ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: February 9, 2022 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

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

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Borrelli	X			SB 1166	DPA
Senator Bowie	X			SB 1168	DP
Senator Gabaldon	X			SB 1237	DP
Senator Hatathlie	X			SB 1248	DP
Senator Livingston	X			SB 1410	DP
Senator Pace	X			SB 1458	HELD
Senator Terán	X				
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X				

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Name	Position	Recommendation
Thomas M. Simplot	Director, Arizona Department of Housing	CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

Current Housing Outlook – Avoiding the Pitfalls, Elliott Pollack, CEO of Elliott D. Pollack and Company

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Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of February 2, 2022 were approved.

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Senator Mesnard announced that the presentation was cancelled.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Thomas M. Simplot – Director, Arizona Department of Housing – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, gave an overview of the nominee.

Thomas M. Simplot, gave an overview of the Arizona Department of Housing, addressed housing issues and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Thomas M. Simplot as Director to the Arizona Department of Housing. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 1).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1458 – racing; boxing; transfer; gaming commission – HELD

Senator Mesnard stated SB 1458 would be HELD.

SB 1166 – public employers; union contracts – DO PASS AMENDED

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1166 and the 7-line Livingston amendment dated 02/07/2022 at 11:21 a.m. (Attachment A).

Senator Leach, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1166 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Theodorou answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed SB 1166.

Jon Riches, Goldwater Institute, testified in support of SB 1166 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Christopher Idlebird, Vice President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) local 2384, representing himself, testified in opposition to SB 1166 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Briona May, Lobbyist, AFSCME, testified in opposition to SB 1166 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jennifer Grondahl, Laborers International Union, representing herself, testified in opposition to SB 1166 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senators Leach and Mesnard offered comments.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1166 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the Livingston 7-line amendment dated 02/07/2022 at 11:21 a.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1166 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-4-0 (Attachment 2).

Senators Pace and Mesnard explained their vote. Senator Terán explained her vote by reading a letter from Frank Piccioli (Attachment B).

SB 1248 – beer shipments; coercion; prohibition – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1248.

Steve Barclay, Beer and Wine Distributors of Arizona, testified in support of SB 1248.

Senator Gowan, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1248.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1248 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 3).

SB 1410 – auto glass; repair; penalties – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1410.

Barbara Meaney, Safelite Group, testified in support of SB 1410.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1410 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 4).

SB 1237 – department of gaming; investigations – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1237.

Senator Borrelli, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1237.

Bradley Heck, American Legion, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1237.

Domingo Bonilla, American Legion, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1237.

Senator Borrelli made closing comments on SB 1237 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1237 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 5).**

Senator Hatathlie explained her vote.

SB 1168 – vacation rentals; short-term rentals; enforcement – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1168.

Senator Mesnard, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1168.

Jonathon Paton, Airbnb, Inc., testified in support of SB 1168.

Linda Curry, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1168.

William Hunter, Neighbors Not Nightmares, representing himself, testified in opposition to SB 1168.

Timothy Dickman, representing himself, testified in opposition to SB 1168. Mr. Dickman submitted a copy of David Mason's testimony (Attachment C), who was unable to attend.

Sandra Scanlan, representing herself, testified in opposition to SB 1168 and answered a question posed by the Senator Hatathlie.

John Hildebrand, President, Scottsdale Rental Alliance, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1168 and answered a question posed by Senator Hatathlie.

Don Isaacson, American Resort Development Association, testified in support of SB 1168.

Sam Friedberg, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1168.

Charity Hakes, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1168.

Christopher DeVries, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1168.

> **Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1168 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 6).**

Senators Bowie, Hatathlie, Terán, Ugenti-Rita and Mesnard explained their vote.

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker Slip on the legislation (Attachment D).

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the legislation (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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