

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Thursday, March 16, 2023

9:30 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Mayes Middleton  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Charles Schwertner

The Chair laid out SB 1300 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 1300 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 885 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up and committee substitute and was recognized to explain the difference in the bill as filed and the 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 885 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 825 as a matter of pending business. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 825 be reported favorable to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out CSSB 221 as a matter of pending business. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 221 do not pass but that CSSB 221 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out CSSB 15 as a matter of pending business. Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Middleton moved that SB 15 do not pass but that CSSB 15 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out CSSB 175 as a matter of pending business. Senator Middleton moved that SB 175 do not pass but that CSSB 175 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out SB 1052 as a matter of pending business. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1052 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:16 AM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 922 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute and was recognized to explain the difference between the bill as filed and the substitute. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 922 do not pass but that CSSB 922 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 921 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that SB 921 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out SB 747 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 747 do not pass but that CSSB 747 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair bring sup SB 1300 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1300 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 10:22 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 500 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 500 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1089 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 1089 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:31 PM Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 14 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.

At 5:23 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

At 6:47 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 959 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 Hughes moved that SB 959 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 250 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1029 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 1029 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1269 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 1269 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 162 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:08 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Taryn Taylor, Clerk

Motion in writing received from Senate Birdwell on SB 922, SB 825, SB 221, SB 747, SB 921, SB 14, SB 1052, and SB 175.

Motion in writing received from Senator Paxton on SB 825, SB 221, SB 747, and SB 921.