

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, April 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, April 17, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 2509 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 Hughes moved that SB 2509 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1884 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Flores to explain the differences 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 Hughes moved that SB 1884 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 569 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 Hughes moved that SB 569 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 815 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 Hughes moved that SB 815 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 397. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved that SB 397 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1817 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the differences 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 Hughes moved that SB 1817 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2208 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 10:00 AM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 2208 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:03 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 2146 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, but with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2146 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:07 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made, the posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, Senator Hughes reconvinced the Senate Committee on State Affairs in the Press Room, 2E.9, at 4:59 PM.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 242. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Middleton moved that SB 242 do not pass but that CSSB 242 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 397. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 397 do not pass but that CSSB 397 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1367. Senator Middleton moved that SB 1367 be reported favorably to the 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. . Senator Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1606. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1606 do not pass but that CSSB 1606 be reported back to the 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. Senator Zaffirini

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

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1678. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1678 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1322. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1322 be reported favorably to the 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1932. Senator Middleton moved that SB 1932 be reported favorably to the 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 as a matter of pending business SB 2171. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2171 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 569. Senator Middleton moved that SB 569 be reported favorably to the 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. Senator Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1817. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1817 do not pass but that CSSB 1817 be reported back to the 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. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1884. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1884 do not pass but that CSSB 1884 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2146. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2146 be reported favorably to the 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. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2509. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2509 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2208. Senator Middleton moved that SB 2208 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 5:13 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2532. Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 Paxton moved that SB 2532 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:17 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:17 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Taryn Taylor, Clerk