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Minutes

Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

February 14, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Senators Clements (Chair), Swope (Vice Chair), Boso, Roberts, Jeffries, Beach, and Plymale

Members Absent: Senators Mann and Boley

Chair Clements called the meeting to order. The Committee Clerk took a silent roll call and noted the presence of a quorum.

Chair Clements recognized Vice Chair Swope, who moved the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2019. Upon voice vote, that motion was adopted.

S. B. 31 - Relating generally to Local Powers Act.

Chair Clements recognized Committee Counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Clements recognized and swore in Mr. Aaron Gillispie, State Highway Engineer with the WV Division of Highways. Mr. Gillespie answered questions from the committee. Vice Chair Swope moved the bill be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

S. C.R. 25 - US Army PFC Andrew "Bo" Martin Harper Memorial Bridge.

Chair Clements recognized committee intern Nick Blevins to explain the committee substitute for the resolution. Mr. Blevins explained the resolution and the reason for the committee substitute. Senator Beach asked a question of clarification. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute. Vice Chair Swope moved the resolution be reported with the recommendation that it be adopted. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

S. B. 522 - Creating Special Road Repair Fund.

Chair Clements recognized committee counsel to explain the committee substitute in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the committee substitute and answered questions from the committee. Senator Beach asked the chair to yield to a question of clarification. The chair yielded and answered the question. Chair Clements recognized Senator Randy Smith, the lead sponsor of the bill to speak to the intent of the legislation. Senator Smith spoke to the bill and answered questions from the committee. An extensive question and answer period followed. Chair

Clements, with leave of the committee, called upon and swore in Carla Rotsch, Deputy Secretary for the WV Department of Transportation and Business Manager for the WV Division of Highways, and Drema Smith, Director of the WV Department of Transportation Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunity Divisions, to answer questions of the committee. With leave of the committee, Mr. Aaron Gillespie, State Highway Engineer, answered further questions from members of the committee.

At 11:00 a.m., Chair Clements announced the discussion on this piece of legislation would be taken up again between this date and Tuesday, February 19, 2019. He asked that those individuals who responded to questions from the committee would return when the next meeting was posted.

Vice Chair Swope moved to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Meeting adjourned.

Charles H. Clements, Chair

Marey Casey, Committee Counsel

Tina Burs, Committee Clerk