



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Courts

Minutes for March 03, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on March 03, 2025, 9:30 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Kelly, D., Mallow, Marple, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo.

Members absent: None.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Shamblin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 2634 - To double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Shamblin, House Bill 2634 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 2711 - Relating to the repeal of the common law rule against perpetuities by extending it to 1,000 years for all trusts. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 2761 - Relating to generally to magistrate courts. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill and answer questions. Without objection and having been placed un oath by Chairman Mallow, Mr. Steve Broadwater, President of the WV Association for Justice, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Mallow then advanced consideration of the bill to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 2774 - Coach Protection Act. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Browning, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin the committee adjourned.

Phil Mallow

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk