

## **MINUTES**

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

Thursday, May 18, 2017

10:00 AM or upon recess of Senate Natural Resources

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 Thursday, May 18, 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 Juan Hinojosa

Senator Borris Miles

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There being a quorum present at 10:46 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 1920 which was voted favorably out of committee at the May 15<sup>th</sup> hearing. The chair moved to reconsider the vote by which CSHB 1920 was voted favorably out of committee. With no objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute for HB 1920 was adopted during the May 15<sup>th</sup> hearing. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to withdraw the committee substitute that was considered during the May 15<sup>th</sup> hearing. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Rodríguez sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the new committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

No persons registered to testify on, for, or against CSHB 1920.

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

Senator Perry moved that CSHB 1920 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1724 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1724 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3025 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3025 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3735 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the 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 Perry moved that CSHB 3735 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2369 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2369 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:20 AM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2938 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witness registering on the bill is shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Rodriguez moved that CSHB 2938 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2377 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 2377 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2817 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the 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 moved that CSHB 2817 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2004 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

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.

Senator Rodríguez moved that CSHB 2004 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:41 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2825 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the 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 Perry moved that CSHB 2825 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1207 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

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Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the 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 Perry moved that CSHB 1207 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1208 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the 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 Perry moved that CSHB 1208 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1260 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1260 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:52 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:22 PM Senator Perry reconvened the meeting.

The chair recognized Senator Miles as present.

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There being no further business, at 1:22 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:32 PM Senator Perry reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 3987 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3987 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:39 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 31 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved adoption of the 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 Perry moved that HB 31 do not pass but that CSHB 31 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 31.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSHB 1207.

Senator Hall moved that HB 1207 do not pass but that CSHB 1207 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1207.

Senator Hall 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 CSHB 1208.

Senator Hall moved that HB 1208 do not pass but that CSHB 1208 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1208.

Senator Hall 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 1260.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1260 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1260.

Senator Hall 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 CSHB 2004.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2004 do not pass but that CSHB 2004 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2004.

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 2369.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2369 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2369.

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 2377.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2377 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2377.

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 CSHB 2817.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2817 do not pass but that CSHB 2817 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2817.

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 CSHB 2825.

Senator Hall moved that HB 2825 do not pass but that CSHB 2825 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2825.

Senator Hall 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 CSHB 2938.



Senator Perry moved that HB 2938 do not pass but that CSHB 2938 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2938.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3987.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3987 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3987.

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 CSHB 1920.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1920 do not pass but that CSHB 1920 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

At 4:12 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1724.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 1724 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1724.

Senator Rodríguez 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 3025.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 3025 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3025.

Senator Rodríguez 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 CSHB 3735.

Senator Rodríguez moved that HB 3735 do not pass but that CSHB 3735 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. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 3735.

Senator Rodríguez 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 4:15 PM Senator Perry 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