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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, May 1, 2017

2:00 PM or upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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, May 1, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. There being a quorum present at 5:45 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Borris Miles
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Lois Kolkhorst

The chair laid out SB 2068 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, 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 2068 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1777 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 1777 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1239 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Taylor, Van 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 adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 1239 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business 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. Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 880 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2026 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez 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.

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

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

The chair moved that CSSB 2026 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:05 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SCR 36 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 SCR 36 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 774 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 774 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 863 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 863 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:18 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 880.

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Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 880 do not pass but that CSSB 880 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 880.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1239.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 1239 do not pass but that CSSB 1239 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1239.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2026.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2026 do not pass but that CSSB 2026 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2026.

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 2068.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 2068 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2068.

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 6:23 PM Senator Hall 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

Lauren Murray, Clerk