

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 23, 2017

9:00 AM

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 Thursday, March 23, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Bryan Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 944 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 Huffman moved that SB 944 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 823 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Burton 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 moved that SB 823 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 528 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 528 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 416 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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 Huffman moved that SB 416 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 576 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 576 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 968 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 969 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 969 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 970 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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 moved that SB 970 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 301 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

Senator Huffman sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to discuss the amendment to SB 301, sunset bill, that Senator Huffman intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 301.

Senator Huffman moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 301 be left pending temporarily, along with public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 302 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to discuss the amendment to SB 302, sunset bill, that Senator Hughes intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 302.

Senator Hughes moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes sent up Committee Amendment 2 and was recognized to discuss the amendment to SB 302, sunset bill, that Senator Hughes intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 302.

Senator Hughes moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 2; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 sent up Committee Amendment 3 and was recognized to discuss the amendment to SB 302, sunset bill, that Senator Hughes intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 302.

Senator Hughes moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 3; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 302 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business, SB 301.

Senator Hughes sent up Committee Amendment 2 and was recognized to discuss an amendment to SB 301, sunset bill, that Senator Hughes intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 301.

Senator Hughes moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 2; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Huffman moved that SB 301 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 303 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hughes 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.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 303 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 498 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 Hughes moved that SB 498 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 667 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

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

Senator Huffman moved that SB 667 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 859 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 Huffman moved that SB 859 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1096 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 Huffman moved that SB 1096 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1325 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.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 39 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.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 39 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:21 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

Addison Reagan, Clerk