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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL AFFAIRS & HOMELAND SECURITY

Friday, May 17, 2013

10:30 AM or upon adjournment
Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security was held on Friday, May 17, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Craig Estes, Chair
Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1781 and recognized Sidd Dadhich, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Estes moved that HB 1781 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1781 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

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The chair laid out HB 3142 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 3142 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Estes moved that HB 3142 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2153 and recognized Senator Estes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 2153 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Hegar moved that HB 2153 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hegar moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2150 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Estes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 2150 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Estes moved that HB 2150 do not pass but that CSHB 2150 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Estes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 3660 and recognized Senator Estes, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Estes moved that HB 3660 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Hegar moved that HB 3660 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Craig Estes, Chair

Gretchen Essell, Clerk