

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator John Whitmire

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1009 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out HB 903 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2400 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1041 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 275 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1030 and recognized Senator Eltife, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nelson 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1378 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 1933 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.

The bill was temporarily left pending.

The chair laid out HB 2083 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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

The bill was temporarily left pending.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1030 do not pass but that CSSB 1030 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1041 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 275 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 903 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1378 do not pass but that CSHB 1378 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1933 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Hancock moved that HB 2083 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator West moved that HB 2400 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Nelson 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 SB 1025 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1025 do not pass but that CSSB 1025 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1835 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West moved that SB 1835 do not pass but that CSSB 1835 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 514 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 514 do not pass but that CSSB 514 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1030 and SB 1041.

Senator Larry Taylor submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on HB 275, HB 903, HB 1378, HB 1933, HB 2083, HB 2400 and SB 1025.

Senator Huffman submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 1030, SB 1041 and HB 275.

There being no further business, at 10:06 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk