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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, May 9, 2019

12:00 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Senator Birdwell's Desk, Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Senator Birdwell's Desk, Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Pat Fallon

Senator Peter Flores

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Borris Miles

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Beverly Powell

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Kelly Hancock.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2203. Senator Flores moved that HB 2203 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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Senator Birdwell 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 4174. Senator Hughes moved that HB 4174 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Birdwell 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 2496. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 2496 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 621. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 621 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini 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 1074. Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1074 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini 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 2771 and the committee substitute. Senator Hughes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2771 do not pass but that CSHB 2771 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to change his vote from an aye to a nay on CSHB 2771; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 700. Senator Powell moved that HB 700 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1346 and the committee substitute. Senator Powell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Powell moved that HB 1346 do not pass but that CSHB 1346 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2240 in lieu of SB 1485. HB 2240 is the companion bill to SB 1485, which was laid out and considered by the committee at a previous hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2240 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 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 SB 1355. Senator Powell moved that SB 1355 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1767 and the committee substitute. Senator Birdwell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1767 do not pass but that CSHB 1767 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:25 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Paige McGhee, Clerk