

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 1796 (Chisum/Watson)

By: Watson

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House
5 Bill 1796 (the development of carbon dioxide capture and
6 sequestration in this state) to consider and take action on the
7 following matter:

8 Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the
9 committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement and not
10 included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding
11 the following SECTION to the bill:

12 SECTION 30. The purpose of the changes in law made by this
13 Act is to encourage the development of onshore and offshore
14 geologic storage of carbon dioxide including by encouraging the
15 development of advanced clean energy projects that capture carbon
16 dioxide and sequester not less than 50 percent of the captured
17 carbon dioxide in onshore or offshore geologic repositories.
18 Securing the necessary capacity for geologic sequestration is
19 essential to the success of carbon capture strategies, such as the
20 advanced clean energy projects facilitated by the changes in law
21 made by this Act. The success of the offshore repositories
22 facilitated by this Act depends on an adequate supply of
23 anthropogenic carbon dioxide, which is not currently being captured
24 at industrial facilities in this state. The advanced clean energy

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1 grants established in this Act are intended to create the supply of
2 anthropogenic carbon dioxide necessary to the success of the
3 offshore repositories facilitated by this Act.

4 Explanation: The added language is necessary to clarify the
5 purpose of the provisions of the bill.