

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Thursday, April 16, 2015

9:00 AM

Extension Auditorium

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 Thursday, April 16, 2015, in the Extension Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Whitmire

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Larry Taylor

The chair laid out SB 459 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 Eltife moved that SB 459 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1031 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Eltife moved that SB 1031 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1203 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson 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 Eltife moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Eltife moved that SB 1203 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1193 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Eltife moved that SB 1193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:29AM, a quorum was established. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1021.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1021 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. Senators Schwertner and Taylor submitted motions in writing voting aye.

Senator Creighton 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 1168.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1168 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 Schwertner submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1233.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1233 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Taylor submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Creighton 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 1638.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1638 do not pass but that CSSB 1638 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 Taylor submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

The chair laid out SB 392 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Burton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Creighton 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 Eltife moved that SB 392 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1245 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Burton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Eltife moved that SB 1245 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:12 AM Senator Eltife moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:47 PM Senator Watson reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 654 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

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

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 Watson moved that SB 654 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 956 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

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

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 Watson moved that SB 956 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1553 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Watson moved that SB 1553 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 668 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 Eltife moved that SB 668 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1812 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

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 Eltife moved that SB 1812 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1319 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Menendez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Eltife moved that SB 1319 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1820 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, 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 Eltife moved that SB 1820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 926 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Eltife moved that SB 926 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1094 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eltife moved committee substitute be left pending; 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 Eltife moved that SB 1094 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1161 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

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 Eltife moved that SB 1161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 684 and recognized Senator Watson, 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 Eltife moved that SB 684 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:55 PM Senator Eltife moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair

Brady Faglie, Clerk