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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
1:30 PM or upon adjournment
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 20, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair
Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Ken Paxton
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 654 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

The chair opened public testimony. 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 654 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.

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The chair laid out SB 660 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 660 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 SB 170 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Garcia made a motion to withdraw the previous CSSB 170 that was adopted on 3/13/13, and sent up a revised CSSB 170; the chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 170 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that CSSB 170 adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 233 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 233 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 SB 751 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Nichols moved that SB 751 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 Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 13, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered

The chair laid out SB 752 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

The chair opened public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 752 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 SB 877 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

The chair opened public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 877 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 SB 433 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill.

The chair opened public testimony. 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 433 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 552 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony. 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 552 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 836 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 836 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 Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 356 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

The Chair opened public testimony. 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 356 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that CSSB 356 adopted in lieu thereof 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 637 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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The chair opened public testimony. 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 Hinojosa moved that SB 637 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:29 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 449 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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.

The chair opened public testimony. 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 CSSB 449 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 476 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 476 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that CSSB 476 adopted in lieu thereof 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:57 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 593

There being no further business, at 6:00 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair

JD Pedraza, Clerk