

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

8:00 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 Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in the Senate Chamber.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair  
Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Konni Burton  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Van Taylor  
Senator Kirk Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

\*\*\*\*\*

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:03 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Van Taylor

At 8:02 AM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2289 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony on SB 2289. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

At 8:07 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1101.

Senator Van Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1101; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1101 do not pass but that CSSB 1101 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 Kolkhorst and Senator Perry submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1101.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1695.

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

Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1695; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1695 do not pass but that CSSB 1695 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 Kolkhorst and Senator Perry submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1695.

Senator Uresti 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 1625.

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

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1625 do not pass but that CSSB 1625 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 Kolkhorst and Senator Perry submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1625.

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 HB 271 in lieu of its companion, SB 1075.

Senator Buckingham moved to withdraw the committee substitute, which was discussed at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Buckingham moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 271; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Buckingham moved that HB 271 do not pass but that CSHB 271 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 Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 271.

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 SB 1415.

Senator Van Taylor moved to withdraw the committee substitute to SB 1415, which was discussed at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Van Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1415; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1415 do not pass but that CSSB 1415 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 Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1415.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1443.

Senator Van Taylor moved to withdraw the committee substitute to SB 1443, which was discussed at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair explained the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Van Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1443; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1443 do not pass but that CSSB 1443 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1443.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1683.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1683 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 8:23 AM Senator Uresti resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5.

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

The bill was left pending.

At 8:31 AM Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1697 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

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

The chair opened the floor for public testimony. 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 bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 315 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Van Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 315; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2379 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 2379; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1174 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony. 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 bill was left pending.

The chair opened the floor for public testimony on CSHB 2379. There being no one wishing to testify, the chair moved to close public testimony; without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 95 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 315 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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

At 9:02 AM Senator Uresti resumed the chair.

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

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 95 and opened the floor for public testimony.

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 bill was left pending.

There being no further business, at 10:01 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

---

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

---

Luisa Venegoni, Clerk