

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BORDER SECURITY

Thursday, April 10, 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 Border Security was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair
Senator Pete Flores, Vice Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Juan Hinojosa

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 2949 and recognized the author, Senator Juan Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Juan Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa 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.

The chair moved that the CSSB 2949 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:35 AM Senator Flores assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2200 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Flores moved that CSSB 2200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2199 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair moved that CSSB 2199 be left pending.

At 9:55 AM Senator Flores moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:18 PM Senator Flores reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2199.

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 CSSB 2199 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2332 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 2332 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:31 PM the chair moved the committee stand at ease.

At 4:01 PM the chair reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 2201 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2201 do not pass but that CSSB 2201 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2200. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2200 do not pass but that CSSB 2200 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Juan 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 CSSB 2199. Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2199 do not pass but that CSSB 2199 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 4:37 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2949. Senator Juan Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Juan Hinojosa moved that SB 2949 do not pass but that CSSB 2949 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2332. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2332 do not pass but that CSSB 2332 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Flores 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 4:39 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Truman Crawford, Clerk