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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

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 Health & Human Services was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair

Senator Joan Huffman

Senator Robert Nichols

Senator Dan Patrick

Senator Jose Rodriguez

Senator Carlos Uresti

Senator Royce West

Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 9:02 AM Senator Patrick assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 253 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 Nelson moved that HB 253 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 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2245 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 Nelson moved that HB 2245 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3531 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nelson moved 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 Nelson moved that HB 3531 do not pass but that CSHB 3531 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

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The chair laid out HB 5 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 9:18 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell moved that HB 5 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved that HB 5 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 10:29 AM Senator Deuell moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:10 PM Senator Nichols reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 273 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick 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 Nichols moved that HB 273 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Patrick moved that HB 273 do not pass but that CSHB 273 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2170 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2170 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that HB 2170 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3234 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, 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 Nichols moved that HB 3234 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Deuell moved that HB 3234 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2258 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2258 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 2258 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2229 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2229 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Huffman moved that HB 2229 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Patrick moved to reconsider the vote on HB 2229; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 2229 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, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1965 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1965 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Deuell moved that HB 1965 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2609 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti 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 Nichols moved that HB 2609 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that HB 2609 do not pass but that CSHB 2609 be reported back to the 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 0 absent.

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

At 2:50 PM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3065 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 Uresti moved that HB 3065 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that HB 3065 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1193 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Uresti moved that SB 1193 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 1193 do not pass but that CSSB 1193 be reported back to the 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 0 absent.

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

At 2:57 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 824 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 824 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 824 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1161 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Nichols moved that SB 1161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:28 PM Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

At 3:33 PM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

At 3:34 PM Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1790 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Patrick sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Patrick requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Patrick then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Patrick 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 2 absent.

Senator Uresti moved to reconsider the vote on SB 1790; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson 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 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1021 and recognized the author, Senator Rodriguez, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 1021 do not pass but that CSSB 1021 be reported back to the 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 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1756 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1756 do not pass but that CSSB 1756 which was previously adopted be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 1162 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, 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 Nelson moved that SB 1162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 411 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Deuell 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.

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Senator Nelson moved that HB 411 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:09 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Mason Moses, Clerk