

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock, Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Bob Hall
Senator José Menéndez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Tan Parker, Vice Chair
Senator Roland Gutierrez

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was not yet established. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 2926 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the author, 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 2926 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2938 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 2938 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:06 AM Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2543 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 Menéndez moved that SB 2543 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2545 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 Menéndez moved that SB 2545 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:14 AM Senator Hancock resumed the chair.

The chair called roll at 9:15 AM and a quorum was established.

The chair laid out SB 2007 and recognized the author, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 2007 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2104 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 2104 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:41 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

Clark Garcia, Clerk