

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Monday, April 18, 2011

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Monday, April 18, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**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 Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire  
Senator Tommy Williams  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Florence Shapiro

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1004 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 1004 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1335 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Deuell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 1335 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report on SB 23 was laid out by Senator Nelson. Senator Nelson was recognized to explain the subcommittee report on SB 23.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 1.

Senator Ogden opened public testimony.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Ogden moved to leave public testimony open until after session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 23 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1589 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, to explain the bill.

Senator Ogden sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ogden to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

At 10:50 AM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:45 PM the Committee reconvened.

The chair laid out SB 23 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Testimony continued on SB 23.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson requested unanimous consent to incorporate the Amendment 1 into the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1798 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 1798 do not pass but that CSSB 1798 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 4 absent.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 23 do not pass but that CSSB 23 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1505 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife moved that SB 1505 do not pass but that CSSB 1505 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1428 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 42 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, to explain the bill.

Senator Ogden sent up a committee substitute for SB 1428; the chair recognized Senator Ogden to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Ogden moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden sent up a committee substitute for SJR 42; the chair recognized Senator Ogden to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Ogden moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 1428 and SJR 42 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 23, SB 1505 and SB 1798. Without objection it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 23. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams requested to be shown voting aye on SB 23. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:40 PM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Steve Ogden, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk