

Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1289 (Creighton/Paddie)

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1289 (the purchase of iron  
6 and steel products made in the United States for certain  
7 governmental entity projects) to consider and take action on the  
8 following matters:

9 (1) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit  
10 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the  
11 house or senate version of the bill by adding, in SECTION 1 of the  
12 bill, the following:

13 Sec. 2252.2025. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1,  
14 2018, the Texas Water Development Board shall electronically submit  
15 to the state auditor a report on all contracts for construction of a  
16 project that received financial assistance under Chapter 15, 16, or  
17 17, Water Code, during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

18 The report must include:

19 (1) the impacts on a political subdivision that has  
20 obtained or applied for financial assistance from the board under  
21 Chapter 15, 16, or 17, Water Code; and

22 (2) for each project that has obtained financial  
23 assistance as described by this subsection:

24 (A) the country of origin of the iron and steel

1 products used in the project, in accordance with 19 U.S.C. Section  
2 1304;

3 (B) the cost and quantity of all iron and steel  
4 products received from each country of origin for the project; and

5 (C) any related bond information, including the  
6 credit rating of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued  
7 by the board to finance or refinance projects included in the state  
8 water plan and the potential impact to that credit rating as a  
9 result of the bond issuance by the board.

10 (b) The state auditor shall prepare a summary on the report  
11 submitted under Subsection (a) and electronically submit the  
12 summary to the legislature not later than January 1, 2019.

13 (c) This section expires September 1, 2019.

14 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the Texas  
15 Water Development Board to electronically submit to the state  
16 auditor a report on all contracts for construction of projects that  
17 received financial assistance from the board under Chapter 15, 16,  
18 or 17, Water Code, during the state fiscal year ending August 31,  
19 2017, and to require the state auditor to submit to the legislature  
20 a summary of that report.

21 (2) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit  
22 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION  
23 6(b) of the bill, in the transition provisions of the bill, to read  
24 as follows:

25 (b) Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Government Code, as added by  
26 this Act, does not apply to a project as described by Section 15.432  
27 or 15.472, Water Code, that the Texas Water Development Board has

1 formally approved for financial assistance. In this subsection,  
2 the term "formally approved" means any project that is the subject  
3 of a resolution approving an application for financial assistance  
4 adopted by the Texas Water Development Board before May 1, 2019, for  
5 any portion of the financing of the project.

6 Explanation: The change is necessary to extend the time  
7 before certain contracts are subject to Subchapter F, Chapter [2252](#),  
8 Government Code, as added by the Act, to allow the Texas Water  
9 Development Board to submit the report and the state auditor to  
10 submit the summary required by Section 2252.2025, Government Code,  
11 as added by the Act.