



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 15, 2024, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 15, 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, Takubo, Taylor, Woelfel

Members absent: None

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. 575** to the bottom of the agenda.

S. B. 711 - Adding federal agencies and agents allowed to enforce state law under certain circumstances.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the committee amended the bill on page 1, line 17, by striking "the following persons" and inserting in lieu thereof "duly authorized federal law enforcement officers" and, on line 18 adding "of the following agencies" and remove the specific officer designations and, on page 2, after line 41, by adding "And any other federal agency which has duly authorized federal law enforcement officers".

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

S. B. 630 - Defining protections for election officials and election workers.

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, 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, Patti Hamilton, Executive Director, West Virginia Association of Counties, 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. 575 - Assisted Reproduction Act.

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

On motion of Senator Trump, the meeting adjourned.

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Ryan W. Weld
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk

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David P. Cook, Jr.

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