

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, April 8, 2021

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Carol Alvarado

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

Senator Kel Seliger

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 9:10 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 13.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Birdwell moved that SB 13 do not pass but that CSSB 13 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 13.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1046.

Senator Birdwell moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted; There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved to pull down the committee substitute to SB 1046; There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Birdwell moved the adoption of the new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1046 do not pass but that CSSB 1046 be reported back 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, 2 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1257.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1257 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1261.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator

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Birdwell moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1261 do not pass but that CSSB 1261 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 9:25 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 518.

Senator Kolkhorst moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 518 do not pass but that CSSB 518 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 676.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 676 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, 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 700.

Senator Zaffirini moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 700 do not pass but that CSSB 700 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 818.

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Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 818 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, 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 952.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 952 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, 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.

At 9:35 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

Senator Birdwell moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute to SB 1046 was reported favorably to the full Senate; There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1046 do not pass but that CSSB 1046 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 9:36 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1582 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1585 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute for SB 1585. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair laid out SB 1668 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute for SB 1668. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1582, SB 1585, and SB 1668 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1582, SB 1585, and SB 1668 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1166 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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.

The chair laid out SB 1213 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 1213 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1818 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 1818 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 450 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 450 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:45 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:45 PM Senator Birdwell reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 900 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Alvarado 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.

Senator Alvarado moved that SB 900 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:15 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1263 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1263 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1258 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

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Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1258 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1259 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1260 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1258, SB 1259, and SB 1263. Public testimony was heard.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1258, SB 1259, SB 1260, and SB 1263 are shown on the attached list.

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

At 5:26 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:28 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

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Clinton Harned, Clerk