

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 7, 2013

9:00 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 Thursday, February 7, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out Senate Bill 1 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on Article I - General Government. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Commission on State Emergency Communications

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Public Finance Authority

Bond Debt Service Payments

Bond Review Board

Commission on the Arts

Department of Information Resources

Testimony was heard on Article V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Department of Public Safety

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

Department of Criminal Justice

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles

Juvenile Justice Department

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Adjutant General's Department

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education

Special Provisions Relating to Public Safety and Criminal Justice Agencies

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Williams announced Workgroups and the Subcommittee.

I - General Government & VII - Economic Development

Senator Hinojosa - Co-Chair, Senator Deuell - Co-Chair, Senator Eltife, Senator Nelson, Senator West

II - Health and Human Services

Senator Nelson - Chair, Senator Deuell, Senator Huffman, Senator Patrick, Senator Zaffirini

Public Education

Senator Patrick - Chair, Senator Deuell, Senator Duncan, Senator Lucio, Senator West

Higher Education

Senator Duncan - Co-Chair, Senator Seliger - Co-Chair, Senator Hegar, Senator West, Senator Zaffirini

IV - Judiciary & V - Public Safety

Senator Whitmire - Chair, Senator Hinojosa, Senator Estes, Senator Huffman, Senator Patrick

VI - Natural Resources & VIII - Regulatory

Senator Estes – Chair, Senator Hinojosa, Senator Deuell, Senator Hegar, Senator Seliger

Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters

Senator Hegar - Chair, Senator Huffman, Senator Lucio, Senator Nelson, Senator Whitmire

Capital Needs

Senator Eltife - Chair, Senator Seliger, Senator Zaffirini

Community Colleges

Senator Duncan - Co-Chair, Senator Seliger - Co-Chair, Senator Eltife, Senator Lucio, Senator Whitmire

Compensation

Senator Duncan - Chair, Senator Whitmire, Senator Zaffirini

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

There being no further business, at 4:04 PM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk