

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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, April 3, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 970.

Senator Zaffirini withdrew CSSB 970 and sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Huffman moved that CSSB 970 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 788 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.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

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

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

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1735 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 1735 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1954 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

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 1954 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1663 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.

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Senator Hughes moved that SB 1663 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1664 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 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 1664 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1665 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 1665 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 626 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 moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 626 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 627 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.

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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 627 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 628 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 628 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 740 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 moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 740 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:58 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Huffman on the Senate floor, to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened in the Betty King Committee Room at 4:08 PM.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 970.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 970 do not pass but that CSSB 970 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nelson 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.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 626.

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

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 626 do not pass but that CSSB 626 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 627.

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

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 627 do not pass but that CSSB 627 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 628.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 628 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1735.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1735 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hughes 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 CSSB 1954.

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

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Senator Hughes moved that SB 1954 do not pass but that CSSB 1954 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 CSSB 788.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 788 do not pass but that CSSB 788 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1663.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1663 do not pass but that CSSB 1663 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman 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 CSSB 1664.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1664 do not pass but that CSSB 1664 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman 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 1665.

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Senator Huffman moved that SB 1665 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:18 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Addison Reagan, Clerk