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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, May 8, 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 8, 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 Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM. There being a quorum present at 4:52 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Borris Miles
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair laid out SB 1720 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, 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.

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The chair moved that SB 1720 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 886 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 HB 886 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1648 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1648 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 294 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, 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 HB 294 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair moved that CSSB 1587 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1668 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 1668 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1675 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 1675 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3451 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 HB 3451 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 544 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 HB 544 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:33 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2283 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

No persons registered to testify on, for, or against Senate Bill 2283.

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

The chair moved that SB 2283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 31 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 HCR 31 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1392 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1392 do not pass but that CSSB 1392 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1392, and Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 1392.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1587.

Senator Hall moved that SB 1587 do not pass but that CSSB 1587 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 1587.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2283.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2283 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present

not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2283.

Senator Perry 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 HB 294.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 294 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 294.

Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 544.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 544 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 544.

Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 886.

Senator Perry moved that HB 886 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 886.

Senator Perry 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 HB 1648.

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Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1648 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1648.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 31.

Senator Perry moved that HCR 31 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HCR 31.

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

At 8:44 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 8:45 PM Senator Rodríguez moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk