

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, February 13, 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 Wednesday, February 13, 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 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

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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 heard on Article I, Article III, Article V, Article VI, Article IX and Article X. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Article VI – Natural Resources

Department of Agriculture

Article V – Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Commission on Jail Standards

Senator Nelson assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Article I – General Government

Employees Retirement System

The following bills were referred to the Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters:

SB 46, SB 69, SB 70, SB 71, SB 95, SB 102, SB 106, SB 140, SB 142, SB 144, SB 145, SB 154, SB 155, SB 158, SB 161, SB 163, SB 195, SB 196, SB 269, SB 305, SB 318, SB 319, SB 342, SB 371, SB 372, SJR 9, SJR 12, SJR 14, SJR 15 and SJR 16

At 10:48 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:05 PM the Committee reconvened.

Testimony continued on Employees Retirement System

Article III – Education

Stephen F. Austin State University

Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Article IX – General Provisions

Article X – The Legislature

Public testimony was heard.

The chair closed public testimony on SB 1.

There being no further business, at 2:33 PM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk