

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, February 25, 2013

9:00 AM

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 State Affairs was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair
Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Tommy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Joan Huffman

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

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

The chair laid out SB 148 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Williams to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Williams 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.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 148 do not pass but that CSSB 148 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 Williams moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 267 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 Duncan moved that SB 267 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 365 and recognized Senator Ellis, 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 Ellis moved that SB 365 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 Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 381 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, 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 Duncan moved that SB 381 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:55 AM Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 397 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, 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 Duncan moved that SB 397 be left pending to await the arrival of a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 422 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, 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 Duncan moved that SB 422 be left pending to await arrival of a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:03 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:03 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:30 AM, without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:30 AM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business the Chair laid out SB 381. Senator Van de Putte moved that SB 381 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 Van de Putte moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:33 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business the chair laid out SB 397. Senator Duncan moved that SB 397 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 Duncan moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business the chair laid out SB 422. Senator Duncan moved that SB 422 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 Duncan moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:36 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:37 AM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

Gabe Hughes, Clerk