

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 28, 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 28, 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 Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM. The clerk called roll. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out workgroup recommendations for Public Education. The Legislative Budget Board staff presented the decision document.

Senator West moved to sever item 7 on page 5, Charter School Authorizers (SB 2). Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that the recommendations for Public Education, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Patrick moved to leave item 7 pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VI. The Legislative Budget Board staff presented the decision document.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Williams resumes the chair.

Senator Seliger moved to reallocate 4.6 million out of item 4 on page 19, Restore Fish and Wildlife Funding/Appropriate Stamp Revenues to item 3 on page 23, Wildlife Diversity Program, Priority 1. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hegar moved that the remaining unfunded portion of item 4, page 19 be moved to Priority 2. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire moved that the 15,500,000 of the Restore Local Parks Funding be moved to Priority 2. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Estes moved that the recommendations for Article VI, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 10:58 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed until 12:45 PM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:59 PM the Committee reconvened.

The chair laid out workgroup recommendations for Article II. The Legislative Budget Board staff presented the decision document.

Senator Nelson moved that the recommendations for Article II be adopted. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West sent up Contingency for Senate Bill 2 rider and moved adoption. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:46 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