

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

12:00 PM or 90 minutes upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Tommy Williams
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1 as pending business.

Senator Duncan laid out recommendations from the Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters.

The Legislative Budget Board gave testimony on the recommendation document.

Senator Duncan moved to adopt the recommendations for the Teachers Retirement System. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Duncan moved to adopt the recommendations for the Optional Retirement Program. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Duncan moved to adopt the recommendations for the Employees Retirement System and Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Duncan moved sever the issue on proportionality and to adopt the recommendations for the Higher Education Employees Group Insurance. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Williams laid out recommendations for pending items for Article V.

The Legislative Budget Board gave testimony on the recommendation document.

Senator Williams moved to adopt the recommendations on the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved to adopt the recommendations for the Department of Public Safety, as amended. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Whitmire moved to adopt the technical adjustments for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved to adopt the Local Border Security rider. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams laid out recommendations for pending items for Article VII.

The Legislative Budget Board gave testimony on the recommendation document.

Senator Williams moved to adopt the recommendations for Article VII, as amended. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved to adopt the Purchase of Asphalt rider. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved to adopt the Transportation Development Credits rider. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved to adopt The Women's Institute for Technology Employment Training rider. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Shapiro moved to adopt the School Readiness Models rider. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:20 PM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk