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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY

Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security was held on Saturday, May 21, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Chris Harris
Senator Florence Shapiro

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:45 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Wendy Davis

The chair laid out HB 1517 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, 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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Senator Ellis moved that HB 1517 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 Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2651 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Ellis, 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.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 2651 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 Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2771 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Ellis, 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.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 2771 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 Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2990 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that HB 2990 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3422 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 3422 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3423 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3423 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2466.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 2466 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.

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Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1683 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that HB 1683 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2990.

Senator Wentworth moved that HB 2990 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Watson asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 1517, HB 2651, HB 2771, HB 3422, and HB 2466.

Senator Davis asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 1517, HB 2651, HB 2771, and HB 3423.

There being no further business, at 9:21 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee be adjourned. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

Tulsi Reddy, Clerk