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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 26, 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, April 26, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Larry Taylor

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:01 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

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

The chair laid out SB 1772 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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.

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The chair moved that SB 1772 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2004 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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.

The chair moved that HB 2004 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 896 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

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

The chair moved that SB 896 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1022 and recognized the author, Senator Gutierrez, 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.

The chair moved that SB 1022 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 699 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 moved that SB 699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:47 AM Senator Springer assumed the chair.

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The chair laid out HB 1728 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 moved that HB 1728 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:48 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 699.

The chair moved that SB 699 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Springer 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 1022.

The chair moved that SB 1022 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 1772.

The chair moved that SB 1772 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 8:50 AM Senator Springer moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk