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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Friday, May 13, 2011

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Senator Ellis's Desk

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Government Organization was held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at Senator Ellis's Desk.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair
Senator Glenn Hegar, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Steve Ogden
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1951 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 1 (child-only plans) on behalf of Senator Ellis and explained the amendment. Amendment 1 was withdrawn.

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Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 2 (notice of rate increase) on behalf of Senator Ellis and explained the amendment. Amendment 2 was withdrawn.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 3 (health benefit plan innovations) on behalf of Senator Ellis and explained the amendment. Amendment 3 was withdrawn.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 4 (tests for early detection of cardiovascular disease) on behalf of Senator Ellis and explained the amendment. Amendment 4 was withdrawn.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 5 (rating variables) on behalf of Senator Lucio and explained the amendment. Amendment 5 was withdrawn.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 6 (standard forms) on behalf of Senator Lucio and explained the amendment. Amendment 6 was withdrawn.

Senator Nelson sent up Committee Amendment 7 (consolidated insurance programs) on behalf of Senator Lucio and explained the amendment. Amendment 7 was withdrawn.

Senator Hegar moved that HB 1951 do not pass but that CSHB 1951 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.

Senator Birdwell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting with the Vice chair; without objection it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:38 PM Senator Ellis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair

Jessica Schleifer, Clerk