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

Thursday, May 16, 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 Thursday, May 16, 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 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 3:59 PM, the following business was transacted:

Senator Birdwell moved that testimony be limited to 2 minutes per witness; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2971 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2971 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4158 and recognized Senator Powell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 4158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 907 and recognized Senator Powell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Powell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Powell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed.

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 HB 907 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 866 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 866 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3838 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the bill as engrossed.

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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 Hinojosa moved that HB 3838 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

At 8:43 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 3:59 PM at Senator Birdwell's Desk along the back railing in the Senate Chamber.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 907 and the committee substitute. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 907 do not pass but that CSHB 907 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 Hancock 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 HB 2971. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2971 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 Hughes 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 HB 4158. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 4158 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.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 866. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 866 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 Birdwell 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 HB 3838 and the committee substitute. Senator Birdwell moved to pull down the committee substitute that had been sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 3838 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 Birdwell 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 HB 3557 and the committee substitute. Senator Birdwell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 3557 do not pass but that CSHB 3557 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1435. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1435 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 Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:08 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