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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 3, 2017

2:00 PM or upon adjournment

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 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair

Senator Brandon Creighton

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:24 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair laid out SB 1538 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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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The chair moved that SB 1538 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 225 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 225 be left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 226 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that CSSB 226 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1198 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.

The chair moved that SB 1198 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 964 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, 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.

The chair moved that SB 964 be left pending.

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The chair laid out SB 1269 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 1269 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1361 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that CSSB 1361 be left pending.

At 5:59 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 36 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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.

The chair moved that SJR 36 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1430 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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.

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.

The chair moved that CSSB 1430 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1525 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.

The chair moved that SB 1525 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1053 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.

The chair moved that SB 1053 be left pending.

The chair laid out SB 862 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst 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.

The chair moved that CSSB 862 be left pending.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 226. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 226 do not pass but that CSSB 226 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 862.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 862 do not pass but that CSSB 862 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1198.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1198 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1269.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1269 do not pass but that CSSB 1269 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair 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 CSSB 1361.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1361 do not pass but that CSSB 1361 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1430.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1430 do not pass but that CSSB 1430 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1525.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1525 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair 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 1538.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1538 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair 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 SJR 36.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SJR 36 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 7:38 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 964.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 964 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

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There being no further business, at 7:40 PM Senator Rodríguez moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk