

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

7:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair  
Senator Ken Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Wendy Davis  
Senator Rodney Ellis  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Dan Patrick  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 854 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte 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 854 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1632 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 1632 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1415 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, 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 1415 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1705 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 1705 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1747 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator Uresti 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 1747 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1274 and recognized the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1274 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1329 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1792 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.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1329 and SB 1792 are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony on SB 1329 and SB 1792 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1329 and SB 1792 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1488 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. 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 1488 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1018 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 Paxton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 1018 do not pass but that CSSB 1018 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1274, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Watson moved that SB 1274 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1415, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Paxton moved that SB 1415 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1705, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1705 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1747, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Uresti moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Uresti moved that SB 1747 do not pass but that CSSB 1747 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.

The chair laid out SB 1792, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Watson moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Watson moved that SB 1792 do not pass but that CSSB 1792 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, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1461. Senator Paxton moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 1461 do not pass but that CSSB 1461 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 Paxton 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 1605. Senator Paxton moved to pull down a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Paxton moved that SB 1605 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.

At 10:48 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after the adjournment of the Senate; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols reconvened the Committee at 2:00 PM.

The chair laid out SB 1489 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. 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 1489 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1670 and recognized the author, 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. 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 Paxton moved that SB 1670 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1671 and recognized the author, 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. 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 Paxton moved that SB 1671 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1669 and recognized the author, 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. 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 Paxton moved that SB 1669 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:42 PM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

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Amy Jeter, Clerk