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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1241 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

The committee stood at ease at 9:40 AM.

The committee reconvened at 9:43 AM.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1483 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West assumed the chair.

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

Senator West moved that SB 1483 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:59 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:03 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Testimony resumed on SB 1483.

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

The substitute to SB 1483 was withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1483 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was taken at 2:28 PM; a quorum was present.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 4 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Larry Taylor sent up Committee Amendment 2 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Witnesses testifying as a resource on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst sent up Committee Amendment 3 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Larry Taylor moved to roll the Amendments in to the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 4 do not pass but that CSSB 4 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 4.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 14 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 2 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 3 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Larry Taylor moved to roll the Amendments in to the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 14 do not pass but that CSSB 14 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, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Campbell and Lucio submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 14.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 66 and recognized Senator Garcia, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Garcia moved that SB 66 do not pass but that CSSB 66 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 66. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 66.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 168.

Senator West moved that SB 168 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 168.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 669 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 895 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

Senator Garcia assumed the chair.

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

Senator Bettencourt made a motion for the witness registering on the bills not wishing to testify not be read but recorded into the record; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 669 and SB 895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 6:17 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk