

**The House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans'
Affairs**

89th Legislature

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8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 25, 2025, revised on April 29, 2025, and a suspension of the 5-day posting rule on April 28, 2025, the House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Hefner, at 8:00 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Hickland; Holt; Louderback; McLaughlin; and Pierson.

A quorum was present.

HB 5293

The chair laid out HB 5293.

The chair recognized Representative Bonnen to explain HB 5293.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bonnen to close on HB 5293.

HB 5293 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Lopez, Ray in chair.)

SB 36

The chair laid out SB 36.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Hefner to explain SB 36.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Canales now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Hefner to close on SB 36.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

SB 36 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Hefner in chair.)

HB 4023

The chair laid out HB 4023.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to explain HB 4023.

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(Representative Isaac now present.)

(Representative Dorazio now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to close on HB 4023.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4023 was left pending without objection.

HB 127

The chair laid out HB 127 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 127, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1596

The chair laid out SB 1596, the senate companion to HB 259.

The chair moved that SB 1596, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (8).

Nays: Representatives Lopez, Ray; Canales (2).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 1794

The chair laid out HB 1794 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 1794, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Lopez, Ray (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3053

The chair laid out HB 3053 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3053, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Lopez, Ray (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3428

The chair laid out HB 3428 as pending business.

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The chair moved that HB 3428, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Lopez, Ray (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 1777

The chair laid out HB 1777 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1777, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 2136

The chair laid out HB 2136 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2136, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

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HB 3142

The chair laid out HB 3142 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3142, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 4155

The chair laid out HB 4155 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 4155, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin (7).

Nays: Representatives Canales; Dorazio; Pierson (3).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 4879

The chair laid out HB 4879 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 4879, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (8).

Nays: Representatives Lopez, Ray; Canales (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 4995

The chair laid out HB 4995 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 4995, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 5014

The chair laid out HB 5014 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5014, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

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Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 5139

The chair laid out HB 5139 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 5139, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Canales (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 5436

The chair laid out HB 5436 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5436, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HCR 40

The chair laid out HCR 40 as pending business.

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The chair moved that HCR 40, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 4514

The chair laid out HB 4514 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 4514, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 2193

The chair recalled HB 2193 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 2193.

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to explain HB 2193.

The chair moved that HB 2193, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3359

The chair recalled HB 3359 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 3359.

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to explain HB 3359.

The chair moved that HB 3359, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Isaac (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3644

The chair recalled HB 3644 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 3644.

The chair explained HB 3644.

The chair moved that HB 3644, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Isaac (6).

Nays: Representatives Holt; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (4).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3722

The chair recalled HB 3722 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 3722.

The chair explained HB 3722.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3722, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3815

The chair recalled HB 3815 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 3815.

The chair explained HB 3815.

The chair moved that HB 3815, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 5629

The chair recalled HB 5629 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 5629.

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to explain HB 5629.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 5629, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1814

The chair recalled SB 1814 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out SB 1814, the senate companion to HB 4789.

The chair explained SB 1814.

The chair moved that SB 1814, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 870

The chair laid out SB 870, the senate companion to HB 3924.

The chair moved that SB 870, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1349

The chair laid out SB 1349, the senate companion to HB 133.

The chair moved that SB 1349, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1369

The chair laid out SB 1369, the senate companion to HB 3354.

The chair moved that SB 1369, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1422

The chair laid out SB 1422, the senate companion to HB 3302.

The chair moved that SB 1422, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

SB 1229

The chair recalled SB 1229 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out SB 1229, the senate companion to HB 2914.

The chair explained SB 1229.

The chair moved that SB 1229, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

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Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3552

The chair laid out HB 3552 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3552, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: Representative Dorazio (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Cortez (1).

HB 3626

The chair laid out HB 3626.

The chair recognized Representative Holt to explain HB 3626.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Holt to close on HB 3626.

HB 3626 was left pending without objection.

HB 3420

The chair laid out HB 3420.

The chair recognized Representative Campos to explain HB 3420.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Campos to close on HB 3420.

HB 3420 was left pending without objection.

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At 9:55 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 7:55 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Hefner.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Hickland; Louderback; McLaughlin; and Pierson.

A quorum was present.

HB 2929

The chair laid out HB 2929.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative DeAyala to explain HB 2929.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Dorazio now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative DeAyala to close on HB 2929.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2929 was left pending without objection.

HB 3649

The chair laid out HB 3649.

The chair recognized Representative DeAyala to explain HB 3649.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative DeAyala to close on HB 3649.

HB 3649 was left pending without objection.

HCR 118

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The chair laid out HCR 118.

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to explain HCR 118.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to close on HCR 118.

HCR 118 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Isaac now present.)

HB 1065

The chair laid out HB 1065.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to explain HB 1065.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Dorazio to close on HB 1065.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1065 was left pending without objection.

HB 5308

The chair laid out HB 5308.

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Ray to explain HB 5308.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Ray to close on HB 5308.

HB 5308 was left pending without objection.

HB 4956

The chair laid out HB 4956.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to explain HB 4956.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to close on HB 4956.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4956 was left pending without objection.

HB 4993

The chair laid out HB 4993.

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to explain HB 4993.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to close on HB 4993.

HB 4993 was left pending without objection.

HB 5528

The chair laid out HB 5528.

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to explain HB 5528.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to close on HB 5528.

HB 5528 was left pending without objection.

HB 2956

The chair laid out HB 2956.

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin to explain HB 2956.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin to close on HB 2956.

HB 2956 was left pending without objection.

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HB 3009

The chair laid out HB 3009.

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin to explain HB 3009.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin to close on HB 3009.

HB 3009 was left pending without objection.

HB 3846

The chair laid out HB 3846 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3846, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Dorazio; Hickland; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (7).

Nays: Representative Lopez, Ray (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Canales; Cortez; Holt (3).

HB 3552

The chair moved to reconsider the vote by which the measure was reported from committee. The motion to reconsider prevailed without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3552, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (8).

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Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Canales; Cortez; Holt (3).

At 9:55 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Hefner, Chair

Jose Gonzalez, Clerk