

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1038

Bill as
Introduced

HB 1038 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2275
08/11

HOUSE BILL **1038**

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COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

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Approved: August 03, 2022
Effective Date: August 03, 2022

Amendments

Sen. French, Dist 7
March 18, 2022
2022-1150s
08/10

Amendment to HB 1038

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Transportation

Sen Regina Birdsell, Chair
Sen David Watters, Vice Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member
Sen Ruth Ward, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member

Date: March 23, 2022

HEARINGS

Tuesday

03/29/2022

(Day)

(Date)

Transportation

Legislative Office Building 101

1:00 p.m.

(Name of Committee)

(Place)

(Time)

1:00 p.m.

Presentation on the 10-Year Transportation Plan

2:15 p.m.

HB 1038

naming a bridge in Londonderry in honor of Robert J. Prowse.

2:30 p.m.

HB 1316

directing the director of the state police to develop requirements for eFoil and electric hydrofoil surfboard watercraft.

2:45 p.m.

HB 1562

clarifying the prohibition on using an electronic or telecommunications device while driving.

3:00 p.m.

HB 1109

relative to approval for off highway recreational vehicles use on class IV, class V, and class VI roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 1038

Rep. Woods

Sen. Carson

HB 1316

Rep. Gottling

Rep. Deshaies

HB 1562

Rep. Spillane

Rep. Steven Smith

Rep. Bershtein

Rep. Nunez

Rep. Blasek

Sen. Reagan

HB 1109

Rep. Renzullo

Rep. Gould

Rep. Gottling

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

Regina Birdsell
Chairman

Senate Transportation Committee

Peter O'Neill 271-4151

HB 1038, naming a bridge in Londonderry in honor of Robert J. Prowse.

Hearing Date: March 29, 2022

Time Opened: 2:23 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:30 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Watters, Ricciardi, Ward and Sherman

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill names a bridge in Londonderry in honor of Robert J. Prowse and a bridge in Portsmouth in honor of Staff Sergeant Jesse E. Sherrill.

Sponsors:

Rep. Woods

Sen. Carson

Who supports the bill: Sen. Carson, Sen. French, Rep. Douglas Trottier, Scott Atherion, NHSP; Joe Ebert, NHSP, Brian Ross

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Rep. Gary Woods

- Rep. Woods testified in support of the bill.
- Rep. Woods asked the committee to rename a bridge in Londonderry to honor Robert J. Prowse Bridge.
- This would be a courtesy to the Prowse family to honor a Concord native.
- Derry and Londonderry had no other plans to name the bridge another name.
- Sen. Birdsell said there was an amendment to add on to the bill to name a bridge in Portsmouth.
 - Rep. Woods said that he was aware of the amendment and was fine with the amendment.

Sen. Harold French

- Sen. French proposed an amendment to HB 1038 to rename a bridge in Portsmouth after Staff Sergeant Jesse E. Sherrill.
- The naming of the bridge in Portsmouth would be honoring him.
- Sen. Sherman asked where Staff Sergeant Sherrill was from and Sen. Watters said he was from Barrington.

Joe Ebert, Major with the New Hampshire State Police

- Major Ebert said he knew Staff Sergeant Sherrill for his whole career and thanked Sen. French for the amendment.
- Major Ebert spoke very highly of Sergeant Sherrill and said that had a fantastic relationship with the public.
- Being able to donate a bridge to his memory would be a reminder to his coworkers and to anyone who was visiting New Hampshire.
- Staff Sergeant Sherrill was a person who was an excellent representative of the state.
- Lucky for the opportunities that he had for the job.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 30, 2022

Speakers

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date 03/29/22

Time 2:15 p.m.

Public Hearing on HB 1038

(Naming a bridge in Londonderry in honor of Robert J. Prowse.)

Please check box(es) that apply.

SPEAKING FAVOR OPPOSED

NAME(Please print)

REPRESENTING

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Joseph m. Ebert

NH State Police

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Testimony

HB 1038

Facts and Information Being Submitted for Legislation Consideration in naming the Ash Street Bridge over Interstate 93 in Londonderry "The Robert J. Prowse Bridge"

January 2010: A Monograph entitled "Robert John Prowse-A Monograph" which had been commissioned by the NH Department of Transportation was submitted by the Trans System & URS Corporation. Historians Patrick Harshbarger and Ingrid Wuebber were the writers.

That Monograph is on permanent file with the NH Department of Transportation and I will be quoting (when you see quotation marks) directly from that Monograph.

"Engineer Robert John Prowse (1906-1969), a native of Concord, New Hampshire, was a leading designer of highway bridges for the New Hampshire State Highway Department, the predecessor agency to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. He was active from 1934 to 1969, with interludes to serve during World War Two and to work as a consulting engineer with the firm of Steinman & Robinson during 1956-1957. Prowse gained national recognition with two prize-winning bridges--the 1958 Squamscott River Bridge (Bridge No. 106/100), carrying Route 101 in Exeter, New Hampshire, and the 1961-62 Ash Street Bridge (Bridge No. 140/120) over Interstate 93 in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Both of these showcased the economical and aesthetic advantages of welded steel girders. Prowse was among a number of bridge engineers nationally who advanced welding over riveting as the preferred modern technique for fabrication steel bridge members. His efforts helped to place New Hampshire at the forefront of welded bridge design.

Prowse was a successful and well-respected civil engineer who worked his way up through the ranks of the State Highway Department. After joining the Bridge Division in 1934, he quickly gained the recognition of his superiors who assign him work of progressively greater responsibility and complexity. His earliest opportunities to design important bridges were a result of New Deal programs, including the Works Progress Administration (WPA) program to rebuilt New England's bridges after the Great Flood of 1936. From 1934 to 1961, Prowse personally designed no fewer than 180 New Hampshire highway bridges and was the administrator overseeing the design of more than 400 bridges. Prowse applied his considerable skills in drawing, design and mathematics to a wide range of projects from minor culverts to major bridges. These projects were invariably in support of the broader goal of bringing the state's highways up to higher standards in promotion of safe and efficient travel by motor vehicles. Beginning in 1946, he taught courses in structural design to engineering programs at new England College in Henniker, New Hampshire and at Northeastern University, his alma mater, in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1962 Prowse was promoted to Assistant State Bridge Engineer, and in January 1969 he became State Bridge Engineer. Prowse retired in 1969 and passed away following a brief illness."

In 1973 the winning Ash Street Bridge was dedicated "The Robert J. Prowse Memorial Bridge". When Interstate 93 was widened, it became necessary to remove that bridge. It is hoped that by an Act of the New Hampshire Legislature the new and wider Ash Street Bridge can carry the name of "The Robert J. Prowse Bridge".

This would be in recognition of Prowse's work in "more than fulfilling the State Highway Department's mandate to provide economical, efficient and safe bridges. In taking full advantage of advances in welding technology, he created bridges that were recognized by his peers as among the most beautiful bridges in the United States.

His welded girder bridges, in particular, met the highest aesthetic ideals of the time with designs that emphasized function over ornamentation, lightness over heaviness and economy over excessiveness. These bridges placed New Hampshire at the forefront of the application of welded girder technology, which became the dominant technology for the fabrication of steel bridges members in the latter half of the twentieth century."

Submitted by Joyce Prowse
36 Evengelyn Drive, Bow NH 03304

Voting Sheets

Transportation Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 1038

Hearing date: _____

Executive Session date: _____

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Birdsell, Chair	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐
Sen. Watters, VC	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Ricciardi	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Ward	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Sherman	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Motion of: 1150s OTP/A Vote: 5-0

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Sen. Ward	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Sherman	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Sen. Ward	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Sherman	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Reported out by: Sen. Watters

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred **HB 1038**

AN ACT

naming a bridge in Londonderry in honor of Robert
J. Prowse.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1262s

Senator David Watters
For the Committee

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Peter O'Neill 271-4151

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION

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Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB1038

Docket Abbreviations

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Official Docket of HB1038.:

Date	Body	Description
11/2/2021	H	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Public Works and Highways
1/8/2022	H	Public Hearing: 01/12/2022 09:30 am LOB 201-203
1/27/2022	H	Executive Session: 01/12/2022 01:00 pm LOB 205-207
1/27/2022	H	Executive Session: 01/19/2022 01:00 pm LOB 201-203
1/20/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote ; 17-0)
2/16/2022	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3
3/1/2022	S	Introduced 02/24/2022 and Referred to Transportation; SJ 5
3/23/2022	S	Hearing: 03/29/2022, Room 101, LOB, 02:15 pm; SC 13
3/29/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-1262s , 03/31/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 13A
3/31/2022	S	Committee Amendment #2022-1262s , AA, VV; 03/31/2022; SJ 7
3/31/2022	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-1262s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/31/2022; SJ 7
5/13/2022	H	House Concurs with Senate Amendment (Rep. Graham): MA VV 05/12/2022 HJ 13
6/9/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/26/2022); SJ 13
6/9/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/26/2022
8/9/2022	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 08/03/2022; Chapter 343; eff.08/03/2022 HJ 14

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

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Senate Committee: Transportation

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

☒ Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

☒ Bill version as it came to the committee

☒ All Calendar Notices

☒ Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

☒ Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

☒ Hearing Report

☐ Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # 11505 ___ - amendment # 12625

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

☒ Executive Session Sheet

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Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

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Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

___ Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

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☒ final version

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