



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 07, 2024, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 07, 2024, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Barrett, Caputo, Deeds, Hunt, Martin, Maynard, Rucker, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Taylor, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Hamilton and Takubo

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

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

Chairman Weld moved **S. B. 577** first on the agenda.

**S. B. 577 - Limiting landowner liability when land is used for recreational purposes.**

Gordon Mowen, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

Senator Maynard moved to amend the committee substitute on page 5, line 5, after the words "wild animal", by inserting the words "domesticated animal,"

Senator Maynard reformed his amendment to insert "and livestock" after the words "domesticated animal".

The same was put and the amendment was adopted.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to, as amended.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 578 - Clarifying definition of burglary offense.**

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst