

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator César Blanco
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Dean Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 795 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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.

Dean Zaffirini moved that SB 795 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2510 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

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.

The chair moved to pull down the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2510 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 143 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Birdwell moved that HB 143 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 410 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton 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.

The chair moved to pull down the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 410 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2689 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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.

The chair moved to pull down the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 2689 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 728 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 728 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:01 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Jennifer Trevino, Clerk