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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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 Friday, May 21, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 Beverly Powell
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Springer assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2095 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 2095 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3289 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 3289 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2850 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

The chair moved that HB 2850 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3081 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, 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 3081 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3750 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 3750 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2710 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 2710 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3802 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 3802 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4650 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 4650 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3006 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 3006 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 928 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 928 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1631 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1631 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3568 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 3568 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3959 and recognized Senator Creighton, on behalf of 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 3959 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:04 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:06 PM Senator Perry reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 3959.

The chair moved that HB 3959 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 Creighton and Senator Eckhardt submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3959; 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 2710.

The chair moved that HB 2710 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 Creighton and Senator Eckhardt submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 2710; 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 4650.

The chair moved that HB 4650 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 4650; 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 2850.

The chair moved that HB 2850 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 2850; 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 3081.

The chair moved that HB 3081 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3081; 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 3006.

The chair moved that HB 3006 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3006; 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 3289.

The chair moved that HB 3289 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3289; 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 3568.

The chair moved that HB 3568 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3568; 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 3750.

The chair moved that HB 3750 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3750; 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 3802.

The chair moved that HB 3802 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 3802; without objection it was so ordered.

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The chair moved that HB 4650 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 4650; 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 928.

The chair moved that HB 928 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 Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 928; 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 5:15 PM Senator Springer 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