

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 20, 2015

12:00 PM

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, April 20, 2015, in the Senate Chamber.

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 Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 735.

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

Senator Ellis moved that SB 735 do not pass but that CSSB 735 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 995.

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

Senator Ellis moved that SB 995 do not pass but that CSSB 995 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1116.

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

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1116 do not pass but that CSSB 1116 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1202.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1202 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1929.

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

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1929 do not pass but that CSSB 1929 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1931.

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

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1931 do not pass but that CSSB 1931 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 779.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 779 do not pass but that CSSB 779 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2048.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 2048 do not pass but that CSSB 2048 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fraser requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1964 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1964 do not pass but that CSSB 1964 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 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 414 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 414 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 409 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute and recognized Senator Rodriguez 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 409 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1779 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 1779 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1072 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 1072 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1925 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.

The chair moved that SB 1925 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1523 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the author, 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 1523 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 733 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.

The chair moved that SB 733 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis resumed the chair.

At 1:32 PM the chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made on the Senate floor by Senator Huffman, to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, Senator Huffman reconvened the Senate Committee on State Affairs in the Betty King Committee Room, 2E.20, at 6:02 PM.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 19.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute.

Senator Creighton sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Ellis sent up Committee Amendment 2 and moved adoption; The motion failed with a record vote of 1 aye, 6 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Ellis sent up Committee Amendment 3 and moved adoption; The motion failed with a record vote of 1 aye, 6 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Ellis sent up Committee Amendment 4 and moved adoption; The motion failed with a record vote of 1 aye, 6 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Creighton requested unanimous consent to incorporate Amendment 1 into the bill to create a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 19 do not pass but that CSSB 19 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1341 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner 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. Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair moved that SB 1341 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 455 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 455 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1726 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 SB 1726 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1600 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 1600 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1727 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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 SB 1727 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 834 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Creighton 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.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair moved that SB 834 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:31 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