

West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for March 03, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 03, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson B., Bridges, Campbell, Cannon, Crouse, DeVault, Dillon, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Linville, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Riley, Sheedy, Sr., Street, Young, Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Green, Howell, Maynor, Steele.

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

On motion of Delegate Zatezalo, the minutes of the previous meeting, February 27, 2025, were approved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 2560, Creating Infrastructure Ready Jurisdictions.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced bill. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2560 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

House Bill 2678, Relating to school zones of public or private schools.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Daniel Baker, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 2678 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill would be reported as moved.

House Bill 2942, Administration of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Design-Build Pilot Program.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 2492 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill would be reported as moved.

House Bill 2943, Administration of the West Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 2493 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill would be reported as moved.

After the meeting and with both Chairs having conferred on the matter, the bill will be reported to the floor as moved with the second reference of the bill to the Committee on Finance dispensed with.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 2233, Relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to standards of performance for new stationary sources.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced bill. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Scott Mandirola, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, answered questions from the committee members. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. David Yaussy, Counsel, West Virginia Manufacturers Association, answered questions from the committee members. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Jennie Smith, Executive Director, West Virginia Rivers

Coalition, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3030, Administration of the West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Fehrenbacher as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Fehrenbacher. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 358, Authorizing Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced bill. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

E.W. Anderson B.

Committee Chair

Mari Humphrey

Committee Clerk