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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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 6, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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

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 298 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, 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 298 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 181 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hegar 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 181 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 563 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. Senator Paxton sent up Committee Amendment 1; the chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the amendment. The chair opened the floor for public testimony. There being none, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 563 and its proposed committee amendment be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 165 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, 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 165 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 466 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 466 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 274 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 274 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 685 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the author, 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 685 and its proposed committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 510 and recognized the author, 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 Paxton moved that SB 510 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 139. 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 139 do not pass but that CSSB 139 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 223. Senator Paxton moved that SB 223 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis 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 276. Senator Paxton moved that SB 276 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 165, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Paxton moved that SB 165 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 274, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Paxton moved that SB 274 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 466, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Paxton moved that SB 466 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 510, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 510 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 Watson requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Uresti moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:15 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

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