

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Veteran Affairs & Border Security was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair  
Senator Don Huffines, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Carlos Uresti

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair recognized four cadets from the Texas Challenge Academy: Nadia Jones, Destinee Rodriguez, Ethan Lloyd, and PerKristian Tresp, to lead the committee in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 1, 2017; without objection, it was so ordered.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Huffines and Senator Uresti.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 94 and recognized the author, Senator Hall.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hall moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hall moved that SB 94 do not pass but that CSSB 94 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 0 absent.

Senator Hall 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 102 and recognized the author, Senator Hall.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 102 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Huffines assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 751 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Campbell moved that SB 751 do not pass but that CSSB 751 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 0 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 SB 277 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Campbell moved that SB 277 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:58 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Donna Campbell, Chair

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Carrie Smith, Clerk