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

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

1:30 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair  
Senator Bryan Hughes

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):  
HB 4242

At 2:04 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4242 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 4242 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1153.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1153 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 2 absent.

Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:36 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 963.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 963 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 2 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 964.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 964 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 2 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1284 in lieu of SB 450 which was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 1284 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 2 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 1570 in lieu of SB 715 which was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1570 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 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2201.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 2201 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 2 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 3706.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3706 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 2 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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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3807.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3807 do not pass but that CSHB 3807 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 2 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 4218.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 4218 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 2 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:44 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