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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, March 28, 2011

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, March 28, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Craig Estes, Chair
Senator Carlos Uresti, Vice Chair
Senator Mike Jackson
Senator Glenn Hegar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 932 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

The chair sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Williams to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Estes moved that SB 932 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 583 and SB 584 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain both bills.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the SB 583 and SB 584 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Estes moved that SB 583 and SB 584 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1044 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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 Estes moved that SB 1044 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:40 PM Senator Jackson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1086 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that SB 1086 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:45 PM Senator Estes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 499 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Jackson moved that SB 499 do not pass but that CSSB 499 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Jackson 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 498 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson moved that SB 498 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Jackson 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 460 and explained the bill in the absence of the author.

Senator Jackson moved that SB 460 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 3:49 PM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1255 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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.

The chair moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that SB 1255 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1157 and explained the bill.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1157 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 897 and explained the bill in the absence of the author.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 897 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 810 and explained the bill in the absence of the author.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 810 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:35 PM Senator Estes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 378 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that SB 378 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business, at 4:38 PM Senator Estes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Craig Estes, Chair

Ashley Patton, Clerk