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Minutes

Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

March 5, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Senators Boley and Mann

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 on February 26, 2019. Upon voice vote, that motion was adopted.

H. B. 2846 - Designating a “Back the Blue” plate in support of law-enforcement personnel.

Chair Clements recognized committee counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill and the proposed committee amendment in lieu of having them read. Counsel explained the bill and the amendment. With leave of the committee, Senator Boso requested the members of law enforcement who were present in the room to stand and be recognized for the service they provide. He then spoke to bill and the amendment which also recognized our veterans and encouraged passage. Chair Clements echoed the sentiments of Senator Boso. Vice Chair Swope moved the strike and insert amendment as explained by counsel. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Swope then moved the bill, as amended, be reported with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Swope then moved the title amendment. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

H. B. 2850 - Relating to qualifications for commercial driver’s license.

Chair Clements recognized counsel to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill. Vice Chair Swope moved the bill be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3044 - Requiring the Commissioner of Highways to develop a formula for allocating road funds.

Chair Clements recognized intern Nick Blevins to explain the bill and the proposed strike and insert amendment in lieu of having them read. Mr. Blevins explained the bill and amendment. Chair Clements complimented Mr. Blevins on the work he has done for the committee during his time here as the committee intern. With leave of the committee, Senator Boso requested to hear from someone from the Division of Highways. Chair Clements recognized and swore in Jacob Bumgardner, Maintenance Division Director for the Division of Highways. Mr. Bumgardner answered questions from the committee. Discussion followed regarding the time constraints within the legislation and the difficulty in achieving them in the time allotted. After much discussion Chair Clements, upon request from Senator Beach, laid the bill over until the next meeting.

SCR 26, Thompson-Lambert Memorial Bridge and SCR 45, US Army Corporal T-5 Albert John "Engine" Arco Memorial Bridge.

Chair Clements recognized intern Nick Blevins to explain the resolutions and the proposed committee substitutes for each resolution in lieu of having them read. Mr. Blevins explained the resolutions and indicated the committee substitutes made technical corrections in each resolution. Vice Chair Swope requested unanimous consent that these resolutions be considered simultaneously. Without objections, consent was granted. Vice Chair Swope then moved the language of the committee substitutes. Upon voice vote, that motion was adopted. Vice Chair Swope then moved that the committee substitutes for the resolutions be reported with the recommendation that they each be adopted. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

CS for HCR 11, U. S. Army Command Sergeant Major Timothy Allen Bolyard Memorial Bridge and HCR 44, U. S. Marine Corps PFC Randall Carl Phelps Memorial Bridge.

Chair Clements recognized intern Nick Blevins to explain the resolutions in lieu of having them read. Mr. Blevins explained the resolutions. Vice Chair Swope requested unanimous consent that these resolutions be considered simultaneously. Without objections, consent was granted. Vice Chair Swope then moved that the resolutions be reported with the recommendation that they each be adopted. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

CS for HCR 26, George Roush Memorial Bridge.

Chair Clements recognized intern Nick Blevins to explain the resolution and the proposed amendment in lieu of having them read. Mr. Blevins explained the resolution and the amendment. Vice Chair Swope moved the strike and insert amendment as explained by the intern. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Swope then moved that the resolution, as amended, be reported with the recommendation that it be adopted. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

CS for HCR 32, Requesting the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to authorize raising highway speed limits, where appropriate, to 75 miles per hour on Interstate highways in West Virginia and to 70 miles per hour on West Virginia's Appalachian Corridor highways.

Chair Clements recognized counsel to explain the resolution and the proposed committee amendments in lieu of having them read. Counsel explained the resolution and the amendments and answered questions from the committee. Vice Chair Swope moved the amendments. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Swope moved the resolution, as amended, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

With nothing further to come before the committee, 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