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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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 Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Pat Fallon

Senator Peter Flores

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Borris Miles

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Beverly Powell

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Bryan Hughes, Senator Borris Miles, Senator Angela Paxton, and Senator Beverly Powell.

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The chair laid out HB 1422 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Hinojosa moved that testimony be limited to 2 minutes per witness; 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.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1422 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 132 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 Birdwell moved that SB 132 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 694 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 694 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2070. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2070 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1055 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 1055 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2354 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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 Birdwell moved that SB 2354 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 185 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles, in the absence of the author, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 185 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:37 AM, Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made on the Senate floor by Senator Birdwell to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18 that afternoon, the chair reconvened the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development at 2:40 PM at Senator Birdwell's Desk along the back railing of the Senate Chamber.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1055. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1055 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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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 2070 and the committee substitute. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2070 do not pass but that CSSB 2070 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, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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 2354. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2354 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.

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 132 and the committee substitute. Senator Hinojosa moved to pull down the committee substitute for SB 132 that had been sent up earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa sent up an amendment. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the amendment.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the amendment; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved to roll the amendment into a new committee substitute for SB 132; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 132 do not pass but that CSSB 132 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, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 2:45 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Paige McGhee, Clerk