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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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 Friday, May 19, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, 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 8:06 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:15 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2334 in lieu of SB 1777, and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

No persons registered to testify on, for or against HB 2334.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 2334 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2771 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Perry moved that CSHB 2771 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 922 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 922 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3582 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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.

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

Senator Perry moved that CSHB 3582 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1510 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1510 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2358 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 Perry moved that CSHB 2358 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3188 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 3188 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2009 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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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 2009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3781 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 3781 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:08 AM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 550 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 Perry moved that HB 550 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3535 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1510.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1510 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1510.

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 3535.

The chair moved that HB 3535 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3535.

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 3781.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3781 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3781.

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 2334.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2334 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. Senators Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2334.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSHB 2358.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2358 do not pass but that CSHB 2358 be reported back 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2358.

Senator Kolkhorst 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 3582.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3582 do not pass but that CSHB 3582 be reported back 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 3582.

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 550.

Senator Perry moved that HB 550 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 550.

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 2771.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2771 do not pass but that CSHB 2771 be reported back 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 Hall and Miles submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 2771.

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 922.

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Senator Perry moved that HB 922 do not pass but that CSHB 922 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. Senators Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 922, and Senator Hall submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSHB 922.

At 9:38 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:38 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon a motion made by Senator Rodriguez to suspend all necessary Senate posting rules, including 11.10, 11.13, and 11.18, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs reconvened the meeting at his desk immediately upon adjournment to take up pending business.

At 6:50 PM Senator Rodríguez reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2009.

Senator Miles moved that HB 2009 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, Kolkhorst and Perry submitted motions in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2009.

Senator Miles 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 6:54 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