

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Friday, February 20, 2015

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 Friday, February 20, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Kevin Eltife  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Larry Taylor

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson laid out SB 2 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on SB 2 – Article VI. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board

Department of Agriculture

Railroad Commission

Parks and Wildlife Department

Animal Health Commission

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Commission on Environmental Quality

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Soil and Water Conservation Board

Water Development Board

Debt Service Payments – Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds

Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson closed testimony on Article VI.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:19 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk