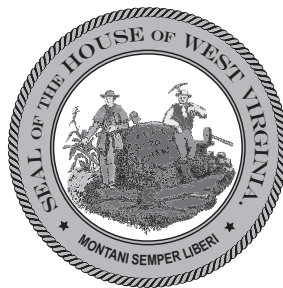


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[MR. SPEAKER, MR. ARMSTEAD, IN THE CHAIR]

Pursuant to H. C. R. 2, adopted on the sixteenth day of June, 2017, the House of Delegates met at 11:00 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable Tim Armstead, Speaker.

Prayer was offered and the House was led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegate Cowles arose to suggest the absence of a quorum, the Clerk opened the machine for the roll to be taken (**Roll No. 681**), and 58 members being present, the Speaker declared the presence of a quorum. The absent being as follows:

Absent: Baldwin, Barrett, Butler, Canestraro, Caputo, Diserio, Ellington, A. Evans, E. Evans, Fast, Fluharty, Folk, N. Foster, Hicks, Higginbotham, Hill, Hornbuckle, Householder, Iaquina, Isner, Lane, Lewis, Longstreth, Lovejoy, Lynch, Marcum, McGeehan, Miley, Moore, Moye, Rodighiero, C. Romine, Rowe, Sponagle, Statler, Storch, Summers, Walters, Westfall, White, Williams and Wilson.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Friday, June 16, 2017, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Committee Reports

Delegate Hanshaw, Chair of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled and, on the 19th day of June, 2017, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

S. B. 1003, Relating generally to WV Parkways Authority,

S. B. 1006, Increasing funding for State Road Fund,

S. B. 1013, Budget Bill,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 113, Relating to the sale of Jackie Withrow Hospital by the DHHR,

And,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 117, Relating to West Virginia Health Care Authority.

Messages from the Executive

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Armstead, presented a communication from His Excellency, the Governor, advising that on June 19, 2017, he approved **S. B. 1014**, **H. B. 111** and **Com. Sub. for H. B. 117**; and on June 22, 2017, he approved **S. B. 1003** and **S. B. 1006**.

The Clerk reported that His Excellency, the Governor had allowed **S. B. 1013**, Budget Bill, to become law without his signature.

The Speaker then laid before the House of Delegates a communication from His Excellency, the Governor, setting forth his disapproval of a bill heretofore passed by both houses, as follows:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CHARLESTON

June 23, 2017

Veto Message

The Honorable Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates
Building 1, Room 228M
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled House Bill 113

Dear Speaker Armstead:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 113. This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to divest ownership of the long-term care facility known as Jackie Withrow Hospital in Raleigh County. While I support the intent of this legislation, I believe that the potential transition of any of our state hospitals to private ownership needs to be part of an overall strategy and comprehensive plan that includes all of the facilities, rather than through a piecemeal approach. With the failure of the companion legislation affecting Hopemont Hospital in Preston County, I am reluctant to single out one hospital at a time.

I have directed the Secretary of DHHR to develop a revised strategic plan over the next six months that evaluates our needs across the entire State. I will ask the Legislature to reconsider certain elements of this plan during the 2018 Regular Session. I want the residents and the staff at these facilities to rest assured that I am dedicated to providing the best care possible and to do so in a manner that is the most efficient and effective for the communities and patients throughout the State that rely on these services.

For the foregoing reasons, I disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 113.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice,
Governor.

Leaves of Absence

At the request of Delegate Cowles, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates Baldwin, Barrett, Butler, Canestraro, Caputo, Diserio, Ellington, A. Evans, E. Evans, Fast, Fluharty, Folk, N. Foster, Hicks, Higginbotham, Hill, Hornbuckle, Householder, Iaquina, Isner, Lane, Lewis, Longstreth, Lovejoy, Lynch, Marcum, McGeehan, Miley, Moore, Moyer,

Rodighiero, C. Romine, Rowe, Sponaugle, Statler, Storch, Summers, Walters, Westfall, White, Williams and Wilson.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion of Delegate Cowles, the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three to notify the Senate that the House of Delegates had completed the business of this First Extraordinary Session of the 83rd Legislature and was ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Whereupon,

The Speaker appointed as members of said committee the following:

Delegates Hamrick, Dean and Hartman.

On motion of Delegate Cowles, the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three on the part of the House of Delegates, to join with a similar committee of the Senate, to inform His Excellency, the Governor, that the Legislature was ready to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee the following:

Delegates Wagner, Sypolt and Thompson.

Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by Senator Maynard announced that the Senate had completed the business of this First Extraordinary Session and was ready to adjourn *sine die*.

There being no further business to come before the House, at 11:27 a.m., on motion of Delegate Cowles, the House of Delegates adjourned *sine die*.

We hereby certify that the forgoing record of the proceedings of the House of Delegates, First Extraordinary Session, 2017, is the Official Journal of the House of Delegates for said session.

Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates

Stephen J. Harrison
Clerk of the House of Delegates

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