



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 24, 2024, 12:15 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 24, 2024, 11:12 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Barrett and Woelfel

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. 837 - Reorganizing offices of Public Defender Corporations to conform to circuit reconfiguration.**

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

With leave of the committee, Dana F. Eddy, Executive Director, West Virginia Public Defender Services, 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.

**S. B. 816 - Truth in Giving Act.**

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

With leave of the committee, Juliet A. Terry, Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, 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. 766 - Relieving railroad companies of liability during parades.**

Gordon Mowen, 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. 850 - Updating Consumer Credit and Protection Act.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Danielle Waltz, U. S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform, 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, Anthony Majestro, West Virginia Association for Justice, 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.

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Analyst/Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 24<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."

DANA F. EDDY

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Ryan W. Weld

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JULIET A. TERRY  
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Daniel G. Watz

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