

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Donna Campbell

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator José Menéndez

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Charles Schwertner

Senator John Whitmire

Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 237 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, 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. The chair moved that SB 237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 241 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nelson 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 that SB 241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:04 AM, the roll was called. A quorum was present.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 361 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author. 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. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the Committee Substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that SB 361 do not pass but the Committee Substitute for SB 361 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 Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 401 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 401 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 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 476 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 476 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 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 612 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 42 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 269 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 726 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 614 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 934 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 935 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 621 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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. The chair moved that the bill will be left pending.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay was submitted by the following: Senator Creighton on CSSB 361, SB 401, and SB 476. This votes is reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bill.

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

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Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

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Kennedy Calvo, Clerk