

04-21-2024 Judiciary Committee Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 12:15 pm on April 21, 2024

Present: Gabriela Prieto, Marian Enriquez, Andrew Sabadash, Vivian Phung, Jonathan Bedine, Aaron Rubaii (Chair)

Absent: Elizabeth Insuasti, Aleah Henley, Laura Bryan

Others present: Ronin Lupien (Clerk), Senator Nathaniel Pelton, Tyler Sklar, Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu, Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer

Quorum is established.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS:

Alexia Sederopoulos for Supervisor of Elections is under consideration.

- The Judiciary Committee reviews the nominee for two minutes.
- The Judiciary Committee considers and deliberates on the nominee for five minutes.
- Senator Prieto moves to approve the nominee for Supervisor of Elections by unanimous consent. Passed.

Stephanie Miller for Associate Justice is under consideration.

- The Judiciary Committee reviews the nominee for two minutes.
- The Judiciary Committee considers and deliberates on the nominee for five minutes.
- Senator Prieto moves to approve the nominee for Associate Justice by unanimous consent. Passed.

Connor McClay for Associate Justice is under consideration.

- The Judiciary Committee reviews the nominee for two minutes.
- The Judiciary Committee considers and deliberates on the nominee for five minutes.
- Senator Prieto moves to approve the nominee for Associate Justice by unanimous consent. Passed.

Olivia Potthast for Associate Justice is under consideration.

- The Judiciary Committee reviews the nominee for two minutes.
- The Judiciary Committee considers and deliberates on the nominee for five minutes.
- Senator Prieto moves to approve the nominee for Associate Justice by unanimous consent. Passed.

NEW LEGISLATION:

Senator Prieto moves to enter into consideration of SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1325 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Bedine moves to pass SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. Rescinded.
- Senator Phung moves to add Senator Vivian Phung to the authors lines by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Phung moves to pass SSB 2024-1325 by unanimous consent. Passed.

Senator Prieto moves to enter into consideration of SSB 2024-1330 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1330 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents the bill.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- No debate on the bill
- Senator Pelton waives final privilege.
- Senator Bedine moves to strike Senator Jason Drucker and replace with Senator Jaxen Ranson by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Phung moves to pass SSB 2024-1330 by unanimous consent. Passed.

Senator Prieto moves to enter into consideration of SSB 2024-1287 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1287 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.¹
 - o Chair Rubaii has the committee stand at ease to discuss the bill further (per Roberts Rules of Order 12th Edition § 8:2(4)).
 - o Chair Rubaii calls the committee back to order.
- Debate continues on the bill.¹
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.

- Senator Bedine moves to strike PSA Secretary Taimoor Nawaz from the sponsors line by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Bedine moves to add Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Bedine moves to pass SSB 2024-1287 by unanimous consent. Passed.

Senator Prieto moves to create a bloc of SSB 2024-1328 and SSB 2024-1329.

The bloc of bills is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bloc.
- No author, final privilege is waived.
- Senator Prieto moves to pass the bloc by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1332 is under consideration.

- Senator Phung waives presentation.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.²
- The Judiciary Committee moves into consideration of Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1332.
 - o Senator Phung presents on the bill.
 - o Q&A on the amendment.
 - o Debate on the amendment.
 - o Senator Phung gives final privilege.
 - o Senator Prieto moves to pass Amendment 1 to SSB 2024-1332 by unanimous consent. Passed.
- No debate on the amended bill.²
- Senator Phung yields final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to amend the final therefore let it be resolved clause by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Phung moves to add Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu to the sponsors line by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Prieto moves to pass SSB 2024-1332 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1272 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton waives presentation on the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.

- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to fail SSB 2024-1272 on implication by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1285 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents on the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.³
 - o Chair Rubaii has the committee stand at ease to discuss the bill further (per Roberts Rules of Order 12th Edition § 8:2(4)).
 - o Chair Rubaii calls the committee back to order.
- Debate continues on the bill.³
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Phung moves to pass SSB 2024-1285 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Phung moves to pass SSB 2024-1285 by roll call.
- Roll Call:
 - o Bedine: No
 - o Enriquez: No
 - o Prieto: No
 - o Sabadash: No
 - o Phung: Yes
 - o Rubaii (Chair): Abstain
- In a vote of 4-1-1, the motion fails.
- Senator Prieto moves to table SSB 2024-1285 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Prieto moves to table SSB 2024-1285 by roll call.
- Roll Call:
 - o Bedine: Yes
 - o Enriquez: Yes
 - o Prieto: Yes
 - o Sabadash: Yes
 - o Phung: No
 - o Rubaii (Chair): Abstain
- In a vote of 4-1-1, the motion passes.
- The bill is tabled.

Senator Prieto moves to a five minute recess by unanimous consent. Passed.

Called back to order at 2:29 pm on April 21, 2024.

SSB 2024-1289 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents on the bill.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to pass SSB 2024-1289 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1290 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents on the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to table SSB 2024-1290 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1291 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton present on the bill.
 - o Chair Rubaii clarifies previous comments.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Sabadash moves to amend the change language of the bill to read “by 5:00 PM EST or the scheduled start of the Senate if the meeting is scheduled before 5:00 PM EST” by unanimous consent. Rescinded.
- Senator Sabadash moves to amend all instances of the changed language to read “by 5:00 PM EST or the scheduled start of the senate if the meeting is scheduled before 5:00 PM EST” by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Phung moves to pass SSB 2024-1291 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1296 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents on the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.

- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to pass SSB 2024-1296 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1297 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton presents on the bill.
- Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Sabadash moves to fail SSB 2024-1297 on implication by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1298 is under consideration.

- Senator Pelton waives presentation.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.
- Senator Pelton gives final privilege.
- Senator Prieto moves to fail SSB 2024-1298 on implication by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1302 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.⁴
 - o Ronin Lupien clarifies Article III, Section 8(a) of the Student Body Constitution.
- Debate continues on the bill.⁴
- Majority Party Leader Seifer gives final privilege.
- Senator Bedine moves to amend to add “, but not authored” after 1(b)(iii) by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Bedine moves to pass SSB 2024-1302 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1304 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.
- No author, final privilege is waived.

- Senator Prieto moves to fail SSB 2024-1304 on implication by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1305 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.⁵
 - o Senator Pelton clarifies the bill.
- Debate continues on the bill.⁵
- No author, final privilege is waived.
- Senator Prieto moves to table SSB 2024-1305 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1306 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.
- No author, final privilege is waived.
- Senator Prieto moves to pass SSB 2024-1306 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1307 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.
- No author, final privilege is waived.
- Senator Bedine moves to table SSB 2024-1307 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1308 is under consideration.

- No author, presentation and Q&A are waived.
- Debate on the bill.
- No author, final privilege is waived.
- Senator Enriquez moves to table SSB 2024-1308 by unanimous consent. Passed.

SSB 2024-1331 is under consideration.

- Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu presents on the bill.
- No Q&A on the bill.
- Debate on the bill.⁶

- Chair Rubaii has the committee stand at ease to discuss the bill further (per Roberts Rules of Order 12th Edition § 8:2(4)).
 - Chair Rubaii calls the committee back to order.
- Debate continues on the bill.⁶
- Minority Party Leader Anamika Naidu gives final privilege.
- Senator Phung moves to strike the first sections d, e, and f by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Senator Sabadash moves to table SSB 2024-1331 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Prieto moves to table SSB 2024-1331 by roll call.
- Roll Call:
 - Bedine: Yes
 - Enriquez: Yes
 - Prieto: Yes
 - Sabadash: Yes
 - Phung: No
 - Rubaii (Chair): Abstain
- In a vote of 4-1-1, the motion passes.
- The bill is tabled.

Senator Enriquez moves to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm on April 21, 2024.