

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BORDER SECURITY

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Border Security was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair
Senator Pete Flores, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Phil King

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator King and Senator Hinojosa.

The chair laid out as a matter or pending business SB 423.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. Senator Flores moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Flores moved that SB 423 do not pass but that CSSB 423 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 423 do not pass but that CSSB 423 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record

vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator King submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 423.

Senator Flores moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter or pending business SB 617.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. Senator Flores moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 617 do not pass but that CSSB 617 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator King submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 617.

Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1133.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1133 do not pass but that CSSB 1133 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1133.

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

The chair laid out SB 1709 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.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1709 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 23 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

At 9:19 AM Senator Flores assumed the chair.

At 9:22 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 Birdwell moved that SCR 23 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1403 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

At 10:55 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:38 PM Senator Birdwell reconvened the meeting.

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 Birdwell moved that SB 1403 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:22 PM Senator Flores assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 602.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 602 do not pass but that CSSB 602 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 2:24 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1427 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Flores 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 Birdwell moved that SB 1427 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:35 PM Senator Flores assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 600 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Flores moved that SB 600 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1900 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Flores moved that SB 1900 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2424 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Flores moved that SB 2424 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:33 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:35 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Shelby Sterling, Clerk