

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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 Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Carona, Chair
Senator Larry Taylor, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Leticia Van de Putte
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

The chair laid out SB 60 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson 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 Watson 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 Carona moved that SB 60 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:07 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 289 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Carona 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 Taylor moved that SB 289 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:11 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 349 and recognized the author, 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 Carona moved that SB 349 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 60 do not pass but that CSSB 60 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on the Committee Substitute for SB 60.

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

Senator Hancock moved that SB 349 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 349.

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

At 8:18 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 288 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona 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 Taylor moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 297 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona 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 Taylor moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 183 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona 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 Taylor moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 244 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Taylor moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 18 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Carona sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Taylor moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Carona moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SB 183. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Carona moved that SB 183 do not pass but that CSSB 183 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 183.

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

Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SB 288. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 288 do not pass but that CSSB 288 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 288.

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

Senator Watson moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SB 289. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson moved that SB 289 do not pass but that CSSB 289 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 289.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SB 297. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 297 do not pass but that CSSB 297 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 297.

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

Senator Whitmire moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SB 244. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Whitmire moved that SB 244 do not pass but that CSSB 244 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 244.

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

Senator Eltife moved the adoption of the Committee Substitute for SJR 18. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson moved that SJR 18 do not pass but that CSSJR 18 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 Van de Putte submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSJR 18.

At 8:38 AM Senator Carona resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 8:39 AM Senator Carona moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Carona, Chair

Troupe Brewer, Clerk