

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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, March 24, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Kel Seliger, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator César Blanco
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Perry
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:

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 5 and its proposed committee substitute, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted. Senator Nichols requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 5 do not pass but that CSSB 5 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 Hinojosa and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 507 which had left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Nichols moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 507 do not pass but that CSSB 507 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 Hinojosa and Senator Kolkhorst requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 206 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator West 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 206 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 632 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger 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 632 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 941 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger 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 941 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 445 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 445 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 160 and recognized the author, 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 SB 160 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 901 and recognized the author, 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 SB 901 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 374 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 374 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 160, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Perry moved that SB 160 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 374, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 374 do not pass but that CSSB 374 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 Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 445, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that SB 445 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 Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 632, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 632 do not pass but that CSSB 632 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 Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 901, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Perry moved that SB 901 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 941, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 941 do not pass but that CSSB 941 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.

There being no further business, at 8:53 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