



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 20, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 20, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Maroney, 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. 712 – Reducing minimum age for State Police cadet

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Major James Mitchell, Chief of Staff, WV State Police, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Barrett, S.B. 712 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 844 – Redesignating Educational Broadcasting Authority as Educational Broadcasting Commission

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. 844 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 603 – Solid Waste Management Act

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Charlotte Lane, Chairman, WV Public Service Commission, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Clint Hogbin, Chairman, Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Ben Beakes, representative for Republic Services, 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. 603 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 746 – Modifying composition of Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority Board

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. 746 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 747 – Including corporate contributors to authorized use of certain political party funding

The Chairman announced that the bill would be for discussion only. Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

On Motion of Senator Barrett the committee adjourned.



Jack David Woodrum, Chair



Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk