

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 24, 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 Monday, April 24, 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 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1237 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez 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 1237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2053 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 2053 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 349 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 349 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2174 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, 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 2174 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1893 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to discuss the amendment to SB 1893.

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 1893 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1446 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Estes 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 1446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 762 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, 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 762 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:27 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Huffman on the Senate floor, to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened in the Betty King Committee Room at 4:35 PM.

Senator Huffman suspended Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18 to consider SB 1752.

The chair laid out SB 1752 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 1752 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 55.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 55 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 Schwertner 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 SB 807.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 807 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 Schwertner 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 CSSB 740.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 740 do not pass but that CSSB 740 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 148.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 148 do not pass but that CSSB 148 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 4 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 148 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 926.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 926 do not pass but that CSSB 926 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 Schwertner 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 CSSB 1016.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1016 do not pass but that CSSB 1016 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 Schwertner 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 CSSB 1074.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 1074 do not pass but that CSSB 1074 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 Schwertner 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 1109.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1109 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell 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 1812.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1812 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1945.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1446 do not pass but that CSSB 1446 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes 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 CSSB 2094.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 2094 do not pass but that CSSB 2094 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSJR 6.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SJR 6 do not pass but that CSSJR 6 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 900.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 900 do not pass but that CSSB 900 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 349.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 349 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 Schwertner 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 CSSB 762.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 762 do not pass but that CSSB 762 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1237.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1237 do not pass but that CSSB 1237 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes 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 CSSB 1446.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 1446 do not pass but that CSSB 1446 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes 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 2053.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 2053 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 Schwertner 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 2174.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 2174 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 Schwertner requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes 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 5:17 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