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JOINT COMMITTEE ON COASTAL BARRIER SYSTEMS

Monday, August 4, 2014

10:00 AM

Galveston, TX

Pursuant to Rule 1, Texas House Rules and pursuant to Rule 11.03, Texas Senate Rules, a public hearing of the Joint Committee on Coastal Barrier Systems was held on Monday, August 4, 2014, in Galveston, TX.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Joe Deshotel, Co-Chair
Senator Larry Taylor, Co-Chair
Representative Greg Bonnen
Representative Geanie Morrison
Representative Chris Paddie
Representative Tan Parker
Representative David Simpson
Representative Drew Springer
Representative Armando Walle
Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative James Frank
Representative Craig Goldman
Representative Abel Herrero
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Carlos Uresti

Co-chair Senator Larry Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There being a quorum present at 10:25 am, the following business was transacted:

Senator Sylvia Garcia also present.

Senator Taylor made opening remarks.

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Mayor Jim Yarbrough of Galveston was recognized and welcomed committee and audience to Galveston.

Representative Craig Eiland also present.

Representative Deshotel called first panel, Katy Sellers and Tony Williams from the Texas General Land Office, to discuss coastal barrier systems.

Senator Taylor called Colonel Richard Pannell from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to discuss coastal barrier systems.

Representative Deshotel called Jim Blackburn from the SPPEED Center at Rice University to discuss the Centennial Gate.

Representative Deshotel called second panel, Colonel Len Waterworth and Dr. William Merrell from Texas A&M University at Galveston, to discuss the Ike Dike.

Senator Taylor called third panel, Chad Burke, Mayor Glenn Royal and Mayor Michel Bechtel with the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, to discuss coastal barrier systems.

Representative Deshotel called public testimony to discuss coastal barrier systems.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Taylor moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:19 PM Senator Hegar moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Joe Deshotel, Co-Chair

Senator Larry Taylor, Co-Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk