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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY**

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair  
Senator Kirk Watson, Vice Chair  
Senator Wendy Davis  
Senator Rodney Ellis  
Senator Chris Harris  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Florence Shapiro  
Senator Jeff Wentworth

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Chris Harris  
Senator Jeff Wentworth

The chair laid out SB 363 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that SB 363 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 524 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that SB 524 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 161 and recognized the author, Senator Shapiro, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Shapiro to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Williams moved that SB 161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 132 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that SB 132 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 731 and recognized the author, 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 laid out a new SB 132 and 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 Watson moved that SB 132 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out a new SB 161 and witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out a new SB 363 and 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 SB 363 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out a new SB 524 and 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 SB 524 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:31 AM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

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Tulsi Reddy, Clerk