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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL AFFAIRS & HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

Monday, May 20, 2013

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security was held on Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Craig Estes, Chair

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Charles Schwertner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair

Senator Glenn Hegar

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1382 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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 1382 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Schwertner moved that HB 1382 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.

The chair laid out HB 3566 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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.

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Senator Estes moved that HB 3566 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Estes moved that HB 3566 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.

The chair laid out HB 3761 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 3761 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3761 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.

The chair laid out HB 1179 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 1179 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1179 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.

The chair laid out HB 1090 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.

Senator Estes moved that HB 1090 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1951 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 1951 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 3569 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 3569 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 988 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, 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 988 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3433 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, 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 3433 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1090. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1090 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3569. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 3569 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3433. Senator Schwertner moved that HB 3433 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.

There being no further business, at 9:50 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee be adjourned sine die. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Craig Estes, Chair

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Gretchen Essell, Clerk