

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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 was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1738 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock 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 that HB 1738 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1360 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 1360 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2121 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 2121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2861 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 2861 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3283 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 3283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

The chair laid out HB 1394 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 1394 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1237 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Burton, 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 1237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1702 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, 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 1702 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 991 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill. Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffines 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 991 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1969 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, 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 1969 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1080 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. The chair opened the floor for public testimony. There being none, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1080 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1128 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 1128 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1364 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor 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 1364 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4099 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor 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 4099 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1119 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 1119 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3225 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 3225 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 509 and recognized Senator Garcia, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia 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 509 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 790 and recognized Senator Garcia, 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 790 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1107 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 1107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1982 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 1982 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 565 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Huffines assumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

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

Senator Nichols moved that HB 565 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2265 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, 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 2265 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2549 and recognized Senator Huffines, 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 2549 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffines assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2946 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 Huffines moved that HB 2946 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The Committee stood at ease.

The Committee came back to order.

The chair laid out HB 565, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 565 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 and Senator Hancock requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 790, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 790 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hancock 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 991 and its proposed committee substitute, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 991 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1080, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Taylor moved that HB 1080 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 and Senator Hancock requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1107, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1119, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1119 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 1128, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Taylor moved that HB 1128 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1237, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1237 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 1360, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1360 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 1364, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Taylor moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that HB 1364 do not pass but that CSHB 1364 be reported back 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1394, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1394 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 1702, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1702 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 1738, 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 1738 do not pass but that CSHB 1738 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. 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 1982, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1982 do not pass but that CSHB 1982 be reported back 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 Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2121, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 2121 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 2265, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hall moved that HB 2265 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 Hall moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2549, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 2549 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3225, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Garcia moved that HB 3225 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 moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3283, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Huffines moved that HB 3283 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 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 4099, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Taylor moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that HB 4099 do not pass but that CSHB 4099 be reported back 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffines assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2946, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2946 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 691. Senator Nichols moved that HB 691 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1888. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee

substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that HB 1888 do not pass but that CSHB 1888 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1929. Senator Fraser moved that a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing be pulled down; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Fraser sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the committee substitute. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1929 do not pass but that CSHB 1929 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2007. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2007 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:21 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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