



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 15, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 15, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators 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. 494 – Uniform Unlawful Restriction in Land Records Act

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 494 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. 726 – Moving functions of Information Services and Communications Division into Office of Technology

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 726 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 Finance.

S.B. 593 – Prohibiting ranked choice voting

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 593 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.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 738 – Authorizing State Fire Marshal to promulgate emergency rules relating to increased fees

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Kenneth Tyree, WV State Fire Marshal, 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. 738 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 751 – Creating online charitable raffles

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Barrett moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 751, as amended, 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. The amended bill was reported as a committee substitute.

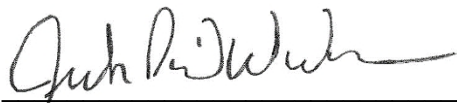
Com. Sub. for S.B. 758 – Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies

Carl Fletcher, 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.B. 758 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 Finance.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 722 – Revising examination of records relating to limited video lottery

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, John Myers, Director, WV Lottery, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Michael Haid, Executive Director, WV Amusement & Limited Video Lottery Association (WVA&LVLA), 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. 722 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Barrett the committee adjourned.



Jack David Woodrum, Chair



Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk