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The Senate met at 11:03 a.m.

(Senator Blair, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

Prayer was offered by Ralph Coleman, Senate Assistant Doorkeeper, Big Chimney, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Tom Takubo, a senator from the seventeenth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, March 19, 2021,

At the request of Senator Baldwin, unanimous consent being granted, the Journal was approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

Senator Blair (Mr. President) announced that, under the provisions of Senate Resolution 6 (*Adopting special rule of order relating to proxy voting due to COVID-19 pandemic*) adopted February 22, 2021, Senators Martin and Sypolt had been approved to vote by proxy and that Senator Takubo had been designated to vote on their behalf.

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 469, Permitting and establishing requirements for appearance by video for purpose of notarial acts.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2009, Relating to limitations on the use of wages and agency shop fees by employers and labor organizations for political activities.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2174—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-1-8c, relating to the West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2020; prohibiting the relocation, removal, alteration, renaming, rededication, or other disturbance of any statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, or plaque which is located on public property and has been erected for, or named, or dedicated in honor of certain historical military, civil rights, natural disasters or accidents, and Native American events, figures, and organizations; prohibiting any person from preventing the governmental entity having responsibility for maintaining the items, structures, or areas from taking proper measures to protect, preserve, care for, repair, or restore the items, structures, or areas; and authorizing the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to grant waivers under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2372, Allow pre-candidacy papers to be filed the day after the general election.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2496—A Bill to repeal §11-3-24b and §11-3-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §11-3-15c, §11-3-15f, §11-3-15h, §11-3-15i, §11-3-23, §11-3-23a, §11-3-24, §11-3-24a, §11-3-25a, and §11-3-32 of said code; and to amend and reenact §11-10A-1, §11-10A-7, §11-10A-8, §11-10A-10, and §11-10A-19 of said code, all generally relating to assessments and appellate rights of property owners concerning valuation, classification, and taxability of real estate and personal property taxation; providing that residential property owners may not be required to furnish a formal appraisal to establish the value of their primary residence; providing that an assessor's review is to be an informal process and defining the standard of proof which a taxpayer must meet to be no greater than a preponderance of the evidence; expanding the jurisdiction of the Office of Tax Appeals to include property tax valuation, classification, and taxability; providing that if an assessor rejects a petition, the petitioner may appeal to the county Board of Equalization and Review or the Office of Tax Appeals; allowing for certain appeals from decisions of the Tax Commissioner and Board of Equalization and Review to the Office of Tax Appeals; repealing and eliminating the Board of Assessment Appeals; providing for an increase in the number of administrative law judges and staff attorneys within the Office of Tax Appeals; providing for an effective date; and making technical changes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2499—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6F-2 and §11-13S-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13KK-1, §11-13KK-2, §11-13KK-3, §11-13KK-4, §11-13KK-5, §11-13KK-6, §11-13KK-7, §11-13KK-8, §11-13KK-9, §11-13KK-10, §11-13KK-11, §11-13KK-12, §11-13KK-13, §11-13KK-14, §11-13KK-15, §11-13KK-16, §11-13KK-17, and adding thereto a new section designated §11-15-9t, all relating generally to taxation for the manufacturing, sale, and use of certain defined products to encourage economic growth; amending the definition of qualified capital addition to a manufacturing facility for purposes of special method for appraising qualified capital additions for property tax purposes; amending the formula for calculating the manufacturing investment tax credit amount allowed for manufacturing investment to include small arms ammunition manufacturing and small arms, ordinance and ordinance accessories manufacturing; increasing the amount of such allowable credit for said industries; creating the West Virginia Tax Credit For Federal Excise Tax Imposed Upon Small Arms And Ammunition Manufacturers; providing for administration and enforcement of the tax credit; making legislative findings; stating legislative purpose; defining terms; specifying an amount of credit allowable based upon the amount of federal excise tax paid, providing limitations based upon qualified investment amount; providing conditions for qualification and use; defining in service or use; providing for the application of the credit to the corporate net income tax and the personal income tax, as appropriate; providing for methods of calculation of the qualified investment; providing for carry over and forfeiture of unused tax credits; providing limitations for credits being carried over; allowing transfer of qualified investment property without forfeiture under certain circumstances; requiring identification of qualified investment property and record keeping; providing civil and criminal penalties for failure to keep required records; providing for interpretation and construction; requiring timely filing of application for credit; specifying burden of proof; requiring periodic tax credit review and accountability reports; authorizing rulemaking; making credit subject to West Virginia Tax Procedure and Administration Act and West Virginia Tax Crimes and Penalties Act; providing for severability; and exempting sales of certain defined small arms and small arms ammunition from state sales and use taxes and providing effective dates, and removing obsolete code concerning the business franchise tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2616, Amend the reporting to the Governor and the Legislature to have information continuously available on the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification's website.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2633—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-1-2, §19-1-3a, and §19-1-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §19-1C-2, §19-1C-3, and §19-1C-4 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-1C-7; to amend and reenact §19-9A-2 of said code; to amend and reenact §19-12A-5 of said code; to amend and reenact §19-14-1, §19-14-2, §19-14-3, §19-14-5, §19-14-6, §19-14-7, §19-14-8, §19-14-9, §19-14-10, §19-14-11, §19-14-12, and §19-14-14 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-14-16; to amend and reenact §19-21A-1, §19-21A-3, §19-21A-4, and §19-21A-8 of said code; to amend and reenact §19-25-1, §19-25-2, and §19-25-5 of said code; to amend and reenact §19-31-1 of said code; to amend and reenact

§19-35-1, §19-35-2, §19-35-3, §19-35-4, §19-35-5, and §19-35-6 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §19-35-3a and §19-35-3b; to amend and reenact §19-37-2 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-38-1, §19-38-2, §19-38-3, §19-38-4, and §19-38-5, all relating to the 2021 Farm Bill; eliminating the requirement that the commissioner must be a farmer; eliminating requirement that certain duties of the department rest in a particular division; classifying materials received by the department in furtherance of its economic development duties and for the purpose of furnishing assistance to a new or existing business as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; clarifying role of department in economic development; clarifying that raw milk can be sold for purposes other than human consumption; defining terms related to the care of livestock; providing that commissioner of agriculture appoint members of Livestock Care Standards Board; directing commissioner to select members for board; modifying membership of board; granting commissioner authority to promulgate certain legislative rules in consultation with board; classifying complaints and related communications regarding inhumane treatment of livestock as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; directing board to review proposed rules on livestock care standards and provide recommendation to legislative rule-making review committee; directing commissioner of agriculture to administer and enforce established standards; defining scope of said administration and enforcement authority; authorizing commissioner to provide opinions to law-enforcement officers about application of livestock care standards; directing law-enforcement officers to notify commissioner of certain complaints and investigations; authorizing law-enforcement officers to seek advice of commissioner concerning application of livestock care standards; requiring commissioner to notify law-enforcement officers of changes made during 2021 Regular Legislative session; eliminating fee for permit to feed untreated garbage to swine; removing outdated language regarding procedures for leasing of farmland; authorizing the cancellation of certain leases; amending name of West Virginia Commercial Feed Law; defining and amending terms related to commercial feed; modifying powers and duties of commissioner; eliminating requirement to publish annual composite report; eliminating specific fee amounts in statute; modifying application deadlines, timelines and permit expiration dates; setting forth requirements for individuals to possess Commercial Feed Manufacturing Permit, Commercial Feed Distributor Permit, and Commercial Feed Guarantor Permit; eliminating requirement to register commercial feed products; establishing registration requirements for pet food and specialty pet food; requiring new application for registration in certain circumstances; identifying situations in which commissioner may refuse to grant, suspend, or revoke permits or registrations; providing opportunities and procedures for applicants, permittees or registrants to amend application and appeal adverse determinations; providing for review of commissioner's decisions; establishing labeling requirements; modifying requirements for tonnage reports and inspection fees; authorizing commissioner to inspect certain tonnage records; defining adulteration of commercial feed or feed ingredients; defining misbranding of commercial feed; make technical modifications; defining additional prohibited acts; establishing requirements for distribution of raw milk as commercial feed; authorizing establishment of analytical variation regulations; authorizing penalties for excessive deviations; providing for penalties to be returned to purchasers where possible; authorizing late payment penalties; expanding scope of authority for West Virginia Conservation Agency and State Conservation Committee to address water quality issues; modifying legislative determinations; defining terms related to conservation; expanding duties and powers of State Conservation Committee; eliminating outdated language; expanding scope of authority for conservation districts; limiting liability of landowner who invites or permits persons to enter for agricultural purposes; defining agricultural purposes; clarifying ownership of Guthrie Center; stating legislative findings and purpose related to farmers markets and cottage foods; defining terms related to farmers markets and cottage foods; eliminating certain definitions; establishing requirements for farmers market registration; providing that registration be

conspicuously displayed; clarifying that certain farmers markets are not required to obtain food establishment permit; providing for department to establish sampling regulations; authorizing penalties against non-compliant farmers markets; requiring farmers market vendors to obtain vendor permit from department; providing that farmers market vendor permit is valid in all counties; establishing requirements for farmers market vendor permits; clarifying that farmers market vendors are not required to obtain food establishment permit; exempting certain vendors from obtaining vendor permit; directing department to establish conditions and procedures for issuance of vendor permits; authorizing inspections and additional license or certifications as condition of issuing vendor permits; requiring vendor permits be displayed in a conspicuous manner; authorizing penalties against non-compliant farmers market vendors; clarifying role of local health departments in farmers markets; prohibiting local health department from requiring food establishment permits for farmers markets or vendors except for consignment farmers markets; authorizing certain actions by local health departments at farmers markets; requiring all actions by local health departments at farmers markets to be done in consultation with department of agriculture; directing department to promulgate rules; eliminating certain requirements for promulgation of legislative rules; establishing requirements for regulation of potentially hazardous foods; requiring vendors of potentially hazardous foods to obtain vendor permit; directing department to establish requirements for obtaining vendor permits; eliminating certain labeling requirements; establishing requirements for sale of nonpotentially hazardous foods; expanding permissible kitchens for nonpotentially hazardous foods; expanding West Virginia Fresh Food Act to include milk and other dairy products, expanding West Virginia Fresh Food Act to include other foods grown, produced, or processed by in-state producers; directing commissioner to establish criteria for food or food products to satisfy in-state requirement; directing commissioner to establish criteria for determining when exception or exemption should be granted to state institutions; requiring contracting entity to ensure that all contracts related to the purchase of food include provisions to ensure compliance with Fresh Food Act; establishing Agriculture Investment Program; setting forth legislative findings and purpose; defining terms related to the Agriculture Investment Fund; establishing fund in State Treasury; defining source of funds and permissible expenditures from fund; authorizing West Virginia Agriculture Investment Program; providing for program administration; authorizing either grants or loans from the fund; establishing certain criteria for awarding grants or loans; authorizing commissioner to establish committee to assist in program administration; and directing commissioner to propose legislative rules for program.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect July 1, 2021, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2682, Relating to the issuance of license suspensions to insurance producers and insurance adjusters who have failed to meet continuing education requirements.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2742—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to transact a change of address online for a driver's license or identification card.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2777—A Bill to repeal §8-13-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the repeal of the municipal amusement tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2782—A Bill to repeal §8-13-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to domestic animal tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2808—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the definition of minerals as to eliminate salt produced for human consumption from being subject to severance taxation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2823—A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-11-3 and §15A-11-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting buildings or structures utilized primarily for agricultural purposes from the provisions of the State Building Code and State Fire Code; exempting buildings or structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes from any county or municipal building code or ordinance that is adopted or may be adopted; defining the term “agricultural purposes”; requiring any county or municipality that adopts a property maintenance code or ordinance to exempt all property used primarily for agricultural purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 2914—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Archives and History Commission; removing ex officio voting members; and update formatting.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 3130—A Bill to amend §24A-2-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting the Public Service Commission from promulgating rules or

regulations requiring wrecker companies to permit the registered owner of a towed vehicle to access the vehicle without a fee to retrieve his or her personal property; to restricting the Public Service Commission from promulgating rules requiring wrecker companies to destroy abandoned vehicles in lieu of selling such vehicles; eliminating the sunset provisions for rules promulgated concerning towing rates; to eliminating the provision relating to review of those rules by the legislative auditor; and other technical corrections.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

At the request of Senator Plymale, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Maynard, from 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 22nd day of March, 2021, 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:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 295), Relating generally to economic development loans and loan insurance issued by state.

And,

(S. B. 404), Modifying well work permits issued by DEP Office of Oil and Gas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Dean Jeffries,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Bill 483, Allowing oaths be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 483 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §44-1-1, §44-1-3, and §44-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §44-1-31, all relating to allowing an oath to be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths under the laws of this state or any other state and allowing a bond to be executed before any person authorized to administer oaths under the law of this state or any other state.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2007, Provide for occupational licenses or other authorization to practice by recognition for qualified applicants from other states.

And has amended same.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

The bill, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment from the Committee on Government Organization pending.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2400, Authorizing the Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules.

And has amended same.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the following bills were considered introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 680—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing the State Superintendent of Schools to define classroom teachers certified in special education.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Martin:

Senate Bill 681—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §22-32-1, §22-32-2, §22-32-3, §22-32-4, and §22-32-5, all relating generally to creating the Natural Resources Anti-Commandeering Act; stating legislative findings; prohibiting agencies of this state and political subdivisions or employees thereof from knowingly and willingly participating in the enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation relating to coal, oil, gas, timber, or other extractive resources which do not exist under the laws of this state; prohibiting assets or funds of the state from being used in activity assisting enforcement of any federal act, law, order, rule, or regulation relating to coal, oil, gas, timber, or other extractive resources which do not exist under the laws of this state; providing penalties therefore; and providing for severability.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Blair (Mr. President) and Baldwin (By Request of the Executive):

Senate Bill 682—A Bill supplementing and amending Chapter 11, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 2020, known as the Budget Bill, in Title II from the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Commerce, West Virginia Development Office, fund 0256, fiscal year 2021, organization 0307; the Department of Education, State Board of Education – State Department of Education, fund 0313, fiscal year 2021, organization 0402, and the Bureau of Senior Services, Bureau of Senior Services, fund 0420, fiscal year 2021, organization 0508; and to Executive, Governor's Office – Civil Contingent Fund, fund 0105, fiscal year 2021, organization 0100, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Woodrum:

Senate Bill 683—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14-17c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying the amount of deputy sheriff's annual salary increase.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Woodrum:

Senate Bill 684—A Bill to amend and reenact §10-1-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Library Commission; adding the Curator of the West Virginia Division of Arts, Culture, and History as an ex officio voting member; and updating other language.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Woodrum:

Senate Bill 685—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-1-8c, relating to the West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2021; prohibiting the removal, renaming, alteration, or relocation of any statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, plaque, school, street, bridge, building, park, preserve, or reserve recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and which is located on public property and has been erected for, or named or dedicated in honor of, certain historical, military, labor, civil rights, and Native-American events, figures, and organizations; prohibiting any person from preventing the governmental entity having responsibility for maintaining the items,

structures, or areas from taking proper measures to protect, preserve, care for, repair, or restore the items, structures, or areas recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office; authorizing the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to grant waivers under certain circumstances; and establishing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Blair (Mr. President) and Baldwin (By Request of the Executive):

Senate Bill 686—A Bill supplementing and amending appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury in the State Fund, General Revenue, by decreasing and increasing existing items of appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Human Services, fund 0403, fiscal year 2021, organization 0511, and increasing existing items of appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2021, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Takubo:

Senate Bill 687—A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7B-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the prerequisites for filing suit against a health care provider under the Medical Professional Liability Act; modifying the time frame for providing a statement of intent to provide a screening certificate of merit; updating the tolling of the statute of limitations applicable to a cause of action against a nursing home, assisted living facility, or their related entities or employees; and clarifying that a health care provider who executes a screening certificate of merit shall be subject to deposition upon request.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Ihlenfeld:

Senate Bill 688—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §62-12-26a, relating to mandating extended supervision for defendants convicted of stalking and related felonious acts; establishing the start date of such extended supervision; providing monitoring procedure; providing for modifications or revocations of extended supervision; providing for violations during extended supervision; and providing for delayed extended supervision.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Plymale:

Senate Bill 689—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-25d, relating to permitting graduate athletes to participate in interscholastic athletic events during the 2021-2022 school year; providing legislative findings; defining “graduate athlete”; mandating the West Virginia State Board of Education waive certain eligibility requirements; limiting scope of athlete’s participation; and permitting continued participation while attending an institution of higher learning.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Romano:

Senate Bill 690—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §3-9-25, relating to requiring all eligible voters to perform their civic duty of voting in all general elections; relating to authorizing and requiring the Secretary of

State to promulgate related emergency and legislative rules; relating to requiring the Secretary of State to notify all eligible voters of their failure to vote in a general election and request any proposed excuses or exemptions related to this failure; relating to the Secretary of State to review any excuses or exemptions; and relating to imposing civil penalties for any failure of an eligible voter to vote in a general election.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Takubo:

Senate Bill 691—A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7B-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the prerequisites for filing suit against a health care provider under the Medical Professional Liability Act; modifying the time frame for providing a statement of intent to provide a screening certificate of merit; updating the tolling of the statute of limitations applicable to a cause of action against a nursing home, assisted living facility, or their related entities or employees; and clarifying that a health care provider who executes a screening certificate of merit may be subject to deposition upon request.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Takubo:

Senate Bill 692—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-11-2, §5-11-3, §5-11-4, §5-11-8, §5-11-9, and §5-11-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §5-11A-3, §5-11A-5, §5-11A-6, and §5-11A-7 of said code, all relating to unlawful discriminatory practices in categories covered by the Human Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act; prohibiting discrimination based upon age and sexual orientation, or gender identity; and defining “sexual orientation” and “gender identity”.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Blair (Mr. President) and Baldwin (By Request of the Executive):

Senate Bill 693—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating meaning of federal adjusted gross income and certain other terms used in West Virginia Personal Income Tax Act; and specifying effective dates.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stollings:

Senate Bill 694—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7g of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §33-59-1 of said code, all relating generally to required health insurance coverage for diabetics; providing cost sharing in prescription drugs used for diabetes; defining terms; requiring insurance coverage for prescription insulin drugs; and providing for coverage pursuant to the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 695—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-6-4a and §8-6-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §8-7-2 of said code, all relating to counties and municipalities; and providing procedures for decreasing corporate limits or increasing corporate limits by annexation and annexation by minor boundary adjustments.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Hamilton:

Senate Bill 696—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-8-103 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §48-14-107 of said code; to amend and reenact §48-18-105, §48-18-117, §48-18-118, §48-18-118a, §48-18-121, §48-18-124, §48-18-201, §48-18-202, §48-18-203, §48-18-204, §48-18-205, and §48-18-206 of said code; and to amend and reenact §61-5-29 of said code, all relating to spousal support enforcement; providing that parties may apply to Bureau for Child Support enforcement to collect spousal support payments; requiring the court to direct that spousal support payments be directly paid to the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement upon application of party; authorizing the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement to collect spousal support from federal and state taxes; authorizing Bureau for Child Support Enforcement to obtain information from financial institution regarding spousal support obligations; allowing Bureau for Child Support Enforcement to assist parties in obtaining spousal support; allowing Bureau for Child Support Enforcement to bring action before the court to obtain modification to support order; providing process within family court for the presentation of a proposal to modify spousal support; and creating criminal penalties for the failure to pay spousal support.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Grady:

Senate Bill 697—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing a Civil Air Patrol license plate option through the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Senator Clements:

Senate Bill 698—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-14C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the motor fuel excise tax; creating an annual adjustment to the motor fuel excise tax; and providing for a mechanism for calculating the adjustment.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 699—A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to use of force, including deadly force, in defense of self, real, and personal property; providing immunity from civil and/or criminal prosecution against persons lawfully using force in defensive actions; when there is no duty to retreat; and providing for the receipt of court costs, fees, and expenses for persons acting to protect self, real, and personal property, another person or in other defined situations.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 700—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-1-8c, relating to the West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2021; prohibiting the removal, renaming, alteration, or relocation of any statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, plaque, school, street, bridge, building, park, preserve, or reserve recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and which is located

on public property and has been erected for, or named or dedicated in honor of, certain historical, military, labor, civil rights, and Native-American events, figures, and organizations; prohibiting any person from preventing the governmental entity having responsibility for maintaining the items, structures, or areas from taking proper measures to protect, preserve, care for, repair, or restore the items, structures, or areas recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office; and authorizing the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to grant waivers under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Caputo:

Senate Bill 701—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-5A-1, §21-5A-2, §21-5A-3, §21-5A-4, §21-5A-5, §21-5A-6, §21-5A-7, §21-5A-8, and §21-5A-9, all relating to reestablishing prevailing wages for certain state government contracts; declaring policy; defining terms; requiring contractors to ascertain rates and to include rates in contract specifications; requiring annual determinations of prevailing wage rates; establishing procedures to file objections to prevailing wage rate determinations; providing for hearings, judicial review, and appeal; requiring mandatory provisions in contracts and subcontracts; providing for posting of rates and recordkeeping; establishing criminal penalties for violations of the act; and limiting the scope of the law to post-enactment contracts.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; then to the Committee on Finance; and then to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 702—A Bill to repeal §27-6A-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §27-5-3, §27-5-4, and §27-5-10 of said code; to amend and reenact §27-6A-1, §27-6A-2, §27-6A-3, §27-6A-4, §27-6A-5, §27-6A-6, §27-6A-8, and §27-6A-10 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §27-6A-13, all relating to involuntary hospitalization and competency and criminal responsibility of persons charged with or convicted of a crime; modifying the time for the completion of proceedings; requiring applicants to disclose contact information of persons to receive notice of involuntary commitment proceedings; providing transportation of individuals who are ordered for involuntary hospitalization to a diversion facility; updating outdated language in the code; creating criteria for competency restoration treatment; establishing maximum time periods for competency restoration treatment of persons charged with crimes involving nonviolent misdemeanors, nonviolent felonies, and violent misdemeanors and violent felonies; establishing standards for judicial oversight and management regarding the detention and conditional release of persons found not guilty by reason of a mental illness; repealing section requiring reporting; establishing the Dangerousness Assessment Review Board; establishing internal effective dates; authorizing the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources to propose legislative rules to implement the provisions of these articles; and making technical amendments.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 703—A Bill to amend and reenact §31D-1-131 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Secretary of State; and requiring the establishment of searchable databases for West Virginia registered corporation and sole proprietorship information.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 704—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-3a, relating to providing an exemption from payment of personal income taxes for certain individuals; declaring pilot project; specifying the limits of the exemption; specifying applicable tax years; and authorizing the Tax Commissioner to require appropriate documentation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Plymale:

Senate Bill 705—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-22A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §5-22B-1, §5-22B-2, §5-22B-3, §5-22B-4, §5-22B-5, §5-22B-6, and §5-22B-7; and to amend and reenact §31G-1-4 of said code, all relating to creating the Multi-Phase Procurement for Broadband Projects Act for public-private partnership broadband projects; and providing that the Design Build Board and the Broadband Enhancement Council shall administer duties of the Multi-Phase Procurement for Broadband Projects Act.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Woelfel:

Senate Bill 706—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-2 and §5-10-52 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the manner of computing retirement benefits for certain members of the Legislature under the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement Act; and requiring that the final average salary for members of the Legislature taking office after June 30, 2021, and thereafter participating in the retirement system as a member of the Legislature, be the average of the member's annual rate of compensation during his or her total years of credited service.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 707—A Bill to amend and reenact §22C-4-8 and §22C-4-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to requiring county or regional solid waste authorities to provide a roll-off dumpster for residents to use, free of charge, for litter and solid waste disposal according to any litter or solid waste control plan.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 708—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-19-1, §20-19-2, and §20-19-3, all relating to the County Cleanup Committee; stating legislative findings; establishing the committee within the Division of Natural Resources; and establishing the County Cleanup Committee Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 709—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-5N-1, §20-5N-2, §20-5N-3, §20-5N-4, §20-5N-5, §20-5N-6,

§20-5N-7, §20-5N-8, §20-5N-9, §20-5N-10, §20-5N-11, §20-5N-12, §20-5N-13, §20-5N-14, §20-5N-15, and §20-5N-16, all relating to establishing an Adventure Travel Recreation Program within the Division of Natural Resources; making legislative findings and declaring legislative intent; defining terms; establishing an Adventure Travel Recreation Commission and specifying the composition and duties thereof; establishing the Office of Adventure Travel Recreation and defining the duties and responsibilities thereof; establishing conservation priorities of the office; providing for distribution of program information; authorizing contracts for goods and services to carry out responsibilities of the office; restricting the use of eminent domain; providing immunity and protection from liability for property holders or owners; requiring opportunity for public comment and for use for best available science; authorizing the creation of state vehicular recreation areas and providing for protection of sensitive areas; authorizing the designation and development of a West Virginia Statewide Motorized Trail; providing for a program of grants and cooperative agreements; apportioning funds; establishing criteria for various functions; detailing special, mandatory preconditions for grant and project applications; establishing an Adventure Travel Recreation Fund; and specifying an apportionment and allowable uses of moneys in the fund.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Ihlenfeld offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the benefits of a deferred retirement option program (DROP) for the West Virginia State Police; determine the most appropriate and fair method of implementing this program; consider any potential unintended consequences of this program; and determine how this program should be used to keep our best and most experienced law-enforcement officers in positions to mentor, train, protect, and serve the citizens of West Virginia.

Whereas, The West Virginia State Police has served the State of West Virginia with distinction for over 100 years; and

Whereas, The law-enforcement officers of the West Virginia State Police are some of our most experienced, highly trained, and well-respected law-enforcement officers in the State of West Virginia; and

Whereas, The West Virginia State Police serve, defend, and protect the citizens of the State of West Virginia throughout every region, county, and city of this state; and

Whereas, The West Virginia State Police is currently having difficulty replacing retired law-enforcement officers and maintaining its full strength to fulfill its mission to this state; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the benefits of a deferred retirement option program (DROP) for the West Virginia State Police; determine the most appropriate and fair method of implementing this program; consider any potential unintended consequences of this program; and determine how this program should be used to keep our best and most experienced law-enforcement officers in positions to mentor, train, protect, and serve the citizens of West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the causes leading to the retirement of our West Virginia State Police law-enforcement officers, especially those who are electing early retirement; determine the most appropriate method to encourage and compensate these experienced law-enforcement officers to remain in service to West Virginia; ensure that the West Virginia State Police is retaining our best law-enforcement officers and permitting fair advancement opportunities to those officers; and determine the best method of ensuring the accumulated knowledge and skill of our more experienced law-enforcement officers prepares our younger officers; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance enlist the assistance of all ranks, organizations, groups, and departments of the West Virginia State Police as is necessary to conduct the study; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2022, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a report, and to draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 41—Requesting the Joint committee on Government and Finance study the legal process for the collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes and lands.

Whereas, The existing process for collecting and enforcing delinquent taxes set forth in chapter 11A of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, is complicated and results in a lengthy system of placing delinquent lands on the books for counties and the state; and

Whereas, Many properties sit idle, creating public health and safety hazards, which burden then falls to the counties and cities to remedy pursuant to the State Building Code and/or unsafe building commissions for the local governments; and

Whereas, The usability and development of these properties are further encumbered by the mounting fees, penalties, and interest incurred by the existing taxation collection process which makes them financially undesirable; and

Whereas, There is a desire of the Legislature to expedite and streamline the process of collection to benefit the revenues of the local governments, while simultaneously addressing the public health hazards of dilapidated properties and increasing the marketability of these delinquent lands; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the legal process for the collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes and lands; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the existing statutory process concerning: (1) The efficacy of collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes and lands; (2) the interplay of the collection and enforcement systems on the land use and potential economic development capabilities; (3) the burdens placed on local governments by the existing processes for addressing unsafe and dilapidated properties; and (4) the feasibility of streamlining these processes to address the concerns of the Legislature and the local governments of this state; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee and Government and Finance shall seek the input and advice to conduct the study from the: (1) State Auditor; (2) Secretary of Commerce; (3) Secretary of Economic Development; (4) State Fire Marshal; (5) West Virginia Association of Counties; (6) West Virginia Municipal League; and (7) West Virginia University College of Law - Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2022, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a report, and to draft any necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Weld offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 42—Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number 35-43-0.01 (35A054), 40.04402, -80.55134, locally known as Middle Creek School Bridge, carrying CR 43 over Middle Wheeling Creek in Ohio County, the “Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Marvin Layton Hughes was born on October 12, 1924, in Dallas, Marshall County, West Virginia; and

Whereas, Marvin Layton Hughes took a job at the railroad during World War II to do his part getting coal to the steel mills for the war effort. He later worked for years as a security guard at the Division of Highways in Triadelphia, West Virginia; and

Whereas, Mr. Hughes was known in Dallas, West Virginia as the “unofficial mayor” and served as a member of the Dallas Volunteer Fire Department for 44 years prior to his death on July 27, 1998; and

Whereas, Mr. Hughes loved serving his community and walked the roads picking up trash in no official capacity just to better serve his community; and

Whereas, He raised two daughters who followed his example of community service and are part of the Dallas Volunteer Fire Department; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate Marvin Layton Hughes and his contributions to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 35-43-0.01 (35A054), locally known as Middle Creek School Bridge, carrying CR 43 over Middle Wheeling Creek in Ohio County, the “Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Stover offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 43—Requesting the Division of Highways name the bridge at coordinates 37.501667, -81.336111, carrying WV 10 over Noseman Branch in Wyoming County, the “U. S. Army PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Joseph Stanley McKinney was born July 20, 1947, in Herndon, West Virginia; and

Whereas, Joseph Stanley McKinney graduated from Herndon High School in 1966; and

Whereas, PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney entered the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War as a member of the 4th Infantry, Division 12th Infantry, 3rd Battalion; and

Whereas, PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney was killed in action on January 23, 1968, in the Kontum Province of Vietnam during the Tet Offensive; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate U.S. Army PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney and his ultimate sacrifice to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name the bridge at coordinates 37.501667, -81.336111, carrying WV 10 over Noseman Branch in Wyoming County, the “U. S. Army PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “U. S. Army PFC Joseph Stanley McKinney Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Romano and Martin offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 44—Requesting that the Division of Highways name bridge number 17A332 (17-098/00-003.27), locally known as the Veterans’ Park Bridge, carrying State Route 98 over the West Fork River in Harrison County, the “Harrison County Veterans Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Naming this bridge in honor of all the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces from Harrison County is a fitting and enduring memorial to commemorate their service to the Nation; and

Whereas, Harrison County citizens have long been known as the first to fight for their country, and Harrison County was the centerpiece of West Virginias’ efforts to fight the Axis Powers during WWII with seeing more than one million recruits on their way to defend their country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 17A33 (17-098/00-003.27), locally known as the Veterans’ Park Bridge, carrying County U.S. Route 19 over the West Fork River in Harrison County, the “Harrison County Veterans Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “Harrison County Veterans Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Roberts offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 45—Requesting the Department of Veterans’ Assistance to name the new veterans’ nursing home, to be built in Beckley, the “Dennis E. Davis Veterans Nursing Home.”

Whereas, Dennis Davis began his association with the United States military in 1959 when he entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at West Virginia State University; and

Whereas, Dennis Davis served stints with the U.S. Army at Fort Knox in Kentucky and Fort Sill in Oklahoma In 1965, he graduated from the Army’s Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and received an honorable discharge in 1970; and

Whereas, In 1968, Dennis Davis received a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of education from West Virginia State University and subsequently began a career with the Kanawha County schools as a teacher, counselor, and administrator. In 1970, he received a Master of Science degree from Marshall University; and

Whereas, Dennis Davis ultimately took on the role of Assistant Superintendent of Kanawha County Schools for Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education; and

Whereas, In 1996, Governor Cecil Underwood appointed Dennis Davis as Executive Director of Workforce Development for West Virginia, in which position he served for four years; and

Whereas, Dennis Davis briefly returned to Kanawha County schools in 2013 as a member of the Kanawha County Board of Education, serving out the unexpired term of a previous member; and

Whereas, Governor Jim Justice appointed Dennis Davis, in January 2017, as Cabinet Secretary for the West Virginia Department of Veterans' Assistance. He was responsible for the administration of claims for assistance across the state, plus the WV Veterans Nursing Facility, the West Virginia Veterans Home, and the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, where he was also a member of the honor guard; and

Whereas, Dennis Davis passed away on January 18, 2021, at his home in Institute, West Virginia, in the presence of his loving wife and son. Dennis Davis was subsequently interred in the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate the achievements and contributions of Dennis Davis to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Department of Veterans' Assistance name the new veterans' nursing home, to be built in Beckley, the "Dennis E. Davis Veterans Care Home"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Veterans' Assistance is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the facility as the "Dennis E. Davis Veterans Nursing Home"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Sybolt offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 16-020/01-000.18 (16A044), locally known as Stanley See Bridge, carrying CR 20/1 over Lost River in Hardy County, the "Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge".

Whereas, Stanley W. See, a native of Hardy County, West Virginia, was born on April 18, 1919, and died on June 24, 1986; and

Whereas, Evelyn C. See, his wife, was born on June 8, 1920, and died February 15, 2014; and

Whereas, In 1953, Mr. Stanley W. See and Mrs. Evelyn C. See, honorably served the Hardy County community in the development of a telephone service known as the Hardy County Phone Company, now known as Hardy Communications; and

Whereas, Mr. Stanley W. See and Mrs. Evelyn C. See were compassionate people, devoted to the development and operation of an Exxon Service Station in the Mathias area, and were instrumental in the promotion of automobile travel between Baker, West Virginia, and Harrisonburg, Virginia; and

Whereas, Stanley W. See was a highly respected role model in the community, which included being an active member of the Mathias Volunteer Fire Company; and

Whereas, Evelyn C. See was also a well-known and highly respectable member of the community, and her contributions to the community included teaching life skills to young girls; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate Mr. Stanley W. See and Mrs. Evelyn C. See and their contributions to our state; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 16-020/01-000.18 (16A044), locally known as Stanley See Bridge, carrying CR 20/1 over Lost River in Hardy County, the "Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the "Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Maynard offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 50-052/00-030.52 (50A087), locally known as Nursery Gap Bridge, carrying US 52 over Mill Creek in Wayne County, the "U.S. Navy HM3 Roy Elmer 'Doody' Moon Bridge".

Whereas, Roy Elmer Moon was born on July 2, 1945, in Cove Gap, Wayne County, the son of Jim and Sylvia Moon; and

Whereas, Roy Elmer Moon attended Wayne High School, where he played football and from which he was graduated in 1963; and

Whereas, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon entered the U.S. Navy, became a medic, and was sent to Vietnam where he was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit; and

Whereas, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon, for his courage, bravery, and dedication to duty during an action in Vietnam, was awarded the Bronze Star. Marines and sailors with whom he served have stated about HM3 Roy Elmer "Doody" Moon that he was everything from "the bravest man I know" to "he never thought of his own safety, the injured came first". All who attended a unit reunion had praise for HM3 Roy Elmer Moon. Some said they would not be alive today if it had not been for him. The platoon leader stated that he worried that the new medic would not be as capable to do

the job of their former medic, but that “Doody” more than filled the shoes left by the former medic; and

Whereas, After receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy on August 8, 1971, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon returned to civilian life in Wayne County and served his community; and

Whereas, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon married Nancy Moon and they had one son, Christopher Moon; and

Whereas, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon worked for many years at Ashland Oil (now Marathon Oil) from where he is now retired; and

Whereas, HM3 Roy Elmer Moon has contributed to the Wayne County community, including serving as a member and as past chairman of the Board of the Wayne County Solid Waste Authority; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to recognize U.S. Navy HM3 Roy Elmer Moon and his contributions to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 50-052/00-030.52 (50A087), locally known as Nursery Gap Bridge, carrying US 52 over Mill Creek in Wayne County, the “U.S. Navy HM3 Roy Elmer ‘Doody’ Moon Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “U.S. Navy HM3 Roy Elmer ‘Doody’ Moon Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Baldwin offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 48—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 10-061/00-027.81 (10A161), locally known as Armstrong Creek Bridge, carrying West Virginia Route 61 over Armstrong Creek in Fayette County, the “U. S. Army PFC Billy Keith Ford Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Billy Keith Ford was born on September 28, 1945, in Boomer, West Virginia, to Henry and Juanita Kilburn Ford, into a family of four boys and five girls; and

Whereas, As a boy, Billy spent his time helping in local gardens near the family home and when they were not in the gardens, the family enjoyed camping in West Virginia state parks; and

Whereas, Billy Keith Ford entered the U.S. Army in 1967, and was deployed to Vietnam on December 23, 1967, at the rank of Private First Class; and

Whereas, PFC Billy Keith Ford was originally assigned to the Fifth Battalion, Seventh Cavalry as a new battalion of the First Air Cavalry in 1966, and as part of this battalion he was stationed

in Thua Thien Province, an area of exceptionally heavy fighting during that time, with more U.S. casualties than in any other province of Vietnam; and

Whereas, PFC Billy Keith Ford and his unit participated in a massive offensive, Operation Pegasus, in April 1968, liberating ground troops who had been under siege for 78 days and seizing tons of enemy supplies and equipment; and

Whereas, PFC Billy Keith Ford and the "5/7 Cav" later interdicted enemy movements to the south and held a dominant position in the A Chau Valley, hindering the enemy's efforts at retreat and reinforcement; and

Whereas, PFC Billy Keith Ford's company came under fire on April 28, 1968, and he was killed in the engagement; and

Whereas, During his time in service, PFC Billy Keith Ford received the Army Combat Infantryman Badge, Marksmanship Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Purple Heart medal; and

Whereas, PFC Billy Keith Ford's funeral service was held in the Mount Carbon Community Church on Sunday, May 12, 1968, and he was laid to rest in the Montgomery Memorial Park in London, West Virginia; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate U.S. Army PFC Billy Keith Ford and his sacrifice to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 10-061/00-027.81 (10A161), locally known as Armstrong Creek Bridge, carrying West Virginia Route 61 over Armstrong Creek in Fayette County, the "U. S. Army PFC Billy Keith Ford Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the "U. S. Army PFC Billy Keith Ford Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Maynard offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 49—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the development and expansion of municipal recycling programs, including review of the current status of programs within West Virginia, an examination of best practices from surrounding states, and waste stream economics for municipalities and local communities.

Whereas, Waste recycling programs provide substantial benefits for local communities and for our nation as a whole, including reduction of the amount of waste sent to landfills and

incinerators, support for American manufacturing and conservation of valuable resources, increased economic security by tapping domestic sources of materials, prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials, increased energy savings, creation of jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States, and conservation of precious natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals; and

Whereas, There is a great disparity across this state in the availability of local recycling programs for household and small business wastes and the types of wastes that these programs can process; and

Whereas, Many local recycling programs have been forced to close or reduce services because of the costs of sorting materials and a depressed market for recyclable wastes; and

Whereas, Public participation in local recycling programs can help reduce costs and foster the benefits of recycling programs; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby requested to study the development and expansion of municipal recycling programs, including review of the current status of programs within West Virginia, an examination of best practices from surrounding states, and waste stream economics for municipalities and local communities; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2022, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a report, and to draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Hamilton, Romano, and Martin offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 50—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 49-033/00-015.38 (EB-WB) (49A122-49A123), locally known as MIDDLE FK CON I BM, carrying APD 33 over Middle Fk Rv. & CR 10/10 in Upshur County, the “U.S.M.C SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and Fayma Brawner Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Herman H. Brawner was enlisted in the Marine Corp at the age of 17 during WWII, fighting in the Pacific Theater for the duration of the war; and

Whereas, He went on to have a 30-year military career, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner fought in combat in three wars: WWII, Korea, and two tours in Vietnam; and

Whereas, During the Korean War, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and his fellow Marines dug in for an extremely bloody battle on the shore of the Chosin Reservoir with Red Chinese soldiers in temperatures that dropped as low as 35 degrees below zero, using sandbags and frozen bodies for protection since it was too cold to dig foxholes, for which he and his fellow troops were dubbed the “Frozen Chosin”; and

Whereas, One of SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner's tours in Vietnam included an urban battle in the City of Hue where he led outnumbered Marines into the besieged city, but still managed to kill nearly three times as many Communist North Vietnamese, and helped raise an American flag on Hue's provincial headquarters. Brawner's notebook showed that the Marine battalion, which he led, suffered some 250 casualties in battle with many more wounded in what is considered by many the bloodiest battle of the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, During his career, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner was wounded multiple times, earning numerous service awards including a Purple Heart with two gold stars, an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars, an American Campaign Medal, a Combat Action Ribbon with a Bronze Star and "V" for Valor, a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation with two stars, a United Nations Service Medal, two Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medals, one with a Silver Star and one with a Palm Ribbon, a Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, plus a good conduct medal with many other citations and awards; and

Whereas, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner also received recognition with a special Navy Commendation Medal including a combat "V" for Valor during WWII; and

Whereas, Fayma Brawner, the wife of SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner, was an accomplished civilian operating room nurse supervisor who endured the endless absence of her husband for many years and forwent a family life so that her husband could heroically serve his country for so many years; and

Whereas, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner retired as the head Noncom Military Police Marine in South East Asia overseeing U.S. Embassy security in five countries and, upon his retirement, finished his work career with Louisiana Pacific Lumber; and

Whereas, SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and his wife, Fayma, chose West Virginia, following his retirement, where he spent the remainder of his life on his farm in Upshur County providing counsel and help to all who knew him; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate Marine SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and Fayma Brawner for their service to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 49-033/00-015.38 (EB-WB) (49A122-49A123), locally known as MIDDLE FK CON I BM, carrying APD 33 over Middle Fk Rv. & CR 10/10 in Upshur County, the "U.S.M.C SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and Fayma Brawner Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the "U.S.M.C SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and Fayma Brawner Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Division of Highways and to forward a copy to his wife, Fayma Brawner.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Romano and Martin offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 51—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 08-011/00-023.08 (08A108), locally known as NEW DILLE BR 23.03, carrying CR 11 over Strange Creek in Clay County, the “Henry Preston Hickman Memorial Bridge”.

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman was a beloved community leader in Dille, West Virginia, where he was a source of guidance and wisdom affectionately known as “Grandpa” to all who knew and loved him; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman filled out an “Old Man’s Draft” registration card during WWII when he was 59 years old. However, he was never called to active duty, but served in critical industrial and civilian roles in both during WWII as well as the Korean War providing important materials for the war effort; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman operated three sawmills, employing nearly 80 men and opened a coal mine and coal tipple on his property, providing additional jobs for the community, including creating jobs for troubled youth. He served on the Clay Country Draft Board during the Korean War; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman served as the Buffalo District Representative on the Clay County Board of Education for 33 years, several as board president; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman, donated a large piece of property for the construction of the Dille Grade School. He helped build and maintain a neighborhood community center, providing a place for basketball, roller skating and movies, as well as place where the Boy Scouts and other social clubs could meet. He led a Community Action Group which installed an outdoor concrete basketball court, erected cemetery signs, and provided first-aid and CPR classes; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman served as Sunday School Superintendent of the Big Union Baptist Church, Dill, WV, for 70 years, also serving as deacon and as a Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, Henry Preston Hickman died at age 93 after serving the community in many different capacities such as storekeeper, postmaster, and self-trained veterinarian all of which were to the great benefit of his community; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to commemorate Henry Preston Hickman and his contributions to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name bridge number 08-011/00-023.08 (08A108), locally known as NEW DILLE BR 23.03, carrying CR 11 over Strange Creek in Clay County, the “Henry Preston Hickman Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “Henry Preston Hickman Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Division of Highways and forward a copy to his great granddaughter, Merry Cogar.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Takubo and Stollings offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 24—Urging the President of the United States to appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Whereas, The Office of National Drug Control Policy is a component of the Executive Office of the President of the United States; and

Whereas, The mission of the Office of National Drug Control Policy is to reduce substance use disorder and its consequences by coordinating the nation's drug control policy through the development and oversight of the National Drug Control Strategy and Budget; and

Whereas, The Office of National Drug Control Policy leads and coordinates the nation's drug policy so that it improves the health and lives of the American people; and

Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, is the former public health commissioner for the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta currently holds the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Medical and Health Officer of the March of Dimes. He is also the Interim Chief Scientific Officer for Research and Global Programs; and

Whereas, As Commissioner and State Health Officer in West Virginia, Dr. Gupta led the state's opioid crisis response and launched several pioneering public health initiatives, such as the Birthscore program to identify high-risk infants; and

Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta, a specialist in internal medicine and preventive medicine, served as an academic faculty in Tennessee and Alabama before going to West Virginia originally in 2009 to lead the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department; and

Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta has extensive public health experience working in local, state, and federal governments, and working with and advising nonprofit organizations on local national, and international public health policy and programs; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby urges the President of the United States to appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate extends its full support to the nomination of Dr. Rahul Gupta as appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Tarr offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 25—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Whereas, Reconstruction aides, the predecessors to modern physical therapists, treated the many casualties of World War I, working tirelessly to get soldiers back on their feet. These strong women had proven their value as medical professionals – war heroes – and shown that those who would eventually be known as physical therapists had a major role to play in the future of America’s health; and

Whereas, Mary McMillan, a reconstruction aide, was elected in 1921 as the first president of the American Women’s Physical Therapeutic Association; and

Whereas, Emma Vogel initiated the first War Emergency Training Course of World War II at Walter Reed General Hospital in 1941. The course consisted of six months of concentrated “didactic” instruction to be followed by six months of supervised practice at a military hospital; and

Whereas, The West Virginia Physical Therapy Association, Inc. was incorporated on March 23, 1949, in Morgantown, WV; and

Whereas, Lucy Blair, the staff coordinator of physical therapists in the polio emergency, worked in partnership with Dr. Salk in the national response to the polio epidemic in the early 1950s; and

Whereas, The effort to launch a two-year graduate education program for physical therapists appeared at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1960; and

Whereas, The WVU Division of Physical Therapy was established in 1970 as the first physical therapy program in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, The Wheeling Jesuit University Physical Therapy program was established in 1994 as the second physical therapy program in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, The Marshall University School of Physical Therapy was established in 2012 as the third physical therapy program in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, West Virginia is home to three Physical Therapist Assistant programs: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in Martinsburg, WV; Mountwest Community & Technical College in Huntington, WV; and Pierpont Community & Technical College in Fairmont, WV; and

Whereas, Physical therapists are movement experts who improve quality of life through hands-on care, patient education, and prescribed movement. Regular physical activity is one of the most important things one can do for one’s health and, according to the US Department of Health & Human Services, more than 80% of adults and adolescents do not get enough physical activity. If pain or a condition limits the ability to participate in activities, or one wants to reduce the risk for chronic diseases, enhance fitness, and prevent injuries, a physical therapist and physical therapist assistants are a critical part of the health care team; and

Whereas, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants treat people where they are. Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants provide care to people across the lifespan and in many settings, including hospitals, private practices, outpatient clinics, homes, schools, sports teams and fitness facilities, the U.S. Armed Services, Veterans facilities, work settings, and nursing homes; and

Whereas, Physical therapy is effective in reducing pain. For example, a growing body of evidence for physical therapist treatment of low back pain includes a 2018 study published in Health Services Research that shows that using it as a first-line approach not only saves money, but also dramatically reduces the chance of receiving a prescription for dangerous opioids; and

Whereas, Students of physical therapy are being educated to address the health care needs of Americans for the next 100 years; and

Whereas, Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants have faced the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic head-on, treating the most vulnerable, building on their proud history of work in the polio pandemic. Physical therapy plays an essential role in recovery from Covid-19. When people are just beginning to recover from the most severe effects of the novel coronavirus, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are there, helping them get back on their feet, both during their time in the hospital and after they leave, for as long as it takes; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the 100th anniversary of the American Physical Therapy Association; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate commends the American Physical Therapy Association for its dedication to improving the health of society over the past 100 years; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate recognizes that the American Physical Therapy Association and its members are essential partners to meeting the future health and wellness needs of our country; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the American Physical Therapy Association.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Ihlenfeld offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 26—Congratulating the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team for winning its 41st consecutive West Virginia Speech and Debate State Championship.

Whereas, On Saturday, March 13, 2021, the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team won the 2021 West Virginia Speech and Debate State Championship, its 41st consecutive state championship win; and

Whereas, The Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team has shown incredible adaptability competing in the tournament virtually and resilience after last year's tournament was canceled due to the pandemic the day before it would have begun; and

Whereas, The Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team competed in nine tournaments this season against schools from all across the country, and the team plans to compete in the National Catholic Forensic League 2021 Grand National Tournament; and

Whereas, The team is led by head coach Bill Cornforth, who has coached the team the last 42 years, and coaches Kayla Nelson, Isabella Droginske, and Jennifer Mathieu; and

Whereas, Team members Tyler Faulstick, Adeline Barbour, Jacqueline Heil, Alexis Hoskins, Lucia Perri, Dailey Ward, Eliza Aulick, Harper Aulick, Charles Ihlenfeld, Towne Moores, and Anthony Meisel were each state champions in an individual event, and Adesh Urval won the state championship in two individual events; and

Whereas, The Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team is an example of hard work, dedication, and professionalism, and an example of the kind of students that come out of our great state; and

Whereas, The historic legacy the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team has created is something all West Virginians can be proud of; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby congratulates the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team for winning its 41st consecutive West Virginia Speech and Debate State Championship; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 35, US Air Force LT COL Robert J. Hill Memorial Road.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, US Army SP4 Warner Ray Osborne Memorial Bridge.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 37, Nitro WW I Living Memorial Bridge.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, USMC SSGT Herbert "Herbie" Barnes Memorial Bridge.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 39, Birthplace of Alabama Coach Nick Saban.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Resolution 23, Designating March 2021 as Red Cross Month.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution 9, Urging Congress to call a convention of states to limit terms of office of the US House of Representatives.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 36, Relating to WV Secondary School Activities Commission audits.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending extended discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 36 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Beach, Boley, Grady, Karnes, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Weld, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—22.

The nays were: Baldwin, Caputo, Clements, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger, and Woelfel—11.

Absent: Hamilton—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 36) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 569, Relating to damages for medical monitoring.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the right having been granted on Friday, March 19, 2021, for amendments to be received on third reading, was reported by the Clerk.

On motion of Senator Romano, the following amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk and considered simultaneously:

On page one, section thirty-two, lines one through ten, by striking out all of subsection (a);

On page one, section thirty-two, line eleven, by striking out “(b)”;

And,

On page one, section thirty-two, line fourteen, after the word “completed”, by changing the period to a colon and inserting the following proviso: *Provided*, That the court may order the liable defendant to pay the moneys to cover the cost of a plaintiff’s future medical surveillance, screening tests, or monitoring procedures prior to the same being completed when a failure to do so would result in undue hardship on a plaintiff or the medical provider.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Romano’s amendments to the bill, the same was put and did not prevail.

There being no further amendments offered,

The bill was ordered to engrossment.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 569 was then read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

(Senator Weld in the Chair.)

Pending discussion,

(Senator Blair, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

The question being “Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 569 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Boley, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Karnes, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Weld, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—23.

The nays were: Baldwin, Beach, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger, and Woelfel—11.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 569) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 636, Requiring certain history and civics courses be taught in schools.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Karnes—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 636) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2024, Expand use of telemedicine to all medical personnel.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being “Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2024) passed.

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2024—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-28; to amend and reenact §30-1-26 of said code; to amend and reenact §30-3-13a of said code; to amend and reenact §30-14-12d of said code; and to amend and reenact §33-57-1 of said code, all relating to telehealth services; defining terms; requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency, Medicaid, and specified insurance plans to reimburse for telehealth services at a negotiated rate for virtual telehealth encounters; requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency, Medicaid, and specified insurance plans to provide reimbursement for a telehealth service on the same basis and at the same rate as if the service is provided in-

person for established patients or for care rendered on a consulting basis to a patient located in an acute care facility whether inpatient or outpatient; establishing a registration; permitting health care practitioners licensed in other states, in good standing, to practice in West Virginia using telehealth services; providing emergency rule-making authority; setting forth requirements for registration; permitting a fee for registration; placing a cap on the fee; permitting physician-patient relationship to begin with an audio-only call or conversation in real time; removing restrictions on prescriptive authority; providing exceptions to prescriptive authority; adding criteria to the standard of care related to telehealth services; providing exceptions; and providing for effective date.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2024) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. House Bill 2701, Relating to authorizing the Division of Rehabilitation Services to approve acceptable training programs required for low vision individuals to obtain a Class G drivers license.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2701) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. House Bill 2788, Expiring funds to the unappropriated surplus balance from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Martin (by proxy)—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2788) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Martin (by proxy)—1.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2788) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2789, Supplementing and amending the appropriations to Public Defender Services.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2789) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2789) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2802, Supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Homeland Security, Division of Emergency Management.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2802) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2802) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2803, Supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Commerce, Division of Forestry.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2803) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2803) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. House Bill 2804, Expiring funds to the unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2804) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2804) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 395, Expanding PEIA Finance Board membership.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 398, Limiting eligibility of certain employers to participate in PEIA plans.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 478, Permitting use of established federal marketplace programs to purchase supplies.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 479, Relating to WV veterans service decoration and WV Service Cross.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 509, Removing requirement that determination of medical stability be found prior to admission to mental health facility.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 586, Providing WV veterans discounts on fees and charges at state parks.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Eng. House Bill 2905, Relating to repealing the prohibition against the use of certain words.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to third reading.

(Senator Rucker in the Chair.)

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the following bills on first reading were considered read a first time and ordered to second reading:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 361, Extending supervision for conviction of soliciting minor and using obscene matter with intent to seduce minor.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 436, Relating generally to solid waste facilities.

Senate Bill 486, Relating to powers and duties of Chief Technology Officer.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 487, Updating Division of Purchasing procurement and spending thresholds.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 551, Revising forms of living will, medical power of attorney, and combined medical power of attorney and living will.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 565, Relating generally to elections.

Senate Bill 577, Exempting certain fire departments from licensure requirements for providing rapid response services.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 590, Removing restriction preventing medical marijuana from being in edible form.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 610, Providing tuition and fee waivers at state higher education institutions for volunteers who have completed service in AmeriCorps programs in WV.

Senate Bill 644, Exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements.

Senate Bill 651, Allowing county boards of education to publish financial statements on website.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 658, Requiring sheriff's departments to participate and utilize Handle With Care Program for trauma-inflicted children.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2621, Mandating certification for certain members of fire departments, require certain types of training, allow specialized personnel who are not firefighters to be members of a department, and require the postings of fire department evaluations.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2797, Declaring certain claims to be moral obligations of the State.

Eng. House Bill 2854, Relating to the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System.

And,

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2855, Relating to the Natural Resources Police Officers Retirement System.

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Baldwin.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

At the request of Senator Karnes, unanimous consent being granted, it was ordered that the Journal show had Senator Karnes been present in the chamber in earlier proceedings today, he would have voted “yea” on the passage of Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 636.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills and resolutions on March 19, 2021:

Senate Bill 668: Senators Stollings and Woelfel;

Senate Bill 672: Senator Beach;

Senate Bill 674: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 677: Senators Romano and Hamilton;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5: Senator Phillips;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20: Senator Rucker;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 35: Senator Lindsay;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 36: Senator Lindsay;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 37: Senators Romano, Lindsay, and Stollings;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 38: Senators Lindsay and Martin;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 39: Senators Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Phillips, Hamilton, and Stollings;

And,

Senate Resolution 23: Senators Rucker, Lindsay, Phillips, Beach, Hamilton, and Stollings.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 12:45 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021
11:00 AM**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- S. C. R. 40 - Requesting study on benefits of deferred retirement option program for State Police
- S. C. R. 41 - Requesting study on legal process for collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes and lands
- S. C. R. 42 - Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 43 - US Army PVT Joseph Stanley McKinney Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 44 - Harrison County Veterans Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 45 - Dennis E. Davis Veterans Nursing Home
- S. C. R. 46 - Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 47 - US Navy HM3 Roy Elmer "Doody" Moon Bridge
- S. C. R. 48 - US Army PFC Billy Keith Ford Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 49 - Requesting study on development and expansion of municipal recycling programs
- S. C. R. 50 - USMC SGT MAJ Herman H. Brawner and Fayma Brawner Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 51 - Henry Preston Hickman Memorial Bridge
- S. R. 24 - Urging President appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta as Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy
- S. R. 25 - Recognizing 100th anniversary of American Physical Therapy Association
- S. R. 26 - Congratulating Wheeling Park High School Speech and Debate Team for winning state championship

THIRD READING

- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 395 - Expanding PEIA Finance Board membership
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 398 - Limiting eligibility of certain employers to participate in PEIA plans
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 478 - Permitting use of established federal marketplace programs to purchase supplies
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 479 - Relating to WV veterans service decoration and WV Service Cross
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 509 - Removing requirement that determination of medical stability be found prior to admission to mental health facility

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 586 - Providing WV veterans discounts on fees and charges at state parks (original similar to HB3171)

Eng. H. B. 2905 - Relating to repealing the prohibition against the use of certain words - (Com. title amend. pending)

SECOND READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 361 - Extending supervision for conviction of soliciting minor and using obscene matter with intent to seduce minor

Com. Sub. for S. B. 436 - Relating generally to solid waste facilities

S. B. 486 - Relating to powers and duties of Chief Technology Officer

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Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2621 - Mandating certification for certain members of fire departments, require certain types of training, allow specialized personnel who are not firefighters to be members of a department, and require the postings of fire department evaluations (original similar to SB471)

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2797 - Declaring certain claims to be moral obligations of the State

Eng. H. B. 2854 - Relating to the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2855 - Relating to the Natural Resources Police Officers Retirement System

FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 483 - Allowing oaths be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2400 - Authorizing the Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules - (Com. amend. and title amend. pending)

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

10 a.m.

Transportation & Infrastructure

(Room 451M)