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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

9:00 AM

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 Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Craig Estes, Chair
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair
Senator Konni Burton
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Borris Miles
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Don Huffines, Senator Konni Burton, and Senator Borris Miles.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 570. Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 570 do not pass but that CSSB 570 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The

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motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 570; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Burton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on CSSB 570; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 763. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 763 do not pass but that CSSB 763 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 763; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 634. Senator Estes moved that SB 634 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The chair laid out SB 822 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 822 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

At 9:56 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:30 PM Senator Estes reconvened the meeting.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 822.

Testimony on SB 822 continued. 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 822 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 345 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Estes moved that SB 345 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 729 and recognized Senator Seliger, 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 Estes moved that SB 729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 686 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, 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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 686 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1086 and recognized the author, 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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1086 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 797 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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 797 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1221 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Watson 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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1221 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 942 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Estes moved that SB 942 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SCR 32 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 Garcia moved that SCR 32 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SCR 32; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 440 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa 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.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 440 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 799 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia 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.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 799 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1136 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1365 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Estes moved that SB 1365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 832 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 832 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:49 PM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Craig Estes, Chair

Paige McGhee, Clerk