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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY

Friday, May 20, 2011

2:00 PM or upon recess / adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security was held on Friday, May 20, 2011, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair
Senator Kirk Watson, Vice Chair
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Chris Harris
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Jeff Wentworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. There being a quorum present at 2: 40 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Florence Shapiro

The chair laid out HB 1937 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

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

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 1937 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3079 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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.

Senator Williams moved that HB 3079 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3064 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 3064 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 90 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 90 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 478 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Williams moved that HB 478 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2237 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, 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.

Senator Williams moved that HB 2237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 890 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 890 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3837 and recognized Senator Hegar, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 3837 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2678 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 2678 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that the committee stand at ease for a few minutes.

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At 3:27 PM Senator Williams reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 90.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 90 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 890.

Senator Davis moved that HB 890 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Davis 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 1937.

Senator Harris moved that HB 1937 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2237.

Senator Williams moved that HB 2237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2678.

Senator Watson moved that HB 2678 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Watson 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 12 and explained the bill.

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Senator Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute for HB 12. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator William moved to withdraw the committee substitute previously considered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Williams moved that HB 12 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, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3079.

Senator Harris moved that HB 3079 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Harris 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 478.

Senator Harris moved that HB 478 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 4 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3837.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3837 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 559.

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Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 559 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1010 and recognized Senator Williams, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that HB 1010 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Ellis asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 90, HB 890, HB 1937, HB 2678, HB 3079, HB 3837, HB 559, and HB 1010.

Senator Ellis asked to be shown voting nay for: HB 12 and HB 478.

Senator Watson asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 3837, HB 559, and HB 1010.

Senator Watson asked to be shown voting nay for: HB 478.

Senator Wentworth asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 90, HB 890, HB 1937, HB 2678, and HB 3837.

Senator Shapiro asked to be shown voting aye for: HB 90, HB 3079, HB 3837, HB 559, and HB 1010.

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There being no further business, at 3:50 PM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

Tulsi Reddy, Clerk