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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Craig Estes, Chair  
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair  
Senator Konni Burton  
Senator Sylvia Garcia  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Don Huffines  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Van Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Kelly Hancock, Senator Don Huffines, Senator Borris Miles, and Senator Kel Seliger.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2027. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 2027 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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Senators Zaffirini, Hancock, Huffines, Miles, and Seliger submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 2027; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 2105. Senator Garcia moved that SB 2105 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Zaffirini, Hancock, Miles, and Seliger submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 2105; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia 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 1870. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1870 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Miles and Seliger submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1870; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on SB 1870; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini 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 1545 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the April 11, 2017 hearing.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1545 do not pass but that CSSB 1545 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Miles and Seliger submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1545; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 2003 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Estes moved that SB 2003 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1354 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Estes moved that SB 1354 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2056 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Estes moved that SB 2056 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1804 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1804 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2166 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Estes moved that SB 2166 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2146 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, 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 Estes moved that SB 2146 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 462 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, 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 Estes moved that SB 462 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1162 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, 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 Estes moved that SB 1162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1137 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 Estes moved that SB 1137 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 600 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 600 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:56 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:25 PM Senator Estes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 600.

Testimony on SB 600 continued. 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 Estes moved that SB 600 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:51 PM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Craig Estes, Chair

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Paige McGhee, Clerk