 969 do not pass but that CSSB 969 be reported back 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1096.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1096 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 requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out CSSB 576.

Senator Huffman withdrew CSSB 576 and sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 576 do not pass but that CSSB 576 be reported back 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. Senator Hughes requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 42 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 42 do not pass but that CSSB 42 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 Lucio requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 63 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Huffman moved that SB 63 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1329 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman 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 Hughes moved that SB 1329 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 470 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Huffman moved that SB 470 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 499 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes 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 Hughes moved that SB 499 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1249 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Hughes moved that SB 1249 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1250 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Hughes moved that SB 1250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 445 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Burton 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 Hughes moved that SB 445 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 3 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Hughes moved that SCR 3 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 612 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Huffman resumed 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 Huffman moved that SB 612 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 813 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Huffman moved that SB 813 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 869 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman 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 Hughes moved that SB 869 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1362 and recognized the author, 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 Huffman moved that SB 1362 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 329 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

At 11:45 AM Senator Zaffirini moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:40 PM Senator Huffman resumed the chair and reconvened the meeting.

Testimony resumed on the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 329 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:50 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