

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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 Friday, May 19, 2017, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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 8:38 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1661 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 HB 1661 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1151 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, 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 HB 1151 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1379 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1379 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2465 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 2465 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 214 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Burton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 214 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1904 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1904 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2886 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Burton, 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 HB 2886 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3391 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying 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 HB 3391 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2015 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Larry Taylor, 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 HB 2015 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 59 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 59 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3055 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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 HB 3055 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3321 and recognized Senator Hughes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 3321 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 658 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 658 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2703 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2703 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 59 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HCR 59 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3356 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying 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 HB 3356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1378 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1378 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2121 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Zaffirini moved that HB 2121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2837 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Zaffirini moved that HB 2837 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3649 and recognized Senator Lucio, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

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

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

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

Senator Huffman moved that HB 3649 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:04 AM the chair moved that the committee stand at ease until 10:30 AM.

The Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened at 10:49 AM.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2471.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2471 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 59.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 59 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 CSHB 214.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 214 do not pass but that CSHB 214 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 658.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 658 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 1151.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1151 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 1378.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1378 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 1379.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1379 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 1661.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1661 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 1904.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1904 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 2015.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2015 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 Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 2121.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2121 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 Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2465.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2465 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 CSHB 2703.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2703 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 2837.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2837 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 2886.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2886 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 3055.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 3055 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 3321.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 3321 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 3356.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 3356 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 as a matter of pending business HB 3391.

Senator Estes moved that HB 3391 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 59.

Senator Creighton moved that HCR 59 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 Birdwell 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. Senator Zaffirini requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:58 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Hughes on the Senate floor, to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened at Senator Huffman's desk at 6:47 PM.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSHB 3845.

Senator Schwertner moved to reconsider the vote by which the CSHB 3845 was reported favorably to the full Senate on May 18, 2017; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner withdrew the committee substitute.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 3845 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 Creighton requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Estes 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. Senator Huffman 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 HB 3649.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 3649 do not pass but that CSHB 3649 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 Creighton requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Estes 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. Senator Huffman requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

There being no further business, at 6:51 PM Senator Hughes 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