



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Minutes for March 06, 2024, 1:05 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met on March 6, 2024, 1:05 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Clements, Stuart, Hunt, Jeffries, Oliverio, Plymale, Roberts, Swope

Members absent: Senators Barrett, Karnes, Phillips

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Eng. Com. Sub. for H.B. 5287 – Relating generally to traffic safety.

Chair Clements recognized counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill and the proposed amendments. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Clements recognized Sarah Runyon, P.E., West Virginia Division of Highways Right of Ways, to answer questions from the committee. Acting Vice Chair Swope, moved the strike and insert amendment as explained by counsel. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the bill, as amended, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the title amendment. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Eng. H. B. 5437 - Relating to time limits imposed on the Division of Highways to grant a highway entrance permit.

Chair Clements recognized counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill and the proposed amendments. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Clements recognized Sarah Runyon, P.E., West Virginia Division of Highways Right of Ways, to answer questions from the committee. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the strike and insert amendment as explained by counsel. Upon voice vote, the motion was in question. Chair Clements asked for a show of hands. There being one yea, and 7 nays, the motion was defeated. The committee then discussed the engrossed bill. Acting 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 defeated. The bill will not be reported.

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 5583 - Permitting the Commissioner of the Division of Highways to issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicles or nondivisible load exceeding the maximum specified.

Chair Clements recognized counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill and the proposed amendment. Counsel explained. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the amendment as explained by counsel, adding a proviso. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the bill, as amended, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the title amendment. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 5238 - Mandating that all courts provide adjudication for juvenile offenders for traffic violations to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Chair Clements recognized counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the bill and the proposed amendments. Counsel explained. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the amendments as explained by counsel. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the bill, as amended, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. Acting Vice Chair Swope moved the title amendment. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.

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