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

Tuesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 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 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:07 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Konni Burton, Senator Sylvia Garcia, Senator Kelly Hancock, Senator Juan Hinojosa, Senator Don Huffines, and Senator Borris Miles.

The chair laid out HB 1619 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, 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 HB 1619 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1432 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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 HB 1432 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1433 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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 HB 1433 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 641 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 641 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 2162 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 2162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1410 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 1410 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:30 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed for 10 minutes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Estes reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 462. Senator Seliger moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 462 failed to receive an affirmative vote of the majority of the committee membership at the April 25, 2017 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that SB 462 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on SB 462; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 793 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the April 25, 2017 hearing.

Senator Miles moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Miles moved that SB 793 do not pass but that CSSB 793 be reported back to the Senate

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with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 793; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting nay on CSSB 793; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 908 and the committee substitute, which had been sent up at the April 25, 2017 hearing.

Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 908 do not pass but that CSSB 908 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Hancock and Huffines submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 908; 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 Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 641. Senator Estes moved that HB 641 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Hancock and Huffines submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 641; 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 HB 1432. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1432 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Hancock and Huffines submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1432; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Zaffirini 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 1433. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1433 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Hancock and Huffines submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1433; 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1619. Senator Seliger moved that HB 1619 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Hancock and Huffines submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1619; 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.

At 10:48 AM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:00 PM Senator Estes reconvened the meeting.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2194 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, 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 Van Taylor moved that HB 2194 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out HB 1818 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Van Taylor, 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 sent up Committee Amendment 1 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 2 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 2; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 3 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 3; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 4 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 4; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 5 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 5; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 6 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 6; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 7 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 7; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini sent up Committee Amendment 8 authored by Senator Rodríguez and explained the amendment. Senator Zaffirini moved to withdraw Committee Amendment 8; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Van Taylor moved that HB 1818 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Burton, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on HB 1818; without objection, it was so ordered.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s): HB 2194.

There being no further business, at 3:45 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