#### **MINUTES**

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 20, 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 20, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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None

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Royce West, Chair Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr. Senator Dan Patrick Senator Jeff Wentworth

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 1120 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 1120 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1120 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 235 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

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Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Deuell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

There were no witnesses registered to testify on this bill.

Senator West moved that SB 235 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 235 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 236 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, 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 236 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 236 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1277 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Ellis 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 1277 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1277 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1877 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

There were no witnesses registered to testify on this bill.

Senator West moved that SB 1877 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1877 be left pending.

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The Chair laid out SB 1888 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, 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 1888 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1888 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1891 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, 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 1891 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1891 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1880 and recognized Senator Hegar, in the absence of the author, 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.

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 1880 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1880 be left pending.

There being no further business, at 10:10 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:25 PM Senator Wentworth assumed the Chair and reconvened the meeting.

The Chair laid out SB 1899 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1899 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1899 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1184 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1184 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Wentworth moved that SB 1184 be left pending.

At 3:29 PM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1875 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to explain the amendment.

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 1875 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1875 be left pending.

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The Chair laid out SB 1234 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1234 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1234 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1881 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 1881 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1881 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1263 and recognized Senator Wentworth, 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1263 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1263 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1546 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Wentworth moved that SB 1546 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1546 be left pending.

The Chair laid out SB 1882 and recognized Senator Wentworth, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Wentworth sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Wentworth to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

At 3:52 PM a quorum was established.

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 1882 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1795 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.

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 1795 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:00 PM Senator Nichols 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
Tiffany White, Clerk