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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & HOMELAND SECURITY

Wednesday, April 27, 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, April 27, 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 Chris Harris
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Jeff Wentworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Rodney Ellis

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present 6:09 PM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1466 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 Williams moved that SB 1466 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 288 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

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Senator Harris 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 Williams moved that SB 288 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 921 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, 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 SB 921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams moved that the committee stand at ease.

At 5:32 PM Senator Shapiro reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 378 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

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 378 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 591 and recognized Senator Harris, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on the bill.

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

Senator Watson moved that HB 591 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1531 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 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 SB 1531 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1532 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 Watson moved that SB 1532 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1251 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered on the bill.

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

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Senator Watson moved that HB 1251 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1237 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, 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 SB 1237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Williams resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 885 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 Williams moved that HB 885 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1330 and recognized the author, 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 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 SB 1330 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 197 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 197 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1611 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute for SB 1611 was previously adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wentworth moved to withdraw the committee substitute previously considered.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 1611 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1532.

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

Senator Shapiro moved that SB 1532 do not pass but that CSSB 1532 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 288.

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

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Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 288 do not pass but that CSSB 288 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1114 and recognized the author, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Wentworth moved that SB 1114 do not pass but that CSSB 1114 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 Wentworth moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1386.

Senator Nichols had previously sent up a committee substitute; the chair had previously recognized Senator Lucio 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 SB 1386 do not pass but that CSSB 1386 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1330.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1330 do not pass but that CSSB 1330 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

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Senator Hinojosa moved that CSSB 1532, which was previously reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed, be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1237.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1695 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 1695 do not pass but that CSSB 1695 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1696 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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Senator Williams requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the committee substitute to create a new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Williams then moved that the new committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Williams moved that SB 1696 do not pass but that CSSB 1696 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1697 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 1697 do not pass but that CSSB 1697 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1698 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 1698 do not pass but that CSSB 1698 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1699 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

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Senator Williams moved that SB 1699 do not pass but that CSSB 1699 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1036 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Williams moved that SB 1036 do not pass but that CSSB 1036 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 Williams resumed the chair.

Senator Davis asked to be shown voting aye for: SB 288, SB 1036, SB 1114, SB 1237, SB 1330, SB 1386, SB 1532, SB 1695, SB 1696, SB 1697, SB 1698, and SB 1699.

Senator Wentworth asked to be shown voting aye for: SB 1036, SB 1696, SB 1697, SB 1698, and SB 1699.

There being no further business, at 7:03 PM Senator Williams 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