

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Thursday, April 4, 2013

9:30 AM

Betty King Committee Room

\*\*\*\*\*

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Open Government was held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair  
Senator Wendy Davis, Vice Chair  
Senator Jane Nelson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Tommy Williams

\*\*\*\*\*

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:37 A.M., the following business was transacted:

At 9:32 AM Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 881 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

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

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 Davis moved that SB 881 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 984 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 Davis moved that SB 984 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1409 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, 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 Davis moved that SB 1409 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 843 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 Davis moved that SB 843 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:29 AM Senator Ellis resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 895 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, 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 Ellis moved that SB 895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:35 AM Senator Ellis moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Senate Committee on Open Government**

Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Page 3

---

Senator Rodney Ellis, Chair

---

Amber Weed, Clerk