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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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 4:39 PM. There being a quorum present at 4:41 p.m., the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair laid out SB 789 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

A quorum was established at 4:41 p.m.

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 Perry moved that SB 789 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1766 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Rodríguez moved that SB 1766 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 moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 991 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

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

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 Hall moved that SB 991 do not pass but that CSSB 991 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 Zaffirini submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 991.

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

The chair laid out SCR 34 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that SCR 34 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 Zaffirini and Rodriguez submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SCR 34.

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

The chair laid out SB 1597 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

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 Creighton moved that SB 1597 do not pass but that CSSB 1597 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 Zaffirini and Rodriguez submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1597.

The chair laid out SB 1738 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 1738 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1749 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Hall moved that SB 1749 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 Zaffirini, Kolkhorst and Rodriguez submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1749.

At 6:12 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1903 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.

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 1903 do not pass but that CSSB 1903 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1907 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 1907 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:15 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 7:16 PM Senator Hall 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