

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, March 17, 2011
11:00 AM or upon adjournment
Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Tommy Williams
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 135 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair laid out SJR 8 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

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Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 135 are shown on the attached list.

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

Witnesses testifying and registering on SJR 8 are shown on the attached list.

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

The clerk called roll. There was a quorum present.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 135; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute for SJR 8; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 135 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden moved that SJR 8 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 421 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, 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 Ogden moved that SB 421 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 30 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, 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 Ogden moved that SJR 30 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 899 and recognized the author, Senator Ogden, to explain the bill.

No witnesses provided oral testimony or submitted witness cards on SB 899.

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

Senator Ogden moved that SB 899 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ogden resumed the chair.

Senator Ogden moved that SB 22 be referred to the Subcommittee on Public Education Funding; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:20 PM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk