

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, February 24, 2025

2:00 PM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, February 24, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Adam Hinojosa  
Senator Mayes Middleton  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Charles Perry

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Middleton.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 992 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 992 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 28 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

At 5:14 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

At 5:27 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

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 Hall moved that SB 28 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 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a Motion In Writing to be shown voting aye on SB 28.

The chair laid out SB 523 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 62 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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.

At 8:36 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 34 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Paxton moved that SJR 34 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:54 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 847 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 Hughes moved that SB 847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 706 and recognized Senator Middleton, 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 Hughes moved that SB 706 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 869 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 SB 890 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 890 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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.

At 9:18 PM Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 687 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 Paxton moved that SB 687 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 9 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Paxton moved that SCR 9 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:26 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:27 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Victoria Ross, Clerk