ARIZONA STATE SENATE

54TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: March 5, 2020 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Tyler Pace

ANALYST: Laura Benitez

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Bowie	X			HB 2144	DP
Senator Farnsworth D.	X			HB 2249	DP
Senator Gonzales	X			HB 2351	DPA
Senator Livingston	X			HB 2397	DP
Senator Mesnard	X			HB 2499	DP
Senator Navarrete	X			HB 2601	DP
Senator Pace, Vice-Chairman	X			HB 2627	DP
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Chairman	X				

Chairman Ugenti-Rita called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ugenti-Rita stated that without objection, the Corrected minutes of February 20, 2020 are approved as distributed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2499 eminent domain; existing contracts – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2499.

Representative Weninger, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2499.

Tom Savage, representing League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified in opposition to HB 2499 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Robert Wingo, City Attorney, City of Surprise, Arizona, testified in opposition to HB 2499 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Thomas Brady, Mayor, Bullhead City, Arizona, testified in opposition to HB 2499 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Spencer Kamps, representing Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, testified in support of HB 2499 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Weninger offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2499 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-1-0 (Attachment 1).

Senators Bowie, Farnsworth, Navarrete and Livingston explained their vote.

HB 2144 – state liquor board; membership – DO PASS

Jordan Pittman, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2144.

Bob Charles, representing City of Glendale, Glendale, Arizona, testified in support of HB 2144.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2144 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 2).

HB 2249 – personal representatives; funeral directors; prohibition – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2249.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2249 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-1-0 (Attachment 3).

HB 2351 – real estate; employee; rent collection – DO PASS AMENDED

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2351 and the 6-page amendment in .Senator Ugenti-Rita's name dated 03/04/2020 at 12:11 p.m. (Attachment A).

Senator Pace offered comments.

Tom Farley, representing Arizona Association of Realtors, testified in support of HB 2351 and the amendment. Mr. Farley further explained the amendment to HB 2351.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2351 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Pace moved the 6-page amendment dated 03/04/2020 at 12:11 p.m. (Attachment A) in Senator Ugenti-Rita's name be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Pace moved HB 2351, AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 4).

Senator Pace explained his vote.

HB 2397 – spirituous liquors; alternating proprietorship – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2397.

Representative Weninger, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2397.

Rob Fullmer, Executive Director, Arizona Craft Brewers Guild, testified in support of HB 2397.

Peter Reilly, Cold Managing Director, Arizona Production and Packaging, testified in support of HB 2397.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2397 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-1 (Attachment 5).

Senator Farnsworth explained his vote.

HB 2601 – residential utility consumer office; continuation – DO PASS

Jordan Pittman, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2601.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2601 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 6).

Senator Gonzales explained her vote.

HB 2627 – timeshares; public reports; purchase contracts – DO PASS

Jordan Pittman, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2627 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Louis Dettorre, Deputy Commissioner, Arizona Department of Real Estate, further explained HB 2627 and answered questions posed by the Committee. Mr. Dettorre testified in support of HB 2627.

Senator Pace moved that HB 2627 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 7).

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the bills (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at http://www.azleg.gov)