

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Carona, Chair

Senator Craig Estes

Senator Mike Jackson

Senator Leticia Van de Putte

Senator Kirk Watson

Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Chris Harris, Vice Chair

Senator Kevin Eltife

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The Chair recognized guests and laid out the Committee work plan.

The chair opened invited testimony and recognized the following to testify as resource witnesses:

- Donna Nelson, Chair, representing Public Utility Commission.
- Eleanor Kitzman, Commissioner, representing Texas Department of Insurance.
- John Polak, Interim General Manager, representing Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.
- William H. Kuntz, Jr., Executive Director, representing Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
- Douglas Oldmixon, Executive Director, representing Texas Real Estate Commission.

The chair opened public testimony and recognized the following:

- Tom “Smitty” Smith, representing Public Citizen, did not testify.
- Cyrus Reed, representing Sierra Club, testified.

There being no further business, at 11:45 AM Senator Watson moved that the Committee be adjourned. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Carona, Chair

Steven Polunsky, Clerk