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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair
Senator Kirk Watson, Vice Chair
Senator Wendy Davis
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Chris Harris
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Jeff Wentworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Florence Shapiro

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:38 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Jeff Wentworth

The chair laid out HB 588 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Whitmire, 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.

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Senator Williams moved that HB 588 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2257 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Williams moved that HB 2257 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2466 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Williams moved that HB 2466 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3510 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carona, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona 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 Williams moved that HB 3510 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1201 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Williams moved that HB 1201 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 805 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that HB 805 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1899 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that HB 1899 do not pass but that CSHB 1899 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 378 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

Senator Williams moved that HB 378 do not pass but that CSHB 378 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1925 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 1925 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3208 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that HB 3208 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 596 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 596 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1305 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that HB 1305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1541 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 1541 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2325 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 2325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1116 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 1116 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 630 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nichols 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.

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Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 109 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nichols 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.

Witnesses 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 Watson moved that HB 109 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 887 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson moved that HB 887 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1010 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on this bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that HB 1010 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1473 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that HB 1473 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 423 and recognized Senator Watson, 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 Davis moved that HB 423 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 308 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses 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 Davis moved that HB 308 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 555 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Davis moved that HB 555 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 634 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Davis moved that HB 634 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1422 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, 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 Davis moved that HB 1422 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 887.

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 Watson moved that HB 887 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:35 AM Senator Watson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tommy Williams, Chair

Tulsi Reddy, Clerk