

2021 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

4th Meeting

March 3, 2021

The Senate Standing Committee on Transportation held its 4th meeting of the 2021 Regular Session on March 3, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. The Chair called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll. The minutes from the Committee's February 24, 2021 meeting were approved.

Members Present: Senator Jimmy Higdon, Chair, Senator Brandon Storm, Vice-Chair; Senators Karen Berg, C.B. Embry, Paul Hornback, Brandon Smith, Johnnie Turner, Phillip Wheeler, Mike Wilson, and Max Wise.

LRC Staff: Brandon White, John Snyder, Dana Fugazzi, and Christina Williams.

House Bill 328 was discussed by its sponsor Representative D.J. Johnson. Appearing with Representative Johnson was Leigh Ann Thacker, representing the Outdoor Advertising Association of Kentucky, and Tom FitzGerald, Director, Kentucky Resources Council. Both Ms. Thacker and Mr. FitzGerald spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, Senator Brandon Storm made a motion to pass House Bill 328. Senator Karen Berg seconded the motion, which passed on a 9-0-1 roll call vote.

Senate Bill 204 was discussed by its sponsor Senator Jimmy Higdon, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Senator C.B. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Appearing with Senator Higdon for further explanation on the bill was Mr. Ricky Sizemore, Transportation Engineering Branch Manager, Department of Highways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). After brief discussion, Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to pass Senate Bill 204 as amended by the committee substitute. Senator Mike Wilson seconded the motion, which passed on a 10-0-0 roll call vote. Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to place Senate Bill 204 as amended on the consent calendar. Senator Mike Wilson seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

House Bill 188 was discussed by Mike Hancock, Deputy Secretary, KYTC. House Bill 188 had a committee substitute on the measure. Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Senator Mike Wilson seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. After brief discussion, Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to pass House Bill 188 as amended by the committee substitute. Senator C.B. Embry seconded the motion, which passed on a 9-0-0 roll call vote. Senator Max Wise made a motion to adopt the title amendment to House Bill 188. Senator Phillip Wheeler seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to place House Bill

188 as amended by the committee substitute and title amendment on the consent calendar. Senator Mike Wilson seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

House Bill 158 was discussed by its sponsor Representative Deanna Frazier. Appearing with Representative Frazier was Ethan Witt, Assistant Vice President, Government and Community Relations, Eastern Kentucky University, who spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, Senator Phillip Wheeler made a motion to pass House Bill 158. Senator Paul Hornback seconded the motion, which passed on a 9-0-0 roll call vote. Senator Johnnie Turner made a motion to place House Bill 158 on the consent calendar. Senator Phillip Wheeler seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Brandon Storm adjourned the meeting at 9:41 A.M.