

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Monday, April 24, 2017  
2:00 PM or upon adjournment  
Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 24, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Perry, Chair  
Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Borris Miles

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The chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM. There being a quorum present at 4:33 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair laid out SB 2186 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 2186 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2140 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 2140 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1268 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 SB 1268 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 880 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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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The chair moved that SB 880 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1587 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1587 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1597 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, 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 SB 1597 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2250 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 SB 2250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1971 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Rodríguez sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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Senator Rodríguez requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a 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 Rodríguez then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 1971 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1972 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Rodríguez sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Rodríguez requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a 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 Rodríguez then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 1972 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:24 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 696 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a 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 Kolthorst then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 696 do not pass but that CSSB 696 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1268.

Senator Kolthorst moved that SB 1268 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair 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 CSSB 1971.

The chair moved that SB 1971 do not pass but that CSSB 1971 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1972.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1972 do not pass but that CSSB 1972 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2140.

Senator Hall moved that SB 2140 do not pass but that CSSB 2140 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2186.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2186 do not pass but that CSSB 2186 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair 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 SB 2250.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2250 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 7:35 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1597.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1597 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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 7:36 PM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

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Lauren Murray, Clerk