

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, February 14, 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 Tuesday, February 14, 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:

Senator Nelson laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1.

Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article VII, Article VIII and Article IX. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Texas Lottery Commission

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Office of Public Utility Counsel

Department of Insurance

At 10:40 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:32 PM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Office of Public Insurance Counsel

Office of Injured Employee Counsel

State Office of Administrative Hearings

Texas Medical Board

Texas Board of Nursing

Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Pharmacy

Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Optometry Board

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

Health Professions Council

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Securities Board

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Funeral Service Commission

Board of Plumbing Examiners

Racing Commission

Board of Professional Land Surveying

Department of Licensing and Regulation

Board of Professional Geoscientists

Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies

Special Provisions – Article IX

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson closed public testimony on SB 1.

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

Senator Nelson announced the following workgroups:

Articles I, IV and V:

Senator Huffman, Chair

Senator Hancock

Senator Hinojosa

Senator Kolthorst

Senator Whitmire

Article II:

Senator Schwertner, Chair

Senator Birdwell

Senator Kolthorst

Senator Uresti

Senator Watson

Article III:

Senator Taylor, Chair

Senator Bettencourt

Senator Hancock

Senator Seliger

Senator West

Articles VI, VII and VIII:

Senator Nichols, Chair

Senator Bettencourt

Senator Hinojosa

Senator Seliger

Senator Watson

There being no further business, at 3:58 PM Senator Nelson 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