

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 15, 2019  
11:00 AM or upon adjournment  
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 Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 15, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Perry, Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Larry Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Carol Alvarado

The Chair laid out SB 2272 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1386 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton 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 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SCR 2 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Flores 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2452 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute for SB 2452 and the senate bill as filed. The Chair laid out SJR 79 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 2452 and SJR 79 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 516 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 948 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that SB 948 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2507 and recognized Senator Alvarado, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2332 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Perry moved that SB 2332 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2126 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 Perry moved that SB 2126 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2334 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 Perry moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:40 PM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out SB 2026 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst 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 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 Creighton moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2027 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 Creighton moved that SB 2027 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:18 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 1386. Senator Rodriguez moved that SB 1386 do not pass but that CSSB 1386 do pass and be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried

with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 2272. Senator Creighton moved that SB 2272 do not pass but that CSSB 2272 do pass and be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SCR 2. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SCR 2 do not pass but that CSSCR 2 do pass and be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Rodriguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 948. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 948 do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew SB 2334. Senator Creighton moved that SB 2334 do not pass but that CSSB 2334 do pass and be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

There being no further business, at 9:23 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

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Leah Curren, Clerk