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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Friday, May 20, 2011
2:00 PM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

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 20, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Steve Ogden

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:21 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Brian Birdwell

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 86 which was previously explained.

Senator Nelson moved that HCR 86 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 326 which was previously explained.

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

Senator Nelson moved that HB 326 do not pass but that CSHB 326 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nelson 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 1247 which was previously explained.

Senator Hegar moved that HB 1247 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hegar 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 1728 which was previously explained.

Senator Hegar moved that HB 1728 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hegar 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 2439 which was previously explained.

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

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Senator Hegar moved that HB 2439 do not pass but that CSHB 2439 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 2:24 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