



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 14, 2024, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 14, 2024, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Barrett 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.

**S. B. 637 - Prohibiting public disclosure of personal information on internet.**

J. A. Curia, 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.

**S. B. 649 - Clarifying per diem compensation for certain judges recalled to service.**

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

With leave of the committee, Keith Hoover, Deputy Director, Office of Administrative Director, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

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, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S. B. 740 - Prohibiting digital manipulation of sexually explicit content to include minors.**

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

With leave of the committee, Sgt. Jillian B. Yeager, Crimes Against Children Unit, West Virginia State Police, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Weld, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

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. 741 - Prohibiting creation, production, distribution or possession of artificially generated child pornography .**

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

With leave of the committee, Sgt. Jillian B. Yeager, Crimes Against Children Unit, West Virginia State Police, 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.

**H. JR. 21 - Amending the Constitution to prohibit persons not United States citizens from voting in any election held within this state.**

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the joint resolution, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, David Cook, General Counsel, West Virginia Secretary of State, 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, Charlie Kolean, Americans for Citizen Voting, 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 amended the joint resolution on page 1, line 17, after the word "he" and inserting the words "or she".

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee amended the joint resolution on page 1, line 25, by striking the words "recognize that" and insert in lieu thereof the word "prohibit" and, on line 26, by striking the words "cannot vote" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "from voting".

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee recommended the joint resolution be adopted as amended, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Analyst/Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, in  
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

Kerth Hoover

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Ryan W. Weld

Print Member Name

[Signature]

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Jillian B. Yeager

Print Witness Name

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Clerk

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