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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, May 4, 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, May 4, 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 1468 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Lucio 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 1468 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West moved that SB 1468 be left pending.

The Chair laid out HB 564 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West moved that HB 564 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 843 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

At 9:40 AM A quorum was established.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 27, 2011. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Davis 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 HB 843 do not pass but that CSHB 843 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 1440 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

Senator Gallegos, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Ellis 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 Nichols moved that SB 1440 do not pass but that CSSB 1440 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 1441 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 1441 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.

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

At 9:57 AM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out HB 1862 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1862 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.

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 HB 1869 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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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 HB 1869 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.

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

At 10:05 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1405 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 1405 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.

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 HB 1488 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1488 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 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 HB 460 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

There were no witnesses registered to testify on this bill.

Senator West moved that HB 460 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1917 and recognized Senator Gallegos, Jr., in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1917 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:15 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to the suspension of Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, Senator West reconvened the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations at 5:25 PM at his desk.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 460 and Senator Nichols moved that HB 460 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.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 564 and Senator Nichols moved that HB 564 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.

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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 HB 1917 and Senator Nichols moved that HB 1917 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.

The Chair laid out HB 315, in lieu of SB 236, and Senator Nichols moved that HB 315 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.

The Chair laid out HB 2351, in lieu of SB 1263, and Senator Nichols moved that HB 2351 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.

The Chair laid out HB 2670, in lieu of SB 1277, and Senator Nichols moved that HB 2670 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.

The Chair laid out HB 345, in lieu of SB 1382, and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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.

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Senator Nichols moved that HB 345 do not pass but that CSHB 345 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 HB 679, in lieu of SB 1558, and Senator Nichols moved that HB 679 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 5:31 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