

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 25, 2013
2:00 PM or upon adjournment
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 Open Government was held on Monday, March 25, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair
Senator Wendy Davis, Vice Chair
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Tommy Williams

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM. There being a quorum present at 3:46 PM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1297 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

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 Davis moved that SB 1297 do not pass but that CSSB 1297 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 3:54 PM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 983 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 Ellis moved that SB 983 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 4:07 PM Senator Ellis resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:08 PM Senator Ellis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair

Amber Weed, Clerk