

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Friday, January 8, 2016

Senate Judiciary

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Chairman Martin's bill, S. 911 (Closing Fees on Motor Vehicle Sales Contracts) met yesterday. This was the second meeting of the subcommittee to discuss possible amendments to put before the full committee. The first meeting was a public hearing for comment and recommendations regarding the legislation. Senator Hutto put forth over 20 amendments relating to repealing the fee, setting various caps for the fee, providing oversight for the Public Service Commission to approve fees, providing a definition of a "closing fee" and the parameters for its use, etc. The committee members tabled a majority of the amendments and agreed to work with staff to create one comprehensive amendment including various measures proposed by Sen. Hutto. The committee voted the bill out to be taken up in Full Committee on Jan. 12th.

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