

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 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 Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, 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 8:32 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Creighton, Senator Zaffirini

The Chair laid out CSHB 697, sponsored by Senator Hughes, as a matter of pending business. The committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. Senator King moved that HB 697 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 HB 1550, sponsored by Senator Springer, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 1550 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 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 HB 1587, sponsored by Senator Johnson, as a matter of pending business. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1587 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 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 HB 1859, sponsored by Senator Perry, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 1859 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out CSHB 1900, sponsored by Senator Kolkhorst, as a matter of pending business. The committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. Senator King moved that HB 1900 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 HB 2016, sponsored by Senator Zaffirini, as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2016 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 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 HB 2024, sponsored by Senator King, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2024 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out CSHB 2194, sponsored by Senator Hughes, as a matter of pending business. The committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. Senator King moved that HB 2194 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 HB 2217, sponsored by Senator Perry, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2217 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 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 HB 2468, sponsored by Senator Perry, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2468 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 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 HB 2469, sponsored by Senator Hancock, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2469 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 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 CSHB 2545, sponsored by Senator Johnson, as a matter of pending business. Senator Johnson moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the May 4, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson sent up a new committee substitute to HB 2545. The Chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 2545 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 laid out HB 4553 by Representative Longoria in lieu of CSSB 1159 by Senator Johnson as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 4553 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 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 HB 1666 by Representative Capriglione in lieu of SB 770 by Senator Parker as a matter of pending business. Senator King sent up the committee substitute to HB 1666. The Chair recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator King moved that HB 1666 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 assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 679, sponsored by Senator Schwertner, as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols sent up the committee substitute to HB 679. The Chair recognized the Senate Sponsor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 679 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 HB 2073 by Representative Price in lieu of CSSB 1095 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2073 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 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 HB 3390 by Representative Hunter in lieu of SB 1295 by Senator Schwertner as a matter of pending business. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3390 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 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 Zaffirini asked the Chair for unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 697, HB 1550, HB 1587, and HB 1900. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2453 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, 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 HB 2453 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1391 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1391 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 3096 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 HB 3096 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 1040 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 1040 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3673 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 3673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3013 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 HB 3013 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2518 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 HB 2518 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 219 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Johnson, 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 HB 219 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2746 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 HB 2746 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 207 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 207 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1957 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator King, 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 HB 1957 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2022 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2022 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1588 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1588 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:36 AM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand in recess subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Schwertner, Chair

Annika Vandayar, Clerk