

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Bob Deuell  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
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 Robert Duncan  
Senator Craig Estes  
Senator Dan Patrick

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Senator Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senate Bill 1 was laid out as pending business.

Testimony was heard on Article VIII – Regulatory. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Racing Commission

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Public Utility Commission

Office of Public Utility Counsel

Texas Medical Board

Board of Plumbing Examiners

Department of Licensing and Regulation

State Office of Administrative Hearings

Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

Board of Professional Geoscientist

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Board of Professional Land Surveying

Department of Insurance

Fire Protection Commission

Office of Injured Employee Counsel

Office of Public Insurance Counsel

At 10:57 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:02 PM the Committee reconvened. Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Testimony continued with the Department of Insurance.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Testimony continued on the Office of Public Insurance Counsel.

Testimony continued on the Office of Injured Employee Counsel.

Testimony continued on the Fire Protection Commission.

Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

Special Provisions relating to all Regulatory Agencies

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Public testimony was heard.

Testimony was closed on Article VIII.

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

There being no further business, at 2:24 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed until 9:00 AM Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk