

Petroleum Pipeline Study Committee - Initial Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2016 2:00 p.m.
Gressette Building, Room 105

Members Present: Senators: Brad Hutto, Shane Massey, Tom Young; Representatives: Dennis Moss, William “Bill” Hixon, Russel Ott; C. Dukes Scott (ORS Executive Director); Michael Traynham (DHEC Assistant General Counsel); Public Members: Donald Gardner; W. McLeod Rhodes

Staff Present: Heather Anderson, Emma Dean, Roland Franklin

Meeting:

Senator Hutto called the meeting to order. After each member introduced himself, the question of selecting a chairman was raised.

Sen. Massey nominated Sen. Young as chairman. The members elected Sen. Young as chairman by a voice vote - there was no opposition.

Sen. Young asked the members to consider dates for the committee’s future meetings. The members discussed meeting possibilities. Sen. Hutto recommended the committee meet in November, during which experts on areas listed in Act 304 of 2016 (which created the study committee) could testify as well as provide an opportunity for public testimony. The committee could reconvene in January to consider matters raised in the testimony. Sen. Hutto made a motion to authorize staff to find experts on each area listed in Act 304 to provide testimony at the committee’s next meeting, and that the public be invited to testify at that meeting as well.

Committee members began to raise questions related to petroleum pipelines in SC and about the background of events that led to the introduction and passage of Act 304 and Act 205. Sen. Massey gave an overview of the background. The members also requested information on the following topics at the next meeting: (1) SC current laws on eminent domain; (2) briefing on the recent Colonial pipeline spill in AL; (3) update on the pipeline spill in Belton, SC; (4) the history of petroleum pipelines in SC.

Sen. Hutto made a motion to authorize staff to find experts on each area listed in Act 304 to provide testimony at the committee’s next meeting, including additional information requested during this meeting, and that the public be invited to testify at that meeting. Sen. Massey and Rep. Hixon seconded the motion. The committee, by voice vote, adopted the motion - there was no opposition.

Sen. Hutto made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was then adjourned.