

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 4, 2013

10:00 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 Monday, February 4, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Dan Patrick

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out Senate Bill 1 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on Article IV – Judiciary. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Supreme Court of Texas

Court of Criminal Appeals

14 Courts of Appeals

First Court of Appeals District, Houston

Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth

Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio

Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas

Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo

Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso

Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont

Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco

Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland

Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler

Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston

Office of Capital Writs

Office of Court Administration

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Texas Indigent Defense Commission

Office of State Prosecuting Attorney

State Law Library

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Special Provisions Relating to the Judiciary

Comptroller's Department, Judiciary Section

Visiting Judges
Public Integrity Unit

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Special Prosecuting Unit
Montgomery County – 435th District Court

The chair closed testimony on Article IV.

Testimony was heard on Article VII – Business and Economic Development. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Workforce Commission

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

At 1:48 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed until 45 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:17 the Committee reconvened. Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Testimony continued on the Workforce Commission and Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account.

Department of Transportation

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Public testimony was heard on the Department of Transportation.

Department of Motor Vehicles

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Lottery Commission

Public testimony was heard on the remaining agencies for Article VII.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

The chair closed testimony on Article VII.

Senator Williams moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:01 PM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk