

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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, February 1, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair made opening remarks.

Testimony was heard on Healthcare Cost. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

At 10:20 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until 1:00 PM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:12 PM the Committee reconvened.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1.

Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article I. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Fiscal Programs, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Employees Retirement System

Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas

Veterans Commission

State Preservation Board

Texas State Cemetery

Commission on State Emergency Communications

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Hinojosa closed public testimony.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:13 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk