



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 28, 2024, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 28, 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.

H. B. 5294 - Revising state law regulating farm wineries.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Delegate Wayne Clark, District 99, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Anoop Bhasin, General Counsel, West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, 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 adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

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

H. B. 4845 - To prohibit swatting.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Delegate Rick Hillenbrand, District 88, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

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

H. B. 5298 - Relating to prohibiting a candidate who failed to secure the nomination of a political party in a primary election from seeking the same elected office as an affiliate with a different political party in the subsequent general election.

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, David P. Cook, Jr., 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.)

Senator Trump moved to adopt the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee amended the strike and insert amendment on page 2, subsection (d), line 26, after the word "candidate" by striking the remainder of the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "of any other recognized political party for the same political office in the next succeeding general election."

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment as amended.

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

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

H. B. 5091 - West Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection Act.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

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

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.



Ryan W. Weld
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk

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Testimony taken this 28th 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."

Ancap Bhaskar

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Ryan W. Welch

Print Member Name

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