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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, May 18, 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, May 18, 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 Juan Hinojosa

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bob Hall

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair laid out HB 928 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Rodríguez 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.

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

Senator Perry moved that CSHB 928 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 988 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 CSHB 988 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1665 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 HB 1665 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:22 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3405 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of Senator Campbell, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 3405 do not pass but that CSHB 3405 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 3405.

The chair laid out HB 2031 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Zaffirini moved that HB 2031 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3264 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Zaffirini moved that HB 3264 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4097 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Kolkhorst 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 Zaffirini moved that CSHB 4097 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4112 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 4112 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writings requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 4112.

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

At 3:09 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1665.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1665 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1665.

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 as a matter of pending business HB 2031.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 2031 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2031.

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 as a matter of pending business HB 3264.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3264 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3264.

Senator Creighton moved that the bill 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 SCR 642, which was considered at a previous hearing.

Senator Perry moved that SR 642 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on SR 642.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSHB 988.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 988 do not pass but that CSHB 988 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 988.

Senator Creighton moved that the bill 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 CSHB 928.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 928 do not pass but that CSHB 928 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 928.

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 as a matter of pending business CSHB 4097.

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Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4097 do not pass but that CSHB 4097 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Rodriguez submitted motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 4097.

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

There was no action taken in committee on HB 3298.

There being no further business, at 3:16 PM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk