

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Monday, April 10, 2017  
2:00 PM or upon adjournment  
Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Perry, Chair  
Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Borris Miles

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Juan Hinojosa

At 5:12 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 319.

Senator Perry sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that the new committee substitute be adopted. There being no objection, the new substitute was adopted.

Senator Perry moved that SB 319 do not pass but that CSSB 319 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Creighton, Hinojosa and Kolkhorst submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 319; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:14 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1489 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, 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 Perry moved that SB 1489 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1796 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Perry moved that SB 1796 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1479 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 1479 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 873 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a 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 Rodríguez then moved that the new committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 873 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 755 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 Perry moved that SB 755 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 725 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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.

At 7:42 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1429 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that CSSB 1429 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2262 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 Perry moved that SB 2262 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1511 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 Perry moved that SB 1511 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1392 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Perry sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry 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.

At 8:19 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

At 8:21 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

At 9:36 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

At 9:44 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

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

Senator Rodriguez moved that CSSB 1392 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 725.

Senator Miles moved that SB 725 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 873.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 873 do not pass but that CSSB 873 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1479.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1479 do not pass but that CSSB 1479 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1489.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1489 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1511.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1511 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2262.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2262 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:38 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 10:38 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

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Lauren Murray, Clerk