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The Senate Finance Committee went back into session at 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, March 23, 1983, in the A. M. Aikin, Jr. Finance Committee Room (301) of the State Capitol. Members present were: Senators Grant Jones, Chairman; Ed Howard, Vice Chairman; Roy Blake; Ray Farabee; and John Traeger.

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Budget Board; staff members of the Lieutenant Governor's Office; members of the news media; and others.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and the Committee proceeded to hear a report on the telecommunications study from the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

The Chair recognized Mr. Homer Foerster, Executive Director, State Purchasing and General Services Commission, who introduced the employees of the Commission that would give the presentation.

Mr. George L. Rutherford gave a brief statement with Mr. Anthony E. Gufvan giving the main presentation.

Those present that did not testify were Mr. Wiley Bell and Mr. T. Hrycko from the State Purchasing and General Services Commission; and Mr. Ben Montague, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation; and Mr. Thomas B. Morris, Jr., University of Texas, Austin.

The Committee recessed at 10:44 A.M., subject to the call of the Chair, on a motion by Senator Howard. The Chair set the next meeting time for 2:00 P.M. this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jerry Sander*  
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Clerk

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The Senate Finance Committee went back into session at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 23, 1983, in the A. M. Aikin, Jr. Finance Committee Room (301) of the State Capitol. Members present were: Senators Grant Jones, Chairman; Ed Howard, Vice Chairman; Roy Blake; Chet Brooks; Kent Caperton; Ray Farabee; Bob Glasgow; O. H. (Ike) Harris; Carl Parker; John Traeger; Hector Uribe; and R. L. (Bob) Vale.

Also present were staff members of the Legislative Budget Board; staff members of the Lieutenant Governor's Office; members of the news media; and others.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Caperton, in the temporary absence of Senator Jones and Senator Howard.

The Chair laid out Senate Bill No. 986 and recognized the author, Senator Glasgow. Senator Glasgow explained that this bill related to the due dates of the public utilities gross receipts assessment and the interest rate on delinquent assessments.

Senator Traeger moved that Senate Bill No. 986 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion was adopted with Jones, Blake, Brooks, Caperton, Farabee, Glasgow, Parker, Traeger, Uribe, and Vale voting Aye.

SENATOR JONES IN CHAIR

The Chair laid out Senate Bill No. 987 by Glasgow and recognized the author, Senator Glasgow. Senator Glasgow explained that Senate Bill No. 987 related to the filing of estimated insurance gross premium taxes.

Senator Glasgow then sent up a Committee Amendment and requested that Mr. Jim Lynaugh, Director, Funds Management, Comptroller's Office, explain the bill and amendment.

Mr. Lynaugh, Mr. Wade Anderson, General Counsel, Comptroller's Office; registered as resource witnesses on Senate Bill No. 713, Senate Bill No. 985, Senate Bill 986, Senate Bill 987, and Senate Bill No. 988; Mr. Richard Montgomery, Director, Motor Vehicle Tax, Comptroller's Office, registered as resource witness for Senate Bill No. 713; and Mr. Larry Crawford, Comptroller's Office, registered as a resource witness for Senate Bill No. 737.

Mr. Lynaugh then explained the Committee Amendment sent up by Senator Glasgow.

The Chair then recognized Mr. Tom Bond, State Insurance Board, who testified regarding concerns in regards to various parts of the bill. Mr. Bond then presented a proposal to the Committee to consider.

Senator Glasgow then withdrew his amendment, after some discussion.

Senator Brooks then sent up a Committee Amendment and moved its adoption. There were no objections and the motion was adopted.

Senator Glasgow then moved that Senate Bill No. 987, as amended, be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion was adopted with Jones, Howard, Brooks, Glasgow, Parker, Traeger, and Vale voting Aye.

The Chair laid out Senate Bill No. 737 by Mauzy. In the absence of Senator Mauzy, Senator Parker explained that this bill related to the method by which the comptroller determines a tax liability.

Mr. Anderson answered questions of the Committee Members regarding Senate Bill No. 737.

Senator Brooks then moved that Senate Bill No. 737 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion was adopted with Jones, Howard, Brooks, Glasgow, Parker, Traeger, and Vale voting Aye.

The Chair then laid out Senate Bill No. 985 by Glasgow and recognized the author. Senator Glasgow explained that Senate Bill No. 985 related to the time periods for filing sales and use taxes, the prepayment discount for paying sales and use taxes, and direct payment permits.

Mr. Lynaugh then answered questions of the Committee Members regarding Senate Bill No. 985.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bill Abinton, Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, who testified against Senate Bill No. 985.

The Chair recognized Mr. Gerard J. Schorr who testified in length against Senate Bill No. 985.

After considerable discussion on Senate Bill No. 985, Senator Howard moved that Senate Bill No. 985 be sent to a Special Subcommittee for further study. There were no objections and the motion was adopted.

The Chair laid out Senate Bill No. 988 by Glasgow and recognized the author. Senator Glasgow explained that this bill related to the due dates for certain oil and gas related taxes.

Mr. Lynaugh then explained the bill to the Committee.

Senator Glasgow then sent up a Committee Substitute and explained the Substitute to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Mr. Abinton who stated that he was against Senate Bill No. 988 and referred to Mr. Schorr for the testimony. Mr. Schorr then testified against the bill and the Committee Substitute.

After some discussion, Senator Howard moved that Senate Bill No. 988 be reported to a Special Subcommittee for further study. There were no objections and the motion was adopted.

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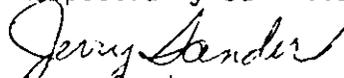
The Chair laid out Senate Bill No. 713 and recognized the author, Senator Uribe. Senator Uribe explained that this bill related to the time that motor vehicle tax collections and tax receipts must be sent to the comptroller.

The Chair recognized Mr. Lynaugh who answered questions of the Committee.

Due the fact that a quorum was not present, Senate Bill No. 713 was left as pending business.

The Committee then recessed at 3:53 P.M., subject to the call of the Chair, on a motion by Senator Howard.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jerry Sander  
Clerk