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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Monday, May 18, 2015

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Monday, May 18, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Don Huffines, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Troy Fraser
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Van Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 168 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 HB 168 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 830 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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

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that HB 830 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1044 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1044 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1273 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 1273 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1929 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 Nichols moved that HB 1929 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3610 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 3610 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2007 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 2007 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 499 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

The roll was called, and 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 HB 499 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 691 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, 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 HB 691 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 127 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 127 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 735 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 735 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2708 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 HB 2708 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1321 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1321 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1741 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1741 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2540 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2540 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3236 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 Nichols moved that HB 3236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1605 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 HB 1605 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1888 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 HB 1888 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved to re-open public testimony on HB 168; 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 168 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 127, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Ellis moved that HB 127 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 168, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Fraser moved that HB 168 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and

0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 499, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Ellis moved that HB 499 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Fraser moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 691, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 691 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 735, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Ellis moved that HB 735 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 830, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that HB 830 do not pass but that CSHB 830 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1044, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1044 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1273, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1273 do not pass but that CSHB 1273 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1321, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1321 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia, Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1605, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Taylor moved that HB 1605 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hall and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1741, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1741 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1888, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1888 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1929, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Ellis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference

between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1929 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2007, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2007 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2540, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 2540 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Garcia requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2708, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 2708 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3236, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 3236 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3610, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that HB 3610 do not pass but that CSHB 3610 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines 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 9:45 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

Amy Jeter, Clerk

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