

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:00 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 Criminal Justice was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Pete Flores, Chair
Senator Tan Parker, Vice Chair
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:04 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Tan Parker
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out SB 1848 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Flores moved that SB 1848 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1790 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Flores moved that SB 1790 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2611 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 2611 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1730 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Flores moved that SB 1730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 166 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Flores moved that HB 166 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2000 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.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2000 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2794 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 laid out SB 2105 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

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

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 2105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 155 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

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

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 155 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3513 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, 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 Flores moved that HB 3513 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2756 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, 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 Flores moved that HB 2756 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1778 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Flores moved that SB 1778 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2017 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Flores moved that SB 2017 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 476 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 476 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1659 and recognized Senator King, in the absence of the author, 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 Flores moved that SB 1659 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 353 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 Flores moved that HB 353 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:09 AM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3248 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete 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 Huffman moved that HB 3248 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:11 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 166.

Senator Flores moved that HB 166 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 353.

Senator Flores moved that HB 353 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2000.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2000 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2756.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2756 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 10:16 AM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3248.

Senator King moved that HB 3248 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 10:17 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3513.

Senator Flores moved that HB 3513 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 1730.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1730 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1778.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1778 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 2017.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2017 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2105.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2105 do not pass but that CSSB 2105 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 2794.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2794 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2611.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2611 do not pass but that CSSB 2611 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1790.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 1790 do not pass but that CSSB 1790 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator King 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 10:25 AM Senator Flores moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Pete Flores, Chair

Haylee Plumley, Clerk