



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology

### Minutes for February 27, 2025, 5:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology met on February 27, 2025, 5:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432M.

Members present: Delegates Bridges, Cannon, Dillon, Eldridge, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Linville, Moore, Parsons.

Members absent: Delegate Green.

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

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

The next order of business was to discuss bills categorized as Markup/Passage:

**H. B. 2156**, Relating to time limits imposed on the Division of Highways to grant a highway entrance permit.

- Counsel presented a strike and insert amendment to the committee. With there being an agency member present, the Chairman asked leave of the committee for Sarah Runyon, WV DOH to answer questions related to the amendment. Questions and discussion followed.
- Chairman Linville then put the question before the committee on adoption of the amendment. With the majority of the committee answering in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the amendment was adopted.
- Chairman Linville then recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand moved for House Bill 2156 be reported back to the standing committee with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

**H. B. 2502**, Establishing limitations on billing practices of Internet or telecommunications providers that fail to provide subscribed customers service for five or more days.

- Chairman Linville had counsel explain the bill with the offered amendment.
- Due to a clerical error, the committee stood at rest until physical copies were provided to the committee. The meeting proceeded shortly afterward.
- Based on discussions with other agencies about database access, the Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of making a motion to lay the bill over until the next scheduled meeting. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

**H. B. 2609**, Limiting teen access to inappropriate material.

- Chairman Linville informed the committee that due to a high level of discussion and public comment, the bill will be taken up at a later time.

The next order of business will be bill on the Committee Hearing Stage:

**H. B. 2742**, Relating to creating limited waiver from certificate of public convenience and necessity requirement for certain water or sewer services projects.

- Chairman Linville recognized the bill's sponsor Delegate Riley to introduce and explain the bill. Following the explanation, the Chairman called for questions from the committee. Hearing none, the Chairman called for public or agency comments on the bill. The Chairman recognized Chairwoman Charlotte Lane from the WV PSC to offer comments, and to voluntarily answer questions related to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.
- With no further comments, the Chairman declared that the bill will move to the Markup/Passage phase.

The next order of business included a presentation from Heather Abbott, Chief Information Officer, WV Office of Technology. Chief Abbott was sworn in and provided an overview of the office operations. At this time, Chief Abbott turned the presentation over to the Chairman of the Task Force, Joshua Spence (sworn in) for the full report on the Artificial Intelligence Task Force. Questions and discussion followed.

The next presenter was Jason Wandling, General Counsel for the WV DEP to provide an overview of the agency. Mr. Wandling then handed off the presentation to Travis Parsons, Deputy Director of Mine and Lands, WV DEP for an explanation for the NEPA process. Afterwards, Mr. Wandling returned to the podium to present on the subject of "primacy" where several examples were provided through anecdotal stories about Chevron. Questions and discussion followed from the committee.

With there being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion to adjourn.

On Motion of Delegate Hillenbrand the committee adjourned at 6:50pm.

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