

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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 Wednesday, February 6, 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 Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senate Bill 1 was laid out as pending business.

Testimony was taken on Article I – General Government. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Secretary of State

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

General Land Office – Article VI

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Ethics Commission

Texas Facilities Commission

State Cemetery

Lease Payments

At 10:51 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:49 PM the Committee reconvened. Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

Historical Commission

Holocaust and Genocide Commission

Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner

Veterans Commission

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Testimony was taken on Article VI – Natural Resources. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Animal Health Commission

Railroad Commission

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Parks and Wildlife Commission

Commission on Environmental Quality

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Soil and Water Conservation Board

Water Development Board

Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Senator Williams announced the members of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters. The members are Senator Hegar - Chair, Senator Nelson, Senator Huffman, Senator Lucio and Senator Whitmire.

Senator Williams announced a workgroup that will address capital needs. The members are Senator Eltife - Chair, Senator Seliger and Senator Zaffirini.

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

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

There being no further business, at 6:41 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