

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Monday, May 26, 2025

9:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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 26, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Phil King, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
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

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rules 11.10, 11.13 and 11.18, Senator Schwertner reconvened the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, at 2:00 PM.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 111. Senator King moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that HB 111 do not pass but that CSHB 111 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do

pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 150. Senator King sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator King moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that HB 150 do not pass but that CSHB 150 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2517. Senator King moved that HB 2517 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2963. Senator King sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator King moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that HB 2963 do not pass but that CSHB 2963 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it 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 King 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 HB 3520. Senator King moved that HB 3520 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5435. Senator King moved that HB 5435 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it 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 King moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:17 PM Senator Schwertner moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Daniela Velez-Blanc, Clerk