

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING, SPECIAL

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

2:00 PM

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 Redistricting, Special was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks.

At 2:10 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 4.

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 sent up Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) and explained it.

The chair moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108). There being no objection, Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) was adopted by unanimous consent. The chair then moved to reconsider the vote by which Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) was adopted; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman sent up Committee Amendment 2 (Plan S2126) which is an amendment to Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) and explained it.

Senator Huffman moved adoption of Committee Amendment 2 (Plan S2126); there being no objection, Committee Amendment 2 (Plan S2126) was adopted by unanimous consent.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 3 (Plan S2120) which is an amendment to Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) and explained it.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of Committee Amendment 3 (Plan S2120); there being no objection, Committee Amendment 3 (Plan S2120) was adopted by unanimous consent.

Senator Alvarado sent up Committee Amendment 4 (Plan S2119) which is an amendment to Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108) and Senator Zaffirini explained it in the absence of the committee amendment's author.

Senator Alvarado sent up Committee Amendment 4 (Plan S2119) and moved adoption. There being 5 ayes, 9 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent, the adoption of Committee Amendment 4 (Plan S2119) failed.

The chair moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108), as amended. There being no objection, Committee Amendment 1 (Plan S2108), as amended, was adopted by unanimous consent.

Senator Huffman requested unanimous consent to incorporate the adopted committee amendments into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffman moved that SB 4 do not pass but that CSSB 4 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and not be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 7.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 7 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and not be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 2:37 PM Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:39 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

Sean Opperman, Clerk