

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00 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 Jurisprudence was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Nathan Johnson, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Mayes Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Middleton moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1045 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman offered a committee substitute and was recognized to explain the differences between the bill as filed and the committee substitute. 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 1045 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 48 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the author, 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 48 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 870 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson offered a committee substitute and was recognized to explain the differences between the bill as filed and the committee substitute. 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 870 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1259 and in the absence of the author and explained 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 1259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 869 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the author, 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 869 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 658 in the absence of the author and explained the bill. No persons registered to testify on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 658 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1603 and explained the bill. Senator Hughes offered a committee substitute and was recognized to explain the differences between the bill as filed and the committee substitute. 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 1603 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:19 AM Senator Hughes, moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to the suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, at 1:37 PM, Senator Hughes reconvened the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence at his desk.

The Chair brought up SB 1045 as a matter of pending business. Senator Creighton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1045 do not pass but that CSSB 1045 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair brought up SB 48 as a matter of pending business. Senator Johnson moved that SB 48 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair brought up SB 658 as a matter of pending business. Senator Johnson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 658 do not pass but that CSSB 658 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair brought up SB 869 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 869 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair brought up SB 870 as a matter of pending business. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 870 do not pass but that CSSB 870 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair brought up SB 1259 as a matter of pending business. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1259 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:42 PM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The Chair brought up SB 1603 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1603 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:42 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:43 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Taryn Taylor, Clerk