

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 2, 2015

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Monday, February 2, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

Tom Currah, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, gave a layout of the Biennial Revenue Estimate.

Senator Nelson laid out SB 2.

Testimony was heard on SB 2 - Article IV. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Supreme Court of Texas

Court of Criminal Appeals

14 Courts of Appeals

Office of Court Administration

Texas Indigent Defense Commission

Office of State Prosecuting Attorney

State Law Library

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Comptroller's Department, Judiciary Section

At 1:55pm Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand in recess until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:21 PM Senator Nelson reconvened the meeting.

Testimony continued on the Comptroller's Department, Judiciary Section

Office of Capital Writs

Special Provisions Relating to the Judiciary

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson closed testimony on Article IV.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:05 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk