

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE**

Monday, May 15, 2023

11:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Monday, May 15, 2023, in the Betty King Committee Room 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 Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

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

The Chair laid out HB 1558, sponsored by Senator Whitmire, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 1558 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 1911, sponsored by Senator Perry, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 1911 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 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 4277, sponsored by Senator Parker, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 4277 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 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2065, sponsored by Senator Middleton, as a matter of pending business. Senator Middleton moved that HB 2065 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 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2157, sponsored by Senator Zaffirini, as a matter of pending business. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2157 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 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2706, sponsored by Senator Zaffirini, as a matter of pending business. The committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2706 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The Chair moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out CSHB 4194, sponsored by Senator Schwertner, as a matter of pending business. Senator Schwertner moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute that was considered at the May 11, 2023 Hearing. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Schwertner sent up a new committee substitute to HB 4194. The Chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed.

Senator Campbell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that HB 4194 do not pass but the committee substitute do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Schwertner 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 HB 2334, sponsored by Senator Paxton, as a matter of pending business. Senator King moved that HB 2334 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 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. The Chair 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 11:36 AM, the Chair moved that the Committee stand in recess 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