



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for January 25, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on January 25, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Woodrum, Barrett, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Phillips, Smith, Stuart, Swope

Members absent: Senators Maroney, Queen, Weld, Woelfel

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S.B. 402 – Authorizing US Concealed Carry Association to provide concealed carry classes in WV

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Joshua Higginbotham, member and instructor representing the U.S. Constitutional Carry Association (USCCA), addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 402 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 482 – Relating generally to lobbying rules

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Theresa Kirk, General Counsel, WV Ethics Commission, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Barrett, the committee substitute for S.B. 482 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.B. 265 – Increasing value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction

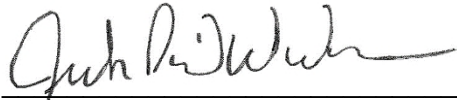
Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Susan Economou, Deputy Executive Director, WV Municipal League, addressed the committee virtually via TEAMS, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 265 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.R. 6 – Honoring life of Edith Levy, Holocaust survivor

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and

adopted. On motion of Senator Barrett, the committee substitute for S.R. 6 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be adopted.

On Motion of Senator Barrett the committee adjourned.



Jack David Woodrum, Chair



Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk