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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, April 4, 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, April 4, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1356 and explained 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 1356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1357 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute and explained 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. Senator Estes moved that the committee substitute be withdrawn; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Estes moved that SB 1357 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1480 and recognized Senator Estes, in the absence of the author, 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 Estes moved that SB 1480 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 958 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill. Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Estes moved that SB 958 and the committee substitute to SB 958 be left pending temporarily while the committee considered pending business; without objection, it was so ordered.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Glenn Hegar, Senator Carlos Uresti, Senator Mike Jackson.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 897 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 897 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hegar 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 1044 and, in the absence of the author, explained the bill. Senator Uresti moved that SB 1044 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Uresti 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 1157 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator Uresti moved that SB 1157 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Uresti 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 378 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. Senator Hegar sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as

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filed. Senator Hegar moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hegar moved that SB 378 do not pass but that CSSB 378 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hegar 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 932 and, in the absence of the author, explained the bill. Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute; the chair explained the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Uresti moved that SB 932 do not pass but that CSSB 932 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Uresti 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 1086 and explained the bill. Senator Estes sent up a committee substitute and explained the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Estes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Estes moved that SB 1086 do not pass but that CSSB 1086 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Estes 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 810 and, in the absence of the author, explained the bill. Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute; Senator Estes explained the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Uresti moved that SB 810 do not pass but that CSSB 810 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Uresti 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 252 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill. Senator Estes 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

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ordered. Senator Jackson moved that SB 252 do not pass but that CSSB 252 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 958 and the committee substitute to SB 958. The Chair moved adoption of the committee substitute to SB 958; without objection, it was so ordered. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 7:00 PM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved that CSSB 958 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 895 and recognized Senator Hegar, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1032 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on both SB 958 and SB 1032 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 SB 958 and SB 1032 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:34 PM Senator Uresti 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