

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, May 12, 2011

9:00 AM

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 Thursday, May 12, 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 Florence Shapiro
Senator Royce West
Senator Tommy Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kel Seliger
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 533 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1887 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2599 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1927 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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.

The bill was left pending.

At 9:40 AM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:00 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:04 AM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 533 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 4 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 1887; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1887 do not pass but that CSHB 1887 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 4 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 275 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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. Senator Ogden moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that HB 275 do not pass but that CSHB 275 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 Ogden resumed the chair.

Senator Shapiro and Senator Lucio asked to be shown voting aye on the following bills: HB 533, HB 1887 and HB 275. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:16 AM 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