

## MINUTES

### SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARTICLES VI & VII

Thursday, April 7, 2011

1:00 PM or upon adjourn/recess of S/C on Fiscal Matters

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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 Subcommittee on Articles VI & VII was held on Thursday, April 7, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair  
Senator Bob Deuell  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
Senator Craig Estes  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator John Whitmire

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator John Whitmire

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Department of Transportation.

The chair called up Department of Transportation to provide invited testimony (see attached list).

Senator Williams recommended that item 20 be pended.

Senator Williams recommended that under item 9, 2.5 billion dollars for bond proceeds and the associated debt service be adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams recommended a new workgroup line item, 0.5 billion dollars of bond proceeds be used for the State Infrastructure Bank. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VII, Department of Transportation. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Senator Lucio moved that item 3 be pended. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VII, Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Texas Lottery Commission.

Senator Whitmire moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VII, Texas Lottery Commission. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VII, Department of Motor Vehicles. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Department of Rural Affairs.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VII, Department of Rural Affairs. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Texas Workforce Commission and Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VII, Texas Workforce Commission. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VII, Reimbursements to the UC Benefit Account. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Special Provisions to Article VII.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Special Provisions to Article VII. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Department of Agriculture.

Senator Estes moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VI, Department of Agriculture. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Animal Health Commission.

Senator Estes moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VI, Animal Health Commission. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VI, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on General Land Office.

Senator Deuell moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VI, General Land Office. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Senator Lucio moved to include 22,685 dollars of General Revenue for debt service and appropriate 33.350 million dollars to item 3.

Senator Williams moved to pend item 2. Without objection, it was so ordered

Senator Estes moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VI, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Railroad Commission.

The chair moved to pend item 1. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VI, the Railroad Commission. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VI, Soil and Water Conservation Board. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on the Water Development Board.

Senator Lucio moved to pend item 6. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations as amended on Article VI, Water Development Board. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called up the Legislative Budget Board to provide invited testimony (see attached list) on Natural Resources Debt Service Payments for Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds.

Senator Eltife moved to adopt the workgroup recommendations on Article VI, Natural Resources Debt Service Payments for Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson requested that she be shown voting aye on all recommendations.

Senator Whitmire requested that he be shown voting aye on all recommendations.

There being no further business, at 2:56 PM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

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Tulsi Reddy, Clerk