

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **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

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Menéndez.

The Chair laid out SB 1119 by Senator Kolkhorst as a matter of pending business. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1119. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that SB 1119

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

The Chair laid out SB 986 by Senator Creighton as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that SB 986 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 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out SB 1212 by Senator Johnson as a matter of pending business. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1212. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that SB 1212 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 King assumes the chair.

The Chair laid out CSSB 1514 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1514 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out CSSB 1659 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1659 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out CSSB 2119 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the March 30, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute to SB 2119. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the

committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2119 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1431 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1431 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 983 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 983. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference in the 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 983 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2232 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill. Witness 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 2232 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2233 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill. Witness 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 2233 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1170 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1170 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2269 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 2269 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1404 by Senator Parker and recognized Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1404. The Chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference in the substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1404 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1644 by Senator Parker and recognized Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1644 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1645 by Senator Parker and recognized Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1645 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1646 by Senator Parker and recognized Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1646 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2493 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, 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 2493 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1344 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1344. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1344 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1866 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1866. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1866 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1075 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to SB 1075. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1075 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1219 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Individuals 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 1219 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 958 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 958 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:49 AM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair.

At 4:49 PM, the Chair called the meeting back to order.

The Chair laid out SB 1607 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up the committee substitute to SB 1607. The Chair recognized the author to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as filed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1607 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1621 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 1621 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1111 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 1111 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:41 PM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

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Annika Vandayar, Clerk