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

Thursday, May 6, 2021

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 6, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. A quorum being established at 8:05 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair laid out HB 636 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

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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 Birdwell moved that HB 636 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1799 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1799 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2404 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed.

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 2404 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1680 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1680 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:55 AM 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

Clinton Harned, Clerk