

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Monday, March 2, 2015

11:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Committee on Finance was held on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks. Members of the Committee discussed the procedure and schedule for tax relief bills.

The Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Comptroller gave presentations on property tax.

The chair laid out SB 744 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1 and SJR 1 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, to explain the bills.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1 and SJR 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 278 and SJR 21 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 278 and SJR 21 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 279 and SJR 20 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 279 and SJR 20 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 516 and SJR 29 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 516 and SJR 29 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 758 and SJR 35 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 758 and SJR 35 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 762 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 762 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 763 and SJR 36 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bills.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 763 and SJR 36 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:03 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk