

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Monday, May 22, 2023
10:30 PM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Phil King, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:13 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Campbell, Senator Johnson.

The Chair laid out HB 2265, sponsored by Senator Hughes, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2265 be reported favorably to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out HB 2884, sponsored by Senator Zaffirini, as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2884 be reported favorably to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 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 King assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 3668, sponsored by Senator Schwertner, as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3668 be reported favorably to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 1620, sponsored by Senator Schwertner, as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1620 be reported favorably to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out HB 1500, sponsored by Senator Schwertner, as a matter of pending business. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to HB 1500. The Chair recognized the Senate Sponsor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment A to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment B to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment C to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment D to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment E to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment F to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment G to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment H to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment I to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner sent up Committee Amendment J to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment K to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment L to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment M to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment N to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment O to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment P to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King sent up Committee Amendment Q to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator King moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King assumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up Committee Amendment R to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up Committee Amendment S to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up Committee Amendment T to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton sent up Committee Amendment U to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Middleton moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson sent up Committee Amendment X to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Johnson moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson sent up Committee Amendment Y to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Johnson moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez sent up Committee Amendment V to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Menéndez moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez sent up Committee Amendment W to CSHB 1500 and was recognized to explain it. Senator Menéndez moved to withdraw the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1500 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:07 PM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Annika Vandayar, Clerk