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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Government Organization was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Chair
Senator Charles Schwertner, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Ken Paxton
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHER LEGISLATIVE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Craig Estes
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Eddie Lucio

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

The Chair recognized members of the extended staff team: from the Governor's office, Ed Robertson, and from the Lieutenant Governor's office, Hasan Mack.

Senator Schwertner moved that the minutes of the January 30, 2013, hearing be approved. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid out SB 116 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. SB 116 was left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 283 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Schwertner sent up the committee substitute for SB 283 and moved its adoption. The

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motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed. CSSB 283 was left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 111 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up the committee substitute for SB 111 and moved its adoption. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The Chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed. CSSB 111 was left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 328 and recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the bill by Senator Carona. Senator Rodríguez sent up the committee substitute for SB 328. He also sent up committee amendment number one and moved that it be adopted and rolled into a new committee substitute and that the new committee substitute, as amended, be adopted. The Chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the Senate bill as filed. CSSB 328 was left pending.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 111 by Senator Lucio and opened public testimony. Names of witnesses who testified and registered for, against, or on the bill are on the attached list. The Chair closed public testimony. CSSB 111 was left pending.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 283 by Senator Estes and opened public testimony. Names of witnesses who testified and registered for, against, or on the bill are on the attached list. The Chair closed public testimony. CSSB 283 was left pending.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 328 by Senator Carona and opened public testimony. Names of witnesses who testified and registered for, against, or on the bill are on the attached list. The Chair closed public testimony. CSSB 328 was left pending.

The Chair laid out anew SB 116 by Senator Hinojosa and opened public testimony. Names of witnesses who testified and registered for, against, or on the bill are on the attached list. The Chair closed public testimony. SB 116 was left pending.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 111 by Senator Lucio. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 111 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. There being 5 ayes and 0 nays, the committee substitute for SB 111 was reported favorably. Senator Schwertner moved that CSSB 111 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar. The motion was adopted

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by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid out anew SB 116 by Senator Hinojosa. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 116 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. There being 5 ayes and 0 nays, SB 116 was reported favorably. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 116 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 283 by Senator Estes. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 283 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. There being 5 ayes and 0 nays, the committee substitute for SB 283 was reported favorably. Senator Rodríguez moved that CSSB 283 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid out anew CSSB 328 by Senator Carona. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 328 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. There being 5 ayes and 0 nays, the committee substitute for SB 328 was reported favorably. Senator Schwertner moved that CSSB 328 be recommended for the Local and Uncontested Calendar. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Having been present during the hearing, Senator Taylor requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 116, CSSB 111, CSSB 283, and CSSB 328. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent, and his vote was included in the total vote count.

There being no further business, at 8:40 a.m., the Chair announced that the committee would stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Chair

Gonzalo Serrano, Clerk