

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 9, 2015

9:00 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 State Affairs was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 28 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SB 28 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 950 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, 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.

The chair moved that SB 950 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1115 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.

The chair moved that SB 1115 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1457 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

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

The chair sent up Committee Amendment 1 and recognized Senator Nichols to explain the amendment.

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.

The chair moved that SB 1457, the committee substitute, and the committee amendment be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1187 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SB 1187 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 251 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SB 251 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1448 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SB 1448 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1369.

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

The chair moved that SB 1369 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:13 PM the chair reconvened the meeting.

Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1968 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

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.

The chair moved that SB 1968 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1139.

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

The chair moved that SB 1139 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 66 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SJR 66 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1984 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

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

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.

The chair moved that SB 1984 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:00 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Ashley Brooks, Clerk