

The House Committee on Appropriations

82nd Legislature

April 14, 2011

7:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a suspension of the 5-day posting rule on April 11, 2011, to allow the committee to consider pending business, and a suspension of the 5-day posting rule on April 13, 2011, to allow the committee to hear invited testimony on the high cost natural gas tax rate reduction, the House Committee on Appropriations met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Pitts, at 7:14 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Pitts; Turner; Aycock; Button; Chisum; Darby; Giddings; Gooden; Johnson; Margo; Martinez, "Mando"; Miller, Doug; Otto; Patrick, Diane; Riddle; Shelton; Torres; Villarreal; and Zerwas.

A quorum was present.

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HB 3640

The chair laid out HB 3640 as pending business.

The chair explained HB 3640.

HB 3640 was left pending without objection.

HB 3790

The chair laid out HB 3790 as pending business.

(Representative Crownover now present.)

The chair explained HB 3790.

(Representative King, Susan now present.)

(Representative Morrison now present.)

HB 3790 was left pending without objection.

HB 3639

The chair laid out HB 3639 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair explained the committee substitute to HB 3639.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3639 was left pending without objection.

HB 3665

The chair laid out HB 3665 as pending business.

The chair recognized Representative Otto to explain HB 3665.

HB 3665 was left pending without objection.

HB 3648

The chair laid out HB 3648 as pending business.

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The chair recognized Representative Otto to explain HB 3648.

(Representative Eiland now present.)

HB 3648 was left pending without objection.

HB 3649

The chair laid out HB 3649 as pending business.

The chair recognized Representative Otto to explain HB 3649.

HB 3649 was left pending without objection.

HB 3418

The chair laid out HB 3418 as pending business.

The chair recognized Representative Darby to explain HB 3418.

HB 3418 was left pending without objection.

High Cost Natural Gas Tax Rate Reduction

The committee heard from resource witnesses from the Legislative Budget Board on the high cost natural gas tax rate reduction.

(Representative Dukes now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

HB 2646, HJR 109

The chair laid out HB 2646 and HJR 109 as pending business.

The chair recognized Representative Orr to explain HB 2646, and HJR 109.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute to HJR 109.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Schwertner now present.)

The chair closed on HB 2646 and HJR 109.

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The committee substitute to HJR 109 was adopted without objection.

Representative Turner moved that HJR 109, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Pitts; Turner; Aycock; Button; Chisum; Crownover; Darby; Dukes; Eiland; Giddings; Gooden; Johnson; King, Susan; Margo; Martinez, "Mando"; Miller, Doug; Morrison; Otto; Patrick, Diane; Riddle; Schwertner; Shelton; Torres; Zerwas (24).

Nays: Representative Villarreal (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hochberg; McClendon (2).

Representative Otto moved that HB 2646, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Pitts; Turner; Aycock; Button; Chisum; Crownover; Darby; Dukes; Eiland; Giddings; Gooden; Johnson; King, Susan; Margo; Martinez, "Mando"; Miller, Doug; Morrison; Otto; Patrick, Diane; Riddle; Schwertner; Shelton; Torres; Zerwas (24).

Nays: Representative Villarreal (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hochberg; McClendon (2).

At 9:47 a.m., on the motion of Representative Pitts and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Rep. Pitts, Chair

Jonathon Storms, Clerk