

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Carona, Chair
Senator Larry Taylor, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 350.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 350 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 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 SB 362.

Senator Watson moved that SB 362 do not pass but that CSSB 362 be reported back 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 Watson 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 SB 409.

Senator Watson moved that SB 409 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:06 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 259.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 259 do not pass but that CSSB 259 be reported back 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 Watson 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 SB 408.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 408 do not pass but that CSSB 408 be reported back 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 Watson 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 SB 411.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 411 do not pass but that CSSB 411 be reported back 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 Watson 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 SB 473.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 473 do not pass but that CSSB 473 be reported back 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 Watson 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 SB 327.

Senator Estes moved that SB 327 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 Hancock 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 SB 383.

Senator Carona moved that SB 383 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 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 SB 474.

Senator Carona moved that SB 474 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:13 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 529 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Carona moved that SB 529 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 499 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 Carona moved that SB 499 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 506 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Carona moved that SB 506 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:21 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 247 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, 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 Taylor moved that SB 247 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:55 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:57 AM Senator Carona moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Carona, Chair

Troupe Brewer, Clerk