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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 29, 2019
11:00 AM or upon adjournment
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 Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:51 PM. There being a quorum established at 5:58 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Larry Taylor

The chair laid out SB 1725 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 1725 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1995 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 HB 1995 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 911 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 911 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1300 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1300 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1998 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved adoption of the committee substitute; 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 Perry moved that CSSB 1998 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1828 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill. Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Fallon to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Creighton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSHB 1828 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1506 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Johnson, 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 HB 1506 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1628 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Kolkhorst moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSHB 1628 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:26 PM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1066 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1066 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:49 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1446 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Johnson moved adoption of the committee substitute; 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 Perry moved that CSSB 1446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:49 PM Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 1066. Senator Perry moved that HB 1066 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on HB 1066; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:51 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew the committee substitute for SB 911. Senator Creighton moved that SB 911 do not pass but that CSSB 911 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 SB 1725. Senator Creighton moved that SB 1725 be reported favorably 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 Perry moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 1725 was reported favorably to the full Senate, there being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved to leave the bill pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 1300. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1300 be reported favorably 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 Kolkhorst 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 HB 1506. Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1506 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew CSHB 1628. Senator Creighton moved that HB 1628 do not pass but that CSHB 1628 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 CSHB 1828. Senator Creighton moved that HB 1828 do not pass but that CSHB 1828 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 Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 1995. The Chair moved that HB 1995 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

There being no further business, at 7:59 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Leah Curren, Clerk