

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Royce West, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.

Senator Dan Patrick

Senator Jeff Wentworth

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 1030 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Patrick 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.

At 9:38 AM, a quorum was established.

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Senator Patrick moved that SB 1030 do not pass but that CSSB 1030 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 Patrick moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:39 AM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 402 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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.

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 402 do not pass but that CSSB 402 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.

The Chair laid out SB 1369 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 1369 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 412 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West moved that SB 412 be pulled down temporarily. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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At 10:05 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 233 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Deuell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nichols 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 Nichols moved that SB 233 do not pass but that CSSB 233 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 Patrick moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 234 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Deuell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nichols 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 Nichols moved that SB 234 do not pass but that CSSB 234 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:10 AM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

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The Chair laid out SB 412 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 412 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 West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:15 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 915 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, 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 Wentworth moved that SB 915 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 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 1352 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Watson 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.

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Senator Nichols moved that SB 1352 do not pass but that CSSB 1352 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1251 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.

There were no witnesses registered to testify on this bill.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1251 do not pass but that CSSB 1251 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 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 917 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:49 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:29 PM Senator West reconvened the meeting. Public testimony on SB 917 resumed.

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

Senator Wentworth moved that SB 917 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.

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The Chair laid out SB 577 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, 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 Nichols moved that SB 577 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 60 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 West moved that SB 60 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SJR 6 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 West moved that SJR 6 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 732 and Senator Nichols moved that SB 732 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 714 and Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that SB 714 do not pass but that CSSB 714 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, at 2:15 PM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Royce West, Chair

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Tiffany White, Clerk