

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on January 10, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Steve Kearney, Collins Industries

Others attending: See attached list.

Committee overview

For the benefit of new members, Chairman Donovan asked those guests who would be working with the Transportation Committee to introduce themselves and explain their areas of interest. Staff members were also introduced. Members were advised that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration workshop materials are available. A wide range of subjects are covered; i.e., cell phones, teen drivers, seat belts, older drivers, drunk drivers, etc. Please call the Committee Secretary for further information and/or to request copies of the material. Members discussed possible issues to come before the committee. One suggested subject, police chase and resulting deaths, has been considered in Judiciary and penalties have already been increased.. Also, airport problems were brought to the attention of the members..

Introduction of bill(s)

Steve Kearney, on behalf of Collins Industries, requested introduction of a school bus bill, relevant to grades through K-12. It will bring back into conformance the non-conforming school buses designed for more than 10 passengers. Members briefly discussed this issue. Senator Gooch moved to introduce the bill. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2001. Members will meet at 8:30 a.m. by the elevators on the first floor of the Docking Building, and will tour the Department of Motor Vehicles.

