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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Monday, April 11, 2011

10:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Government Organization was held on Monday, April 11, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair
Senator Glenn Hegar, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Steve Ogden
Senator John Whitmire

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1618 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

At 10:35 AM Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

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

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 1618 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 659 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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At 10:41 AM Senator Hegar resumed the chair.

At 10:53 AM Senator Ellis resumed the chair.

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 Ellis moved that SB 659 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 645 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Ellis moved that SB 645 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1618. Senator Hegar sent up a committee substitute, which was previously explained by the author. Senator Hegar moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hegar moved that SB 1618 do not pass but that CSSB 1618 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 664 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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.

Senator Birdwell sent up Committee Amendment 1 and explained it on behalf of Senator Lucio. Amendment 1 was withdraw.

Senator Birdwell sent up Committee Amendment 2 and explained it on behalf of Senator Lucio. Amendment 2 was withdraw.

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Senator Ellis moved that SB 664 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:48 AM Senator Ellis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair

Jessica Schleifer, Clerk