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SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, March 30, 2017

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 Business & Commerce was held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Larry Taylor

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

Senator Campbell moved that testimony would be limited to 3 minutes; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 341 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved that SB 341 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 Campbell 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 718 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 718 do not pass but that CSSB 718 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 Campbell 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 750 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved that SB 750 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 Campbell 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 1012 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1012 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 Campbell 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 1171 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1171 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 Campbell 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 1176 and recognized Senator Campbell. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1176 do not pass but that CSSB 1176 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 Campbell 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 1248 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1248 do not pass but that CSSB 1248 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1760 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1760 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 Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 451 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved to withdraw the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 451 do not pass but that CSSB 451 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 951 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 951 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 Hancock 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 952 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 952 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 Hancock 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 1003 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1003 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 Hancock 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 1004 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved to withdraw the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1004 do not pass but that CSSB 1004 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 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1519 and recognized Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1519 do not pass but that CSSB 1519 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1145 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Hancock moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1476 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 Hancock moved that SB 1476 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 56 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 56 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 59 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 59 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 261 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

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 Nichols moved that SB 261 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 988 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 988 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 526 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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. Senator Hancock moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 564 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 564 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 659 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 659 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 775 and recognized Senator Campbell, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 775 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 289 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 289 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 561 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 Campbell moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 562 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering and testifying 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 Campbell moved that SB 562 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 878 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering and testifying 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 Campbell moved that SB 878 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

Motions in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye were submitted by the following: Senator Creighton on SB 341, CSSB 451, CSSB 718, SB 750, SB 951, SB 952, SB 1003, CSSB 1004, SB 1012, SB 1171, CSSB 1176, CSSB 1248, CSSB 1519, and SB 1760; Senator Estes on SB 341, CSSB 718, SB 750, SB 1012, SB 1171, CSSB 1176, CSSB 1248, SB 1760, and CSSB

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451; Senator Zaffirini on SB 341, CSSB 718, SB 750, SB 1012, SB 1171, CSSB 1176, CSSB 1248, and SB 1760. These votes are reflected in the final votes on the aforementioned bills.

There being no further business, at 10:09 AM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Tatum Reagan, Clerk