

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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 Thursday, May 8, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Charles Schwertner

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator Hall, Senator Hinojosa, Senator Parker, Senator Paxton, Senator Perry, and Senator Zaffirini.

Upon the arrival of Senator Parker a quorum was present. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 3113 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 HB 3113 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4749 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 HB 4749 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2259 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 HB 2259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:22 AM Senator Hall assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2960 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Hall moved that HB 2960 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 34 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Hall moved that HB 34 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:50 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 835 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

The chair laid out HB 748 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 835 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 748 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:59 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:44 PM Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 835 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 748 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Public testimony resumed on SB 835 and HB 748. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 835 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 748 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 128 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 HB 128 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 621 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 HB 621 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:11 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

Victoria Ross, Clerk