

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 8, 2013
2:00 PM or upon adjournment
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 Open Government was held on Monday, April 8, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair
Senator Wendy Davis, Vice Chair
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Tommy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kel Seliger

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:26 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Kel Seliger

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 881 and the committee substitute which was adopted during the April 4, 2013 hearing.

Senator Davis moved that SB 881 do not pass but that CSSB 881 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 843.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis moved that SB 843 do not pass but that CSSB 843 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 Nelson 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 895.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis moved that SB 895 do not pass but that CSSB 895 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 Davis 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 984.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Davis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis moved that SB 984 do not pass but that CSSB 984 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 Nelson 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 1409.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1409 do not pass but that CSSB 1409 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Seliger submitted a motion in writing form and request unanimous consent to be shown voting aye for the following bills:

SB 881

SB 843

SB 984

SB 895

The chair laid out SB 667 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses 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 Seliger moved that SB 667 do not pass but that CSSB 667 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1650 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.

Senator Davis moved that SB 1650 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 4:39 PM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1563 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Davis 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 Davis moved that SB 1563 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:23 PM Senator Davis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair

Amber Weed, Clerk