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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, March 23, 2015

2:00 PM or upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, March 23, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:53 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator José Rodríguez

Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair laid out SB 987 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 987 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Rodriguez and Hinojosa submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 987.

Senator Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 521 and recognized the author, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 521 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 523 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 523 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:36 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 394 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 394 do not pass but that CSSB 394 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of

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6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 394.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 394 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 505 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 505 do not pass but that CSSB 505 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 505.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 505 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 611 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 611 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 611.

Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 970 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 970 do not pass but that CSSB 970 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 970.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 970 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1132 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1132 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1132.

Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:22 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:22 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk