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SENATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES - April 29, 1981

The Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Wednesday, April 29, 1981 at 9:00 A.M. in the Sergeant's Committee Room instead of the regularly scheduled meeting for yesterday, which was postponed because of a filibuster by Senator Lloyd Doggett. Bills considered at this meeting were as follows:

Subcommittee Reports on :	S. B. 1119 and H. B. 268.
Other bills considered:	H. B. 803
	S. B. 964
	S. B. 1159
	S. B. 1165
	S. B. 718
	S. B. 1198
	S. B. 1141
	S. B. 1142
	S. B. 1168
	S. B. 1106
	S. B. 1227
	H. B. 1139

Chairman John A. Traeger called the meeting to order and called for the first Roll Call, resulting as follows:

Present - Kothmann, Leedom, Mengden, Ogg,
Parker, Traeger, Uribe and Williams.
Absent - Snelson.

With a quorum present, Senator Williams was recognized to send up the Subcommittee Report on S. B. 1119 by Senator Leedom and moved its adoption. There was no objection to the motion. Senator Leedom explained that the Committee Substitute in the report related to Dallas County only. Senator Williams then moved that S. B. 1119 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #2 vote of 6 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Leedom (later in the meeting), C.S.S.B. 1119 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Williams again, who sent up the Subcommittee Report on H. B. 268 and moved its adoption. There were no objections to the adoption of the Subcommittee Report, which did not change the bill. There being no further testimony or anyone present to testify either for or against the bill, Senator Williams moved that H. B. 268 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #3 vote of 6 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Chairman Traeger next laid out H. B. 803 and recognized its Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, who explained the bill and then asked that his witness be recognized. The Chair then recognized Witness #1, Galt Graydon of Austin, representing American Airlines, Inc., who testified for the passage of the bill and answered questions from the committee members. There being no other persons desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Uribe moved to report H. B. 803 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #4 vote of 6 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Uribe, H. B. 803 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

(At this time, Senator Leedom requested a motion to recommend C.S.S.B. 1119 to the Local and Uncontested Calendar).

Chairman Traeger next laid out S. B. 964 and recognized its sponsor, Senator Caperton, who explained the bill and further explained an amendment to the bill. Senator Uribe then sent up Committee Amendment #1 to S. B. 964 and moved its adoption. There were no objections to the motion. There being no other person desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Williams moved to report S. B. 964 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #5 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Williams, S. B. 964 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senate Bill 1159 was laid out next and its sponsor, Senator Richards, was recognized to explain the bill. After he testified that the bill had reference to Houston only, Senator Richards stated that the bill needed a correction. Senator Parker then sent up Committee Substitute for S.B. 1159 and moved its adoption. There was no objection to the adoption of the substitute. Senator Parker next moved that S. B. 1159 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #6 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Parker, C.S.S.B. 1159 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The Chairman then laid out S. B. 1165 and recognized its sponsor, Senator Farabee, who explained that the bill related to the fees received by the Clerk of the Supreme Court, and that Judge Charles Barrow was present in behalf of the bill. The Chair then recognized Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Barrow, representing the Judicial Council, for brief testimony. There being no other person desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Parker moved to report S. B. 1165 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #7 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Ogg, S. B. 1165 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Dee Travis was recognized next for explanation of his bill,

S. B. 718, laid out by the Chair. Following his explanation, he answered questions from Senator Ogg. The Chairman then recognized witnesses as follows: Ms. Janet Coplin of Dallas, representing the Dallas County Commissioners, who supported the bill; and Mr. Rowland Todd of Austin, representing United Way of Texas, who presented prepared testimony to members of the Committee in support of the bill. There being no other persons desiring to testify on the bill, Senator Ogg moved that Senate Bill 718 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #8 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Mengden, S. B. 718 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Chairman Traeger next laid out S. B. 1198 and recognized its sponsor, Senator Parker, who explained that his witnesses could not appear today, and moved that the bill be heard at next Tuesday's meeting. There was no objection to the motion.

The Chairman next laid out S. B. 1141 and recognized Senator Mengden to explain the bill. Following explanation of the bill, Chairman Traeger recognized witness #1, Mr. Roland A. Brunet of Sugar Land, representing the office of Harris County Treasurer, who testified in behalf of the bill. There being no other person desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Mengden moved to report S. B. 1141 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #9 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Mengden, S. B. 1141 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senate Bill 1142 by Mengden was laid out next, and Senator Mengden was recognized for explanation of the bill. He then sent up Committee Amendment No. 1 and moved its adoption. There were no objections to the adoption of the amendment. Witness Roland A. Brunet was again recognized for testimony in behalf of the bill. Following the questioning by Senator Ogg, the Chair called for persons desiring to testify in opposition to the bill. There being no one desiring to testify, Senator Mengden moved to report S. B. 1142 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #10 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Mengden, S. B. 1142 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

The Chair next laid out S. B. 1168 and recognized its sponsor, Senator Santiesteban, who explained that the bill widens the bracket for county juvenile boards. There being no other persons desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Mengden moved to report S. B. 1168 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #11 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Mengden, S. B. 1168 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Ogg was recognized next for explanation of his bill, Senate

Bill 1106, laid out by the Chairman. Senator Ogg explained a Committee Substitute for the bill and moved its adoption. There were no objections to the motion. After further explanation that the bill was optional, permissive and refers to Houston only, Senator Ogg moved to report S.B. 1106 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #12 vote of 5 Yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Ogg, C.S.S.B. 1106 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar. (Mr. Jonathan Day of Houston, representing Houston Lyric Foundation, signed a witness card in support of the bill, but did not testify.

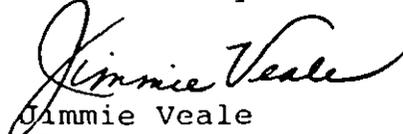
Chairman Traeger then laid out S. B. 1227, his courts bill, and ruled that the bill would be scheduled for hearing at next Tuesday's meeting in order that witnesses may appear to testify on the bill.

Senator Parker then took the chair, laid out H. B. 1139 and recognized its Senate sponsor, Senator Traeger, who explained the bill. After Senator Traeger answered questions from Senator Leedom, the Chair called for witnesses. There being no other person desiring to testify either in behalf of or in opposition to the bill, Senator Ogg moved to report H. B. 1139 back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed on a Roll Call #13 vote of 6 yeas - 0 Nays. On a motion by Senator Ogg, H. B. 1139 was unanimously recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

(Senator Kothmann asked that he be shown voting "Yea" on all the bills passed out of this Committee today).

There being no other business, the Committee stood recessed until 9:00 A. M. in the morning, Thursday, April 30, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,


Jimmie Veale
Clerk