

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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 Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair
Senator Phil King, Vice Chair
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:

Senator Brian Birdwell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Creighton, Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Menendez.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 6 and SJR 1 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bills. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitutes to SB 6 and SJR 1. The Chair recognized

the author to explain the differences between the committee substitutes and the bills as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 6 and SJR 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 7 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 7. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 10:49 AM, the Chair moved that the committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

At 1:35 PM, the Chair called the meeting back to order.

Senator King assumed the chair.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 7 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1287 and recognized the author, Senator King, 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 SB 1287 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 2010 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2010. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee 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 SB 2010 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2011 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2011. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2011 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2012 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2012. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee 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 SB 2012 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2013 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute to SB 2013. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2013 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 2014 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 2014. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee 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 SB 2014 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2015 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 2015. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee 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 SB 2015 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:40 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

Annika Vandayar, Clerk