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Charleston, West Virginia, Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Senate met at 11 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Pastor Lee Swor, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Elkview, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Patrick S. Martin, a senator from the twelfth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 24, 2024,

At the request of Senator Roberts, 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.

The Clerk presented the following communication from a state agency as required by the provisions of law:

Tourism, Department of (§5B-2I-4)

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 adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 16**, Urging US Congress enact reforms to federal permitting policies to accelerate deployment of new energy infrastructure.

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

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 17**, Reaffirming support of WV Legislature for State of Israel and Jewish people.

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

**Eng. House Bill 4026**—A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to state owned vehicles.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4620**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to food handler permit; removing the expiration date of a food handler permit; requiring local health departments to adopt the minimum guidelines adopted by the bureau; permitting continuing education and providing a volunteer exemption.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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 4666**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-14-2, §61-14-3, §61-14-4, §61-14-5, §61-14-6, §61-14-7, and §61-14-8 of the Code of West Virginia, all relating to increasing criminal penalties for human trafficking; establishing limitations on parole; and providing immunity from criminal liability for juvenile victims.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4874**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-12A-1, §61-12A-2, §61-12A-3 and §61-12A-4, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §61-12A-5 of said code, all relating to fatality and mortality review team; providing team members; updating the authority of review team; removing the study of certain deaths; removing advisory boards; requiring certain reports; and eliminating required reporting and analysis.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Jeffries, from the Committee on Economic Development, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Economic Development has had under consideration:

**Senate Bill 188**, Mountain Homes Act.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 188** (originating in the Committee on Economic Development)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5B-2P-1, §5B-2P-2, §5B-2P-3, §5B-2P-4, §5B-2P-5, §5B-2P-6, §5B-2P-7, §5B-2P-8, §5B-2P-9, §5B-2P-10, §5B-2P-11, §5B-2P-12, and §5B-2P-13, all relating to creating the Mountain Homes Act; setting out a short title; setting out legislative findings; defining terms; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date; providing for a sunset date; creating the Mountain Homes Fund; providing for the purposes of the fund; providing for administration of the fund; providing for recordkeeping; requiring reporting to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance and the Governor; setting out required elements for the report; exempting certain materials from the Freedom of Information Act; establishing criteria for eligibility for use of funds; requiring an application for use of funds; setting out elements necessary to be included on the application; providing for exclusions from use of funds; providing for application approval; establishing evaluation standards and criteria; providing for a final agreement; setting out terms of the agreement; allowing for an extension of time; requiring adjacent properties to be subject to additional approval; providing for administration of the act; setting out powers and duties of the Economic Development Authority; and providing for a criminal penalty for a false statement.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn D. Jeffries,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 188), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 189**, Providing for substantial deference to state school superintendent's interpretations of school laws.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,  
*Chair.*

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 451**, Requiring mandatory training for prosecutors provided by Prosecuting Attorneys Institute.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 451** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-4-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to training of newly appointed or elected prosecuting attorneys; and directing the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute to conduct the training for all newly appointed and newly elected prosecuting attorneys.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Tarr, as chair of the Committee on Finance, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of the bill contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Jeffries, from the Committee on Economic Development, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Economic Development has had under consideration:

**Senate Bill 461**, Relating to county economic opportunity development districts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn D. Jeffries,  
*Chair.*

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

On motions for leave, severally made, the following bills were introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

**By Senators Jeffries, Grady, Hamilton, Nelson, Phillips, Smith, Swope, Takubo, Weld, and Woelfel:**

**Senate Bill 544**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-16-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to raising the threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the requirement of bids for municipal public works projects.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

**By Senators Grady, Rucker, Takubo, and Woodrum:**

**Senate Bill 545**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-9H-1, §16-9H-2, §16-9H-3, §16-9H-4, §16-9H-5, §16-9H-6, and §16-9H-7, all relating to creating an e-cigarette and e-cigarette liquids directory; regulating the distribution and sale of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette liquid; requiring manufacturers to obtain market authorization from the United States Food and Drug Administration prior to the sale of e-

cigarettes or e-cigarette liquids; providing manufacturers notice and the opportunity to be heard before removal from the directory; prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes or e-cigarette liquids not listed on the directory; requiring unannounced compliance checks for retailers and wholesalers of electronic cigarettes; prescribing fines and penalties; requiring foreign manufacturers to designate an agent for service of process; designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of process for resident manufacturers; and providing enforcement and rule-making authority to the Tax Commissioner and the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 546**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-6-1, §18C-6-2, §18C-6-3, §18C-6-4, §18C-6-5, and §18C-6-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the engineering, science, and technology scholarship; expanding scholarship to include science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; removing obsolete language; updating obsolete references to senior administrator; removing authorization for rule to provide for satisfaction of the work requirement through certain community service; updating name of the scholarship fund; removing limits on new scholarships and outstanding scholarships; removing and revising definitions; updating obsolete references to governing boards; requiring Vice Chancellor for Administration to select the scholarship recipients rather than an agency or panel; replacing term resident alien; reducing requirements for the program an applicant must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in; removes language pertaining to collection and gathering of information on the views of interested parties; expanding educational programs application forms are to be made available to; removing requirement that not less than 20 percent of appropriated funds be awarded to students enrolled in certificate and associate degree programs; revising conditions for members of the United States armed forces to be considered as meeting employment requirement; revising exception for recipient being in violation of agreement pertaining to pursuing full-time course of study; and allowing submission of death certificate for purposes of forgiving repayment.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 547**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-17-2 and §18B-17-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to authorizing legislative rules regarding higher education; authorizing legislative rules for the Higher Education Policy Commission regarding Guidelines for Employing and Evaluating Presidents; Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student Grant Program; West Virginia Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-State Student Excellence Scholarship Program; Dual Enrollment Pilot Program; West Virginia Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Scholarship Program; West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program; Nursing Scholarship Program; authorizing legislative rules for the Council for Community and Technical College Education regarding Higher Education Accountability System; Dual Enrollment Pilot Program; Initial Authorization of Degree-Granting Institutions; Tuition and Fees; and repealing the Council for Community and Technical College Education's rule regarding Accountability System.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Trump:**

**Senate Bill 548**—A Bill to amend and reenact §51-11-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the appellate jurisdiction of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Phillips, Jeffries, and Smith:**

**Senate Bill 549**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-9-2b, relating to permitting investigators in the State Tax Division to carry concealed weapons.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Phillips:**

**Senate Bill 550**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-22m of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18-7A-26x of said code, all relating to the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System; providing a one-time bonus of \$1,500 for certain annuitants; and providing for an exclusion for persons who have already received a one-time bonus.

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

**By Senator Nelson:**

**Senate Bill 551**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-13A-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to business improvement districts; and modifying requirements related to levy of service fees.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Jeffries:**

**Senate Bill 552**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9n of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the consumers sales and service tax and use tax exemption for qualified purchases of computers and computer software, primary material handling equipment, racking and racking systems, and components, building materials and certain tangible personal property to be incorporated into a qualified, new or expanded warehouse or distribution facility; changing threshold jobs creation number from 300 to 50; and making stylistic changes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Roberts, Azinger, Chapman, Hunt, Karnes, Martin, Maynard, Rucker, Smith, Stuart, and Taylor:**

**Senate Bill 553**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating a religious exemption for school attendance vaccines requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senators Oliverio, Jeffries, and Weld:**

**Senate Bill 554**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §46A-2-140, relating to defining veterans benefits matters; identifying actions that constitute representation and compensation for representing a person seeking veterans benefits; requiring any such representation comply with federal law; and providing that a violation of this section is an unlawful practice and a violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act.

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

**By Senator Oliverio:**

**Senate Bill 555**—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-5-5c and §21-5-5d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; all relating to licensure for polygraph examiners; removing state licensure requirements for polygraph examiners; and updating criminal penalties associated with removing state licensure.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senators Oliverio, Deeds, Hunt, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, and Weld:**

**Senate Bill 556**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2B-2, §15-2B-3, §15-2B-5, §15-2B-6, §15-2B-9, and §15-2B-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to deoxyribonucleic acid that is maintained for law-enforcement purposes in West Virginia; providing updates for the policy of maintaining deoxyribonucleic acid; requiring deoxyribonucleic acid testing of all persons convicted of felonies and certain misdemeanors; updating definitions; adding language to further define and include qualified arrestees in the state deoxyribonucleic acid database; requiring testing of qualified arrestees on intake; specifying testing methods; authorizing emergency, and requiring, legislative rules; specifying expungement for qualified arrestees in certain circumstances; and providing failure to expunge or reasonably delay expungement will not invalidate an identification, warrant, probable cause to arrest or arrest based upon a database match.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Oliverio and Caputo:**

**Senate Bill 557**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-15-10a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to compensation for firefighters who are required to work holidays.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Azinger:**

**Senate Bill 558**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-22-1, §18B-22-2, §18B-22-3, and §18B-22-4, all relating to requiring publicly funded medical schools to teach the most current evidence-based, life-saving methods including abortion pill reversal; providing definitions; setting forth consequences for noncompliance of standard education practices; and providing finding that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Phillips:**

**Senate Bill 559**—A Bill to repeal §21-6-3, §21-6-4, and §21-6-8a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §21-6-5, §21-6-8 and §21-6-10, of said code, all relating to eliminating requirement that 14 or 15 year olds obtain a work permit; establishing that employer seeking to hire a child 14 or older receive an age certificate from the commission prior to employing the child; providing commissioner the authority to issue age certificates for children ages 14 and over; and providing penalties for a person that issues an age certificate in violation of the article.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 560**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-3G-1, §30-3G-2, §30-3G-3, §30-3G-4, §30-3G-5, and §30-3G-6, all relating to creating the Medical Ethics Defense Act to protect medical practitioners, healthcare institutions, and healthcare payers from discrimination, punishment, or retaliation as a result of any instance of conscientious medical objection; providing short title; providing for definitions, legislative findings, and purpose; providing rights of conscience of medical practitioners, healthcare institutions, and healthcare payers; providing for whistleblower protection; and setting forth civil remedies.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 561**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing the number of days for which completion of employment in any one school year, substitute teachers, except retired teachers and other retired professional educators employed as substitutes, accrue seniority exclusively for the purpose of applying for employment as a permanent, full-time professional employee and for which that number of days or more of employment is prorated and vests as a fraction of the school year.

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

**By Senators Roberts, Azinger, Deeds, Hunt, Karnes, Martin, Oliverio, and Swope:**

**Senate Bill 562**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-8-2a, relating to expanding the employment and training requirements necessary to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; defining and developing exemptions; clarifying the secretary's duties when there is a lack of funding or inability to provide employment and training; and identifying when assignments to the employment and training program may not be suspended.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 563**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-16-6; to amend and reenact §18C-3-4 of said code; to repeal §30-7A-7a of said code; and to repeal §30-7B-1, §30-7B-2, §30-7B-3, §30-7B-4, §30-7B-5, §30-7B-6, and §30-7B-7 of said code, all relating to abolishing the Center for Nursing; repealing the supplemental licensure fee for licensed practical nurses, which funds the Center for Nursing; creating within the Higher Education Policy Commission an Office of Nursing Education and Workforce Development; moving the functions of the Center for Nursing to the Office of Nursing Education and Workforce Development; changing name of Center for Nursing Fund to Nursing Scholarship and Workforce Fund; transferring certain fund-related duties from the Vice Chancellor for Administration to the Chancellor; modifying funding sources for the fund; and limiting application of the award eligibility requirement that a student in a registered nurse program have completed half of the program to only those students in pre-licensure programs.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.



The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

**Senate Resolution 11**, Designating January 25, 2024, as Veterans Appreciation Day.

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

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

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Weld regarding the adoption of Senate Resolution 11 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

**Senate Resolution 12**, Recognizing January 21- January 27 as National School Choice Week.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

**Eng. Senate Bill 262**, Clarifying procedure for administrative dissolution of corporations by Secretary of State.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. S. B. 262) 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 354**, Relating to the WV Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority.

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 Senate Bill 354 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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 S. B. 354) passed with its title.

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

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Woelfel, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Plymale regarding the passage of Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 354 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

**Eng. Senate Bill 357**, Permitting dental hygienist to perform tobacco cessation education.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. S. B. 357) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 428**, Establishing appeals from administrative rulings are to be filed with Intermediate Court of Appeals.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. S. B. 428) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 430**, WV Rent-to-Own Act.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. S. B. 430) passed with its title.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 196**, WV Rail Trails Program.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 318**, Modifying process of when parental rights are terminated.

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 429**, WV Farm Use Vehicle Tag Placement Act.

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

**Senate Bill 448**, Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 36**, Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 222**, Exempting WV veterans from certain fees and charges at state parks.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 261**, WV Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program of 2024.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 302**, Authorizing child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention program and in-service training in child sexual abuse prevention.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 321**, Limiting municipalities' authority to restrict purchase and storage of weapons and ammunition.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

**Senate Bill 410**, Requiring all state buildings provide private room for nursing or breastfeeding purposes.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 445**, Reducing certification periods and renewal fees for EMS personnel.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 468**, Requiring course in public schools on human development.

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

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

The Senate then proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Woelfel.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Caputo, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Woelfel were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were removed as co-sponsors of the following bills on January 24, 2024:

**Senate Bill 467:** Senator Deeds;

And,

**Senate Bill 488:** Senator Woelfel.

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 January 24, 2024:

**Senate Bill 301:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 374:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 383:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 401:** Senator Woodrum;

**Senate Bill 402:** Senator Woodrum;

**Senate Bill 403:** Senator Woodrum;

**Senate Bill 404:** Senator Woodrum;

**Senate Bill 405:** Senator Woelfel;

**Senate Bill 424:** Senator Woodrum;

**Senate Bill 425:** Senator Woelfel;

**Senate Bill 451:** Senator Deeds;

**Senate Bill 461:** Senators Plymale and Queen;

**Senate Bill 467:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 473:** Senator Deeds;

**Senate Bill 476:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 500:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Bill 515:** Senator Tarr;

**Senate Bill 529:** Senator Caputo;

**Senate Bill 531:** Senator Takubo;

**Senate Bill 533:** Senators Takubo and Plymale;

**Senate Bill 535:** Senator Chapman;

**Senate Bill 536:** Senators Woelfel and Chapman;

**Senate Bill 539:** Senator Trump;

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 9:** Senator Plymale;

**Senate Resolution 11:** Senators Caputo, Chapman, Plymale, Jeffries, and Woelfel;

And,

**Senate Resolution 12:** Senators Roberts and Plymale.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 11:33 a.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 26, 2024, at 9 a.m.

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## **SENATE CALENDAR**

**Friday, January 26, 2024  
9:00 AM**

### **THIRD READING**

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 318 - Modifying process of when parental rights are terminated

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 429 - WV Farm Use Vehicle Tag Placement Act

### **SECOND READING**

Com. Sub. for S. B. 36 - Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules (original similar to HB4063)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 196 - WV Rail Trails Program

Com. Sub. for S. B. 222 - Exempting WV veterans from certain fees and charges at state parks

Com. Sub. for S. B. 261 - WV Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program of 2024

S. B. 410 - Requiring all state buildings provide private room for nursing or breastfeeding purposes

Com. Sub. for S. B. 445 - Reducing certification periods and renewal fees for EMS personnel (original similar to HB4868)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 468 - Requiring course in public schools on human development (original similar to HB5075)

### **FIRST READING**

S. B. 189 - Providing for substantial deference to state school superintendent's interpretations of school laws

Com. Sub. for S. B. 451 - Directing Prosecuting Attorneys Institute to make training available to certain new prosecuting attorneys

S. B. 461 - Relating to county economic opportunity development districts

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**Friday, January 26, 2024**

10 a.m.

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