

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, May 1, 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, May 1, 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. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 448 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 roll was called. A quorum was present.

Testimony continued. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 448 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1837 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. The chair opened the floor for public testimony. There being no witness cards, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1837 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1838 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. The chair opened the floor for public testimony. There being no witness cards, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1838 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 917 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 917 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2039 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2039 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1711 and recognized the Senate 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 1711 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1738 and recognized the author, Senator Menendez, 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 1738 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 105 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 339 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 339 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 975 and recognized the author, 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 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 975 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2310 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 Alvarado moved that HB 2310 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 478 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, 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 478 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 695 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 Perry moved that HB 695 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 799 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 799 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 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 695, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 695 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 Hancock and Senator West 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.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 105, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 105 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 and Senator West 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 339, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 339 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, Senator Perry and Senator West 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 917, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 917 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, Senator Perry and Senator West 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 1837, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1837 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, Senator Perry and Senator West 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 1838, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1838 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, Senator Perry and Senator West 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 2039, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2039 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, Senator Perry and Senator West 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 2310, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that HB 2310 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, Senator Perry and Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2248, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Rodríguez moved to pull down a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 2248 do not pass but that CSSB 2248 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 Perry and Senator West requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business, at 10:30 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

Amy Jeter, Clerk