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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:00 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 28, 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 Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Borris Miles
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Konni Burton, Senator Kelly Hancock, Senator Borris Miles, and Senator Kel Seliger.

The chair laid out SB 1105 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 1105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 208 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 208 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 746 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 746 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 345. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 345 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 345; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 440 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the March 21, 2017 hearing.

Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 440 do not pass but that CSSB 440 be reported back 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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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 as a matter of pending business SB 686. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 686 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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 SB 799 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the March 21, 2017 hearing.

Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 799 do not pass but that CSSB 799 be reported back 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 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 as a matter of pending business SB 942 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the March 21, 2017 hearing.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 942 do not pass but that CSSB 942 be reported back 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1086. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1086 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1136. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1136 do not pass but that CSSB 1136 be reported back 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1221 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the March 21, 2017 hearing.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1221 do not pass but that CSSB 1221 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 Burton submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1221; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 1365. Senator Miles moved that SB 1365 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 345 was reported favorably to the Senate; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 345 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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Senator Estes 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 SB 1421 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 1421 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1422 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 1422 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1541 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Estes 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 1541 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 26 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SCR 26 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1045 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 1045 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1046 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 1046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:13 AM 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