



West Virginia House of Delegates

Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 5:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology met on March 17, 2025, 5:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Cannon, Green, Parsons.

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 item on the agenda were bills on Markup / Passage.

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

The Vice-Chairman called for unanimous consent to have the Bill converted to a Study Resolution. With no objects, the Bill was converted.

H. B. 3121, Relating to the orphan roads and bridges program.

Counsel explained the bill and advised there was a strike and insert amendment. The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion to move the Committee amendment. The Counsel then explained the amendment. There were no questions from the Members. Chairman Linville then put the question to the Members. The amendment was adopted. The Chairman then recognized the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the bill be reported to the Standing Committee as amended, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The Chairman put the question to the Members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3170, Approved sewage systems for rental property.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions or discussion. The Chairman then recognized the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the bill be reported to the Standing Committee, with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the Members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3388, Originating bill on Public Service Districts

Counsel explained the bill. The Vice-Chairman then requested a leave of committee to hear from Charlotte Lane, Madam Chairman, WV Public Service Commission, of her opinions toward the bill and the problems the PSC faces as it related to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Then Delegate Moore asked leave of committee to hear from Todd Grinstead from the WV Rural Water Authority. Questions and discussion followed. With no further leave requests, the Chairman then recognized the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the bill be reported to the Standing Committee, with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the Members and the motion was adopted.

The next order of business was to discuss bills on Committee Hearing Stage.

H. B. 2645, Requiring certain non-discretionary procedures be strictly complied with by the West Virginia Parkways Authority before tolls, rents, fees or charges may be increased.

Since the bill sponsor was not present, Chairman Linville asked for unanimous consent to explain the bill. There were no objections. Chairman Linville explained the bill, there were no questions or discussion. The Chairman then recognized Counselor Tom Percy of Boyles, Rice LLP, for public comment on the bill. Mr. Percy was sworn in and provided information as a member of the Bond Board. There were no questions or discussion from the Members. With that, the Chairman moved the bill to the Markup / Passage Stage.

H. B. 3179, Funding for failing public utilities.

Delegate Kyle (66th) was present to explain the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Holstein the asked leave of committee to hear from Mayor Jerry Marco of Elkins. Mayor Marco was sworn in and provided testimony as to the problems he has experienced on this subject matter. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then asked for further public comments. Charlotte Lane (PSC) returned to the podium to answer questions of the Members. Questions and discussion followed. With no more public comments, the Chairman moved the bill to the Markup / Passage Stage.

With no other business to come before the Committee, The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of making a motion. On Motion of Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand, the committee adjourned.

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