



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 04, 2024, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 04, 2024, 9:30 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 Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

H.B. 5632 - Relating generally to West Virginia Real Estate License Act

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Weld, H.B. 5632 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H.B. 5013 – Relating to Timber Management

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Weld, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Weld, H.B. 5013 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

H.B. 5617 – Authorizing the Public Service Commission to promulgate rules for maintenance, flushing, flow testing, and marking of fire hydrants owned by water utilities

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill 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, Todd Grinstead, Executive Director, WV Rural Water Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Weld, H.B. 5617 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H.B. 5694 – Relating to the Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act

Angela Reese, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Jason Webb, Representative, National Shooting Sports Foundation, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. Senator Stuart moved to amend the bill. Senator Stuart asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. No objection was heard, and the amendment was withdrawn. On motion of Senator Weld, the strike

and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Weld, H.B. 5694 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. On motion of Senator Weld, the title amendment was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Barrett the committee adjourned.



Jack David Woodrum, Chair



Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk