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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, May 3, 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, May 3, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Roland Gutierrez

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

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst

The chair laid out SB 328 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 328 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1008 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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

Public testimony on SB 1008 was heard at the April 19 hearing.

The chair moved that SB 1008 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1699 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, 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 1699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1382 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, 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 1382 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:24 AM Senator Springer assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2083 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 HB 2083 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 2083.

The chair moved that HB 2083 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 2083; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair 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 HB 1728.

The chair moved that HB 1728 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1728; without objection it was so ordered.

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

At 8:27 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 1008.

The chair moved that SB 1008 do not pass but that CSSB 1008 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 Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1008; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair 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 HB 1699.

The chair moved that HB 1699 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1699; without objection it was so ordered.

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The chair 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 HB 1905.

The chair moved that HB 1905 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1905; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair 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 8:30 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