

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE**

Tuesday, May 7, 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, May 7, 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. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 808 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 808 do not pass but that the committee substitute do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1535 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB

1535 do not pass but that the committee substitute do pass and be recommended to the full senate. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1623 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 6123 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1757 as a matter of pending business. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1757 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2945 as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2945 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1545 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 HB 1545 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 305 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2452 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 2452 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2698 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 2698 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2952 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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 HB 2952 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2320 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 HB 2320 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2246 in lieu of SB 309 by Rodriguez. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2246 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2694 in lieu of SB 1502 by Creighton. Senator Creighton moved that HB 2694 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2779 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2779 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2790 as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2790 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested

Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3441 as a matter of pending business. Senator Schwertmer moved that HB 3441 be reported back to the full 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. The chair 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 HB 2325 as a matter of pending business. Senator Hancock moved that HB 2325 be reported back to the full 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. The chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 207 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sends up the committee substitute. The chair recognizes the author to explain the difference between the substitute and the 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 HB 207 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 985 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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. The chair moved that HB 985 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1306 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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. The chair moved that HB 1306 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2847 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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. The chair moved that HB 2847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4456 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, 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. The chair moved that HB 4456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3913 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 HB 3913 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1260 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Fallon, 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 HB 1260 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:10 AM the chair 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