ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: February 10, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator J.D. Mesnard **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita

ANALYST: Laura Benitez

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Borrelli*	X			SB 1154	DISCUSS/HELD
Senator Bowie	X			SB 1155	DPA/SE
Senator Gabaldón*	X			SB 1268	DP
Senator Livingston*	X			SB 1334	DISCUSS/HELD
Senator Navarrete*	X			SB 1527	DPA
Senator Pace	X			SB 1651	DP
Senator Peshlakai*	X			SB 1797	HELD
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X				

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*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of the last meeting are approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1797 – fantasy sports betting; event wagering – HELD

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1797 would be HELD.

SB 1334 – fireworks; aerial devices – DISCUSS/HELD

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1334.

Senator Gowan, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1334.

Mike Williams, representing TNT Fireworks, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1334 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Tom Savage, on behalf of League of Arizona Cities and Towns, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1334 and stated his concerns with the bill.

The Committee discussed SB 1334.

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1334 would be HELD.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1334 (Attachment A).

SB 1268 – labor organizations; fiduciary guidelines; disclosure – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1268.

Senator Petersen, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1268 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Christian Bearden, representing the Arizona State Building and Construction Trades Council, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1268, stated his concerns with the bill and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mike Colletto, representing Community Horizons, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1268 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Fred Yamashita, Executive Director, Arizona AFL-CIO, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1268, stated his concerns with the bill and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dawn Schumann, on behalf of Teamsters Local Union 104, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1268 and stated her concerns with the bill.

Jack Biltis, President, TAG Employer Services, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1268, provided comments regarding SB 1268 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Yamashita answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Colletto, Mr. Bearden and Ms. Schumann provided comments regarding SB 1268.

Senator Petersen provided closing comments regarding SB 1268.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1268.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1268 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1268 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-4-0 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

Senator Gabaldón explained her vote.

Senator Navarrete, by way of explaining his vote, read the testimony of Jim McLaughlin, President, UFCW Local 99, who was unable to participate.

SB 1155 – technical correction; supplemental environmental project – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained the 2-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 02/08/2021 at 11:23 a.m. (Attachment B).

Senator Mesnard, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Josh Kredit, Deputy Attorney General for Law and Policy, Arizona Attorney General's Office, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Beau Roysden, Solicitor General, Arizona Attorney General's Office, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

The Committee discussed the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1155 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1155 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 2-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 02/08/2021 at 11:23 a.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1155 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

SB 1154 – technical corrections; valuation; personal property – (continued)

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained the 2-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 02/08/2021 at 11:49 a.m. (Attachment C).

Senator Mesnard, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Tom Savage, on behalf of League of Arizona Cities and Towns, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to the Mesnard strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jodi Tas, City of Surprise, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to Mesnard strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Mesnard answered questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Mr. Savage provided comments regarding the Mesnard strike everything amendment and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Mesnard answered additional questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

The Committee discussed the Mesnard strike everything amendment.

Senator Mesnard stated that the Committee would return to SB 1154.

SB 1651 – workers' compensation; service; electronic transmission – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1651.

Senator Livingston, bill sponsor, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, provided comments regarding SB 1651.

Mark Kendall, on behalf of CopperPoint Insurance Company, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1651 and provided comments regarding SB 1651.

The Committee discussed SB 1651.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1651 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved SB 1651 with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 3 and 3a).

SB 1154 – technical corrections; valuation; personal property – DISCUSS/HELD

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1154 would be HELD.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1154 (Attachment A).

SB 1527 – microbusiness loans; commerce authority – DO PASS AMENDED

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1527 and the 2-line Navarrete amendment dated 02/09/2021 at 01:17 p.m. (Attachment D).

Senator Navarrete, bill sponsor, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, provided comments regarding SB 1527.

Brett Galley, Legislative Affairs Director, Arizona Commerce Authority, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to SB 1527 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Navarrete answered questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding SB 1527.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1527.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1527 (Attachment A).

Senator Pace moved SB 1527 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Pace moved the 2-line Navarrete amendment dated 02/09/2021 at 01:17 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Pace moved that SB 1527 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-1-1 (Attachment 4 and 4a).

Senator Ugenti-Rita reiterated that SB 1154 would be HELD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew
Committee Secretary

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