

**MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

9:00 AM

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 Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:10 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Juan Hinojosa, Senator Don Huffines, and Senator Kel Seliger.

The chair laid out SB 1915 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, 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 1915 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1917 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. The chair sent up a committee substitute and recognized Senator Buckingham to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair moved that SB 1917 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 822. Senator Estes moved that SB 822 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, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Zaffirini, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, and Seliger submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on SB 822; 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.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1917.

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 1917 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 650 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that SB 650 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved to reconsider the motion by which SB 822 was recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Estes moved that SB 822 not 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 650.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Estes moved that SB 650 be temporarily left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:45 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:50 PM Senator Estes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 650.

Testimony on SB 650 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 Estes moved that SB 650 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1871 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 1871 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 400 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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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Senator Estes moved that SB 400 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1748 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1748 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2100 and recognized the author, 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.

Senator Estes moved that SB 2100 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1667 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 1667 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1330 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 1330 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1465 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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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 1465 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1765 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Garcia 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 1765 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 580.

There being no further business, at 6:42 PM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Craig Estes, Chair

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Paige McGhee, Clerk