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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, March 29, 2021

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, March 29, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:04 a.m., the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez

The chair laid out SB 387 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Springer moved the 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 SB 387 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 669 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 669 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 634 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer 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 Johnson moved the 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 SB 634 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Springer assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 600 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved the 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 Springer moved that SB 600 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 905 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Johnson moved the 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 Springer moved that SB 905 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1160 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved the 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 SB 1160 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew CSSB 387.

Senator Perry moved that SB 387 do not pass but that CSSB 387 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. Senators Gutierrez and Powell submitted

motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 387; without objection it was so ordered.

Senator Perry 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 CSSB 634.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 634 do not pass but that CSSB 634 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 Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 634; without objection it was so ordered.

Senator Perry 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 669.

Senator Perry moved that SB 669 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 Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 669; without objection it was so ordered.

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

As a matter pending business, the Chair laid out anew CSSB 1160.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1160 do not pass but that CSSB 1160 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 Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1160; without objection it was so ordered.

Senator Springer assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out anew CSSB 600.

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Senator Perry moved that SB 600 do not pass but that CSSB 600 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 Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 600; without objection it was so ordered.

Senator Perry 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 CSSB 905.

Senator Perry moved that SB 905 do not pass but that CSSB 905 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 Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 905; without objection it was so ordered. Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 905; without objection it was so ordered.

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

Senator Perry resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:18 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk