

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

JUDICIARY

SB 619-FN, establishing procedures for expedited court hearings and disposition of confiscated animals.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Daryl Abbas for the committee.

Senate Bill 619-FN as introduced establishes procedures for expedited court hearings when animals are confiscated due to allegations of animal cruelty. The amendment adopted by the committee clarifies that the purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the confiscation was legal, allows the court to make determinations regarding custody rather than disposition, permits the court to address additional matters in the interests of justice, and clarifies procedures regarding arraignment and failure to appear.