

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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 19, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 8:00 AM, the roll was called. A quorum was present.

The chair laid out SB 646 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 646 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 454 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. The chair laid out SB 566 and recognized Senator Hughes, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The chair laid out SB 512 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 454, SB 566, and SB 512 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 615 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, 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 Hancock moved that SB 615 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 624 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 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 624 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1012 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 Hancock moved that SB 1012 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1497 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 Hancock moved that SB 1497 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 14 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 14 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1063 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1063 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1153 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Hancock moved that SB 1153 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 826 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Hancock moved that SB 826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 475 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Hancock moved that SB 475 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 936 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 936 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1211 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Hancock moved that SB 1211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1358 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1358 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1152 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. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1152 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 621 by Senator Nichols. Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 1. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the amendment. Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 2. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the amendment. Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment 3. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment. Senator Menendez moved to withdraw the amendment. Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment 4. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment. Senator Menendez moved to withdraw the amendment. Senator Menendez sent up Committee Amendment 5. The chair recognized the author to explain the amendment. Senator Menendez moved to withdraw the amendment. Senator Nichols moved that SB 621 be reported favorably 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 59 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini. 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. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the Committee Substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 59 do not pass but the Committee Substitute for SB 59 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 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 237 by Senator Nelson. Senator Nichols moved that SB 237 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 Nichols 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 241 by Senator Nelson. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the Committee Substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 241 do not pass but the Committee Substitute for SB 241 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 Nichols 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 612 by Senator Hall. Senator Nichols moved that SB 612 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 614 by Senator Nichols. Senator Nichols moved that SB 614 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 726 by Senator Zaffirini. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 726 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 Zaffirini 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 934 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved that SB 934 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 935 by Senator Hancock. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the Committee Substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 935 do not pass but the Committee Substitute for SB 935 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.

A Motion in Writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay was submitted by the following: Senator Whitmire on SB 621, CSSB 59, SB 237, CSSB 241, SB 612, CSSB 614, SB 726, SB 934, and CSSB 935. These votes are reflected in the final vote on the aforementioned bill.

There being no further business, at 10:33 AM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair

Kennedy Calvo, Clerk