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Minutes

Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

February 15, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Senator Boso

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 14, 2019. Upon voice vote, that motion was adopted.

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

Chair Clements recognized Committee Counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the committee substitute. Counsel explained the measure and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Senator Roberts requested to hear from Aaron Gillispie, Highway Engineer, WV Division of Highways. Chair Clements recognized and reminded Mr. Gillispie that he was still under oath from the previous day. Mr. Gillispie answered questions from the committee. Senator Jeffries, with leave of the committee, requested to hear from Mr. Mark Muchow, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Revenue. Chair Clements recognized and swore in Mr. Muchow, who answered questions from the committee.

Senator Roberts offered an amendment concerning drainage work. Upon voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Swope offered an amendment to increase the percentage of severance tax revenues contributed to the fund. Upon voice vote, the amendment was rejected.

Upon request from Senator Roberts, with leave of the committee, Mr. Mark Muchow returned to the podium to explain a proposed change to make the administration of the severance taxes in the bill easier. Counsel also explained the amendment. Senator Roberts moved to amend the bill as explained by counsel. Upon voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

Upon voice vote, the committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute, as amended. Vice Chair Swope moved that the committee substitute, as amended, 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.

With nothing further to come before the committee, Vice Chair Swope moved to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Charles H. Clements, Chair

Marey Casey, Committee Counsel

Tina Burs, Committee Clerk