

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Thursday, May 14, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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, May 14, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 388 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 388 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1684.

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

The chair moved that SB 1684 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2428 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 2428 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1050 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, 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 HB 1050 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2068 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, 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 HB 2068 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1779 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 1779 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 184 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

The chair moved that HB 184 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 484 and recognized Ellis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 484 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 331 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

The chair moved that HB 331 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1539 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

The chair moved that HB 1539 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4003 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 4003 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1558 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 HB 1558 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2027 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 HB 2027 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2366 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 HB 2366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 984 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 984 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:55 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Huffman on the Senate floor to suspend Senate Rules 11.10, 11.13, and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened at 4:26 PM at the back rail of the Senate Chamber.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 531.

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

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 531 do not pass but that CSSB 531 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business the committee substitute to SB 1010.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1010 do not pass but that CSSB 1010 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 184.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 184 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 Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner 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 HB 331.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 331 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 Nelson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 388.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 388 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini 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 the committee substitute to HB 484.

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

Senator Creighton moved that HB 484 do not pass but that CSHB 484 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 the committee substitute to HB 984.

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

Senator Creighton moved that HB 984 do not pass but that CSHB 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 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 1050.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 1050 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 1558.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 1558 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 the committee substitute to HB 1779.

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

Senator Ellis moved that HB 1779 do not pass but that CSHB 1779 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 2027.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 2027 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 HB 2068.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 2068 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2366.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 2366 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton 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 the committee substitute to HB 2428.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2428 do not pass but that CSHB 2428 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini 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 the committee substitute to HB 4003.

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

Senator Creighton moved that HB 4003 do not pass but that CSHB 4003 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 Nelson and Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

There being no further business, at 4:42 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There was no action taken for the following bill: HB 1862

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Ashley Brooks, Clerk