

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

The Office of the Comptroller and the Legislative Budget Board gave presentations on franchise tax and sales tax.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 7 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 7 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 687 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 687 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 8 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Nelson moved that SB 8 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 105 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 186 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 186 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 330 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 330 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 331 and SJR 23 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 331 and SJR 23 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 138 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 138 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 756 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Eltife sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor, Van to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 756 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:34 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:41 the Committee reconvened.

The chair laid out SB 31 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 31 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 140 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 140 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 755 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 755 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 765 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 765 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 759 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 759 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 752 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 752 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 761 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 761 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 757 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 757 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:02 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk