

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Nathan Johnson, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Mayes Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Creighton, Senator Hinojosa, Senator Johnson, and Senator Middleton.

Upon the arrival of Senator Middleton a quorum was present. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 3009 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes 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. Senator Hughes moved that SB 3009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2733 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 Hughes moved that HB 2733 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3104 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Hughes moved that HB 3104 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2495 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 Hughes moved that HB 2495 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4325 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 9:50 AM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 4325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:53 AM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1193 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. 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 Creighton moved that HB 1193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:55 AM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3395 and recognized Senator Creighton, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. 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 Johnson moved that HB 3395 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:56 AM Senator Johnson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon the suspension of Senate Ruel 11.10 and 11.18, Senator Hughes reconvened the meeting at 4:18 PM at Senator Hughes' Desk.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1734 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1734 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator 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 SB 1538 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1538 do not pass but that CSSB 1538 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 Johnson 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 HB 2340 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2340 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton 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 HB 2350 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson moved that HB 2350 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson 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 HB 3376 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3376 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator 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 HB 1193 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson moved that HB 1193 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Johnson 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 HB 2495 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that HB 2495 do not pass but that CSHB 2495 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 Johnson 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 HB 2733 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker. Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Middleton moved that HB 2733 do not pass but that CSHB 2733 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 Johnson 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 HB 3104 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini. Senator Johnson moved that HB 3104 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Johnson 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 HB 4325 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan Hinojosa. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4325 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:26 PM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3395 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3395 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:27 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:27 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Victoria Ross, Clerk