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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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 10, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Kelly Hancock, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Perry
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West

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 SB 2024 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, 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 2024 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2156 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock 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 committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1524 and recognized the author, 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 SB 1524 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 991 and recognized the author, Senator Menendez, to explain the bill. Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menendez 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 committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 540 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 540 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2014 and recognized the author, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill. Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Fallon to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair laid out SB 2015 and recognized the author, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 the committee substitute for 2014 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2015 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 511 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 61 and recognized the 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 house 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 adoption of a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 61 do not pass but that CSHB 61 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 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 HB 540, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 540 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 511, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 511 do not pass but that CSSB 511 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 991, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 991 do not pass but that CSSB 991 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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The chair laid out SB 1959, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1959 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2015, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 2015 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2024, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 2024 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2156, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 2156 do not pass but that CSSB 2156 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 Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:30 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

Julianne Newman, Assistant Clerk