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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 24, 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, April 24, 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 1:43 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 17, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1900 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1900 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 1901 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1901 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 1902 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1902 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 1903 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1903 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 1877 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Estes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 Garcia 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. Senator Garcia 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 1878 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, 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 1878 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 438 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 Nichols moved that SB 438 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 1893 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 Nichols moved that SB 1893 do not pass but that CSSB 1893 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 1761 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that CSSB 1761 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1551 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio 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 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 Nichols moved that SB 1551 do not pass but that CSSB 1551 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 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 1690 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 Garcia moved that SB 1690 do not pass but that CSSB 1690 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 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 1731 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 CSSB 1731 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:08 PM Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 1879 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, 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 1879 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.

At 3:14 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1867 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 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 Nichols moved that SB 1867 do not pass but that CSSB 1867 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 1087 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa moves to bring down the previous substitute adopted on SB 1087. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 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 Garcia moved that SB 1087 do not pass but that CSSB 1087 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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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1383 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The substitute was adopted at a previous hearing. 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 Nichols moved that SB 1383 do not pass but that CSSB 1383 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair explained that SB 1863 would continue to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 54, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill and that it was pending and was ready to vote it, without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SJR 54 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.

The chair laid out SB 1217 and recognized Senator Garcia, in the absence of the author, 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 Garcia moved that SB 1217 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 1897 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, 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 1897 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.

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The chair laid out SB 1898 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, 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 1898 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 171 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, 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 171 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 1883 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, 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 Paxton moved that SB 1883 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:59 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1890 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 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 requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendments into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1890 do not pass but that CSSB 1890 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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At 4:15 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1635 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, 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 1635 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:57 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair

JD Pedraza, Clerk