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Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

10:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by Chairman, Rep. Lemar R. 096.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cassano S. S04; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Kissel J. S07; Lopes R. S06; Martin H. S31; Needleman N. S33; Osten C. S19; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Berger-Girvalo A. 111; Blumenthal M. 147; Carney D. 023; Chafee B. 033; Concepcion J. 004; Conley C. 040; Dauphinais A. 044; Devlin L. 134; Goupil C. 035; Haines I. 034; Harrison C. 069; Labriola D. 131; Lemar R. 096; McCarthy Vahey C. 133; Meskers S. 150; Michel D. 146; Morrin Bello A. 028; O'Dea T. 125; Rebimbas R. 070; Reyes G. 075; Rosario C. 128; Simms T. 140; Smith B. 048; Steinberg J. 136; Thomas S. 143; Zawistowski T. 061; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Lemar R. 096 at 10:13 AM.

Rep. Carney D. 023 expresses optimism over the quality of discussion for the meeting. Sen. Somers agrees.

Rep. McCarthy-Vahey C. 133 motions to take JFS action on HB 5429, "AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, VISION ZERO COUNCIL, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT AND MAINTENANCE WORK ZONE AND SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT." Seconded by Rep. Simms T 140. Discussion is entertained by Chairman Lemar R. 096.

Rep. Carney D. 023 asks for points of clarification on the legislation, Chairman Lemar R. 096 answers.

Rep. Zawistowsky T. 061 expresses concern with potential unintended consequences.

Rep. McCarthy-Vahey C. 133 thanks Chairman Lemar R. 096 for his work towards this legislation. Has question regarding Section 17.

Rep. Zupkus L. 089 expresses concern with the section of the legislation regarding cameras.

Rep. Morrin Bello A. 028 asks question regarding the section of the legislation regarding cameras. Rep. Chafee B. 033 asks similar question.

Rep. Haines I. 034 echoes Rep. McCarthy-Vahey C. 133 and questions legislating "human behavior". Has concerns with the sections of the legislation regarding crosswalks and "dooring".

Rep. Smith B. 048 asks question regarding Section 15.

Sen. Martin H. S31 has questions regarding speed cameras.

Sen. Kissel J. S07 motions to recess meeting at 11:01 to accommodate public hearing. The motion passes.

At 4:24 pm, the meeting resumes and discussion regarding HB 5429 continues.

Rep. Smith B. 048 asks a follow up question regarding Section 15.

The Motion Passes via roll call vote 30-4.

Chairman Lemar R. 096 entertains motion to move to the next item on the agenda, which would vote to JFS SB 261 "AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES." Sen. Cassano S. S04 motions, the motion is seconded by Rep. McCarthy-Vahey C. 133.

Chairman Lemar R. 096 announces amendments made to the legislation.

Rep. Carney D. 023 expresses support for the legislation and asks a clarifying question regarding section 11.

Rep. Smith B. 048 asks a question regarding driver's license replacement.

Rep. Haines I. 034 asks question regarding sections 23 and 24.

The motion passes via roll call vote 34-0.

Chairman Lemar R. 096 entertains motion to move to the next item on the agenda, which would vote to JFS HB 6426 "AAC RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AND METEOROLOGICAL EVALUATION TOWERS." Sen. Cassano S. S04 motions, the motion is seconded by Rep. Carney D. 023.

The motion passes via roll call vote 34-0.

Rep. McCarthy-Vahey C. 133 motions to vote to draft the remaining legislation on the agenda. Seconded by Sen. Cassano S. S04.

The motion passes via voice vote.

Chairman Lemar R. 096 motions to recess the meeting at 4:58 pm and hold votes open until 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Justin Kaiser
Asst. Committee Clerk

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