



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 13, 2024, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 13, 2024, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senator 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.

S. B. 493 - Relating to use of criminal records as disqualification from authorization to practice particular profession.

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Megan Forbes, Senior Legislative Counsel, Institute for Justice, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, David Morgan, Legislative Affairs, Reason Foundation, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Danny Murphy, West Virginia State Director, Right on Crime, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Senator Laura Chapman, addressed the committee, 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.

S. B. 615 - Limiting statutory and common law actions for certain electric generating facilities.

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Charlotte Lane, Chairman, West Virginia Public Service Commission, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Al Sebok, Clearway Energy, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee recommended the bill for passage.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee adopted the title amendment.

S. B. 732 - Requiring cooperation between law-enforcement agencies and military authorities.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Lt. Col. C. Scott Applegate, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, West Virginia Army National Guard, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee recommended the bill for passage.

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 12th day of February, 20 24, in
the Senate Committee on The Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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God."

Melissa Runyan

Print Witness Name

Beverly Douglas

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Ryan W. Weld

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Ashley Spencer
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David Kessy

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Brian Wood

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Jennifer Ruthford

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