

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, April 4, 2013

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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, April 4, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
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:**

Senator Bob Deuell

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1808 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 61 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute for SB 1808; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute for SJR 61; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The clerk called roll. There was a quorum present.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1808 and SJR 61 are shown on the attached list.

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

SB 1808 and SJR 61 were left pending.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1655 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 55 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams sent up a committee substitute for SB 1655; the chair recognized Senator Williams to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Williams sent up a committee substitute for SJR 55; the chair recognized Senator Williams to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1655 and SJR 55 are shown on the attached list.

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

The chair laid out SB 1656 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 56 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 101 and recognized Senator Huffman, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SJR 10 and recognized Senator Huffman, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1656 and SJR 56 are shown on the attached list.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 101 and SJR 10 are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed for SB 1656, SJR 56, SB 101 and SJR 10; without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 1656, SJR 56, SB 101 and SJR 10 were left pending.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed until 10:40 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Williams reconvened the meeting.

Senator Williams referred the following bills to the Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters: SB 1369, SB 1370, SB 1371, SB 1434, SB 1443, SB 1447, SB 1455, SB 1465, SB 1494, SB 1495, SB 1498, SB 1504, SB 1508, SB 1511, SB 1518, SB 1529, SB 1533, SB 1564, SB 1580, SB 1598, SB 1606, SB 1619, SB 1633, SB 1634, SB 1648, SB 1649, SB 1651, SB 1652, SB 1657, SB 1662, SB 1685, SB 1696, SB 1707, SB 1778, SB 1779, SB 1780, SB 1783, SB 1826, SJR 47, SJR 51, SJR 52, SJR 60, SJR 62, SB 1686, SJR 58 and SB 1713.

Senator Williams moved to suspend Rule 9 of the Senate Finance Rules so that the Committee could take up subcommittee reports before the 24 hour layout. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 446 by Eltife. The chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the bill. Senator Eltife moved that SB 446 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 485 by Ellis. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 485 be reported favorably to the Senate

with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 489 by Paxton. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 489 do not pass but that CSSB 489 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 546 by Williams. The chair recognized Senator Williams to explain the bill. Senator Williams moved that SB 546 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 657 by Paxton. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 657 do not pass but that CSSB 657 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 1076 by Hegar. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 1076 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 1224 by Taylor. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SB 1224 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 1255 by Patrick. The chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the bill. Senator Patrick moved that SB 1255 do not pass but that CSSB 1255 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 1256 by Patrick. The chair recognized Senator Patrick to explain the bill. Senator Patrick moved that SB 1256 do not pass but that CSSB 1256 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SJR 32 by Paxton. The chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the bill. Senator Hegar moved that SJR 32 do not pass but that CSSJR 32 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Williams moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 1655; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Williams moved that SB 1655 do not pass but that CSSB 1655 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Williams moved adoption of the committee substitute for SJR 55; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Williams moved that SJR 55 do not pass but that CSSJR 55 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Whitmire submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 446, SB485, SB 489, SB 546, SB 657, SB 1076, ,SB1224, SB 1255, SB 1256 and SJR 32. Senator Whitmire asked to be shown voting no on the following bills: SB 1655 and SJR 55.

Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing and asked to be shown voting aye on the following bills: SB 446, SB485, SB 489, SB 546, SB 657, SB 1076, ,SB1224, SB 1255, SB 1256 and SJR 32.

There being no further business, at 10:59 AM Senator Williams moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk