

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Peter Flores
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HJR 12 and recognized the Senate co-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.

Senator Nelson moved that HJR 12 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2570 and recognized the Senate co-sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 Watson moved that HB 2570 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

As a matter of pending business Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1294 by Senator Powell be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

As a matter of pending business HB 2458 by Senate sponsor, Senator Fallon, was laid out in lieu of SB 1692. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2458 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 2458 be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

As a matter of pending business HB 4071 by Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, was laid out in lieu of SB 2080.

Senator Hinojosa 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 Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4071 do not pass but that CSHB 4071 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

As a matter of pending business HB 2338 by Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, was laid out in lieu of SB 675. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2338 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 2338 be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out SB 843 and recognized the author, 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 bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 791 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 916 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1089 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1965 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2684 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses provided oral testimony or registered a position on HB 2684.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3086 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 3954 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 bill was temporarily left pending.

At 10:04 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:30 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:30 AM the Committee reconvened.

The clerk called roll. A quorum was present.

As a matter of pending business HB 2048 by Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, was laid out in lieu of SB 918. Senator Huffman moved that HB 2048 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Flores moved that HB 791 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1965 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Flores moved that HB 916 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 5 absent.

Senator West moved to reconsider the vote and bring the bill back to the Senate Finance Committee; without objection, it was so ordered. The bill was left pending.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 2684 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator West moved that HB 3086 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson recommended that HB 3086 be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3954 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

As a matter of pending business HB 1483, by Senate sponsor Senator Perry, was laid out. Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute that was laid out at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1483 do not pass but that CSHB 1483 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 1965.

Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting nay on SB 1294. She asked to be shown voting aye during the hearing on HB 2570 and HJR 12. There was no objection.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1294, HB 2338, HB 2458, HB 2570, HB 4071 and HJR 12.

Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1294, HB 2338, HB 2458, HB 2570, HB 4071 and HJR 12.

Senator Taylor submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1294, HB 791, HB 1483, HB 1965, HB 2048, HB 2338, HB 2458, HB 2570, HB 2684, HB 3086, HB 3954, HB 4071 and HJR 12.

Senator Watson submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 791, HB 1483, HB 1965, HB 2048, HB 2684, HB 3086, and HB 3954.

Senator Whitmire submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1294, HB 791, HB 1483, HB 1965, HB 2048, HB 2338, HB 2458, HB 2684, HB 3086, HB 3954, and HB 4071.

There being no further business, at 10:46 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk