

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 27, 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, April 27, 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 9:35 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 1760 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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.

At 9:37 AM A quorum was established.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 20, 2011. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1760 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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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 1464 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, 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 1464 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1712 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Jackson 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.

At 10:15 AM 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 1712 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1354 and recognized Senator Jackson, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:40 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

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

There being no further business, at 10:57 AM 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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At 5:22 PM Senator Nichols reconvened the meeting.

The Chair laid out SB 1404 and recognized Senator Nichols, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1404 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1789 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 1789 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:36 PM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1382 and recognized Senator Nichols, 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 West moved that SB 1382 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1190 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.

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

Senator Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1190 do not pass but that CSSB 1190 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1404 and Senator Nichols moved that SB 1404 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that the vote by which SB 1760 was passed, be reconsidered. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1760 and Senator Nichols moved that SB 1760 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out SB 1789 as a matter of pending business and Senator Patrick moved that SB 1789 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.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 13, 2011. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1120 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author to explain the bill.

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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. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1120 do not pass but that CSSB 1120 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1184 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1184 do not pass but that CSSB 1184 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 5:45 PM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1234 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.

Senator West moved that SB 1234 do not pass but that CSSB 1234 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.

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

At 5:47 PM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1546 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. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that SB 1546 do not pass but that CSSB 1546 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1875 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Wentworth requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into a committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Wentworth then moved that the committee substitute be adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wentworth moved that SB 1875 do not pass but that CSSB 1875 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 Wentworth moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1877 and recognized Senator Patrick, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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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. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Patrick moved that SB 1877 do not pass but that CSSB 1877 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.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1880 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. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1880 do not pass but that CSSB 1880 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1881 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth moved that SB 1881 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1882 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. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Patrick moved that SB 1882 do not pass but that CSSB 1882 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1899 and Senator Nichols moved that SB 1899 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 Nichols 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 6:00 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