

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Phil King, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator King, Senator Campbell, Senator Creighton, Senator Johnson, Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Nichols.

The Chair laid out SB 1204 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up the committee substitute to SB 1204. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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. The Chair moved that CSSB 1204 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, the Chair laid out SB 1287 by Senator King as a matter of pending business. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1287. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator King moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that SB 1287 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out CSSB 2015 by Senator King as a matter of pending business. The Chair moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the March 23, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King sent up a new committee substitute to SB 2015. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that SB 2015 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out CSSB 2014 by Senator King as a matter of pending business. The Chair moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the March 23, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King sent up a new committee substitute to SB 2014. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that SB 2014 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out CSSB 2010 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the March 23, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute to SB 2010. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2010

do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out CSSB 2011 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the March 23, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute to SB 2011. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2011 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

Senator Campbell asked the Chair for unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 2015. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 761 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. The Chair moved that SB 761 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1425 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1425. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 1425 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1710 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute to SB 1710. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 1710 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 553 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Menendez sent up the committee substitute to SB 553. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that CSSB 553 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1464 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. The Chair moved that SB 1464 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1222 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up the committee substitute to SB 1222. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Individuals 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. The Chair moved that SB 1222 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1835 by Senator Hinojosa and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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. The Chair moved that SB 1835 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1577 and recognized the author, Senator Menendez, to explain the bill. Senator Menendez sent up the committee substitute to SB 1577. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 1577 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 2399 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2399. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 2399 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1094 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 1094. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 1094 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2119 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2119. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the 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. The Chair moved that SB 2119 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1568 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. The Chair moved that SB 1568 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1083 and recognized the author, Senator King, 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. The Chair moved that SB 1083 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:55 AM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Annika Vandayar, Clerk