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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

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, April 26, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Bob Hall, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Perry
Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 409 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Estes, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 409 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1437 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 Nichols moved that SB 1437 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1834 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 Nichols moved that SB 1834 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1483 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 1483 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1621 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti 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 Nichols moved that SB 1621 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 637 and recognized the author, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffines 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 Nichols moved that SB 637 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1434 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 1434 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2137 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2137 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2138 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio 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 Nichols moved that SB 2138 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2139 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio 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 Nichols moved that SB 2139 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2103 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2103 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 947 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 947 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 812 and recognized Senator Hall, 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 Nichols moved that SB 812 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 637, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hall moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 637 do not pass but that CSSB 637 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. Senator Creighton and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so

ordered. Senator Garcia requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1437, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hall moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1437 do not pass but that CSSB 1437 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Creighton, Senator Hinojosa and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia requested unanimous consent to be shown voting nay; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1834, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hall moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1834 do not pass but that CSSB 1834 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 Creighton, Senator Garcia, Senator Hinojosa and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 90, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hall moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 90 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 1351.

There being no further business, at 10:33 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

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Amy Jeter, Clerk