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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Friday, May 22, 2015

8:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Friday, May 22, 2015, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Perry, Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Bob Hall

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:06 a.m., the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Bob Hall

The chair laid out HB 1579 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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.

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Senator Perry moved that HB 1579 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:13 AM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 30 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 Creighton moved that HB 30 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 912 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 Creighton moved that HB 912 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:29 AM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 930 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 930 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 950 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 950 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 2704 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 2704 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3356 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 3356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4187 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 4187 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3390 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 3390 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3944 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 3944 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:40 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2350 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 HB 2350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3618 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of Senator Campbell, 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 3618 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4174 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of Senator Ellis, 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 HB 4174 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4175 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of Senator Taylor, 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 4175 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:55 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:23 PM Senator Perry reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 30.

Senator Hall moved that HB 30 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 Hall 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 930.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 930 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 Rodríguez 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 950.

Senator Perry moved that HB 950 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 Hall 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 1579.

Senator Hall moved that HB 1579 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2350.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2350 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 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 HB 2704.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2704 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3356.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3356 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 Hall 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 3390.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3390 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 Hall 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 3618.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3618 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3944.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3944 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 Hall 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 4174.

Senator Hall moved that HB 4174 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 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 HB 4175.

Senator Hall moved that HB 4175 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4187.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4187 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 Hall moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business, at 11:33 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee be adjourned. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

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Lauren Murray, Clerk