

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

9:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Royce West, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.

Senator Dan Patrick

Senator Jeff Wentworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 765 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses registered to testify on this bill.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 765 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 765 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The Chair laid out SB 978 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West 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 9:46 a.m., a quorum was established.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 16, 2011. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 978 do not pass but that CSSB 978 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 900 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, to explain the bill.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Gallegos, Jr. 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.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 900 do not pass but that CSSB 900 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:41 AM Senator Wentworth assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 759 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 West moved that SB 759 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 10:45 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 630 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Wentworth 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.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wentworth moved that SB 630 do not pass but that CSSB 630 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

The Chair laid out SB 628 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 628 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:50 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:46 PM Senator West reconvened the meeting.

At 1:47 PM Senator Wentworth assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 142 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West then moved that the new committee substitute be adopted. 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 West moved that SB 142 do not pass but that CSSB 142 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 2:29 PM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 714 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Patrick 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.

At 3:05 PM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 714 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:26 PM Senator Wentworth assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 732 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 4:40 PM Senator Gallegos, Jr. assumed the Chair.

At 4:55 PM Senator Wentworth assumed the Chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wentworth moved that SB 732 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 760 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 760 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SJR 26 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SJR 26 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 413 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Gallegos, Jr. 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.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 413 do not pass but that CSSB 413 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 5:31 PM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 847 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, 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 Patrick moved that SB 847 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 5:34 PM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Royce West, Chair

Tiffany White, Clerk