



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for March 10, 2025, 3:08 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 10, 2025, 3:08 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Steele.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was to hear Subcommittee Reports. The Chairman recognized Delegate Howell for a report from the Subcommittee on Economic Development. Delegate Howell reported that the Committee Substitutes for HB2393 and HB2451 be received by the Standing Committee with the recommendation that they each do pass. Chairman Anderson received the report without objections.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of bills and house concurrent resolutions on the Markup / Passage phase.

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

Counsel explained the bill. No questions or discussion were raised by the members. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo made the motion to have the bill reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question before the committee. The motion passed.

Naming Resolutions Part 1:

The Vice-Chairman moved that HCR's 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 42, 44, and 45 be reported to the Floor with the recommendation that they each do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Rules. The Chairman made the request for any HCR to be separated out or to speak to any individual HCR. Hearing no response, the Chairman put the question before the committee. The motion passed.

The next order of business was to address bills on the Committee Hearing phase.

Committee Substitute for H. B. 2393, Relating to requiring certain reporting from the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority each year.

The Sponsor (Delegate Howell) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

Committee Substitute for H. B. 2451, To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses.

The Sponsor (Delegate Hornby) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 2479, Relating to Management and control of county authority vested in board.

The Sponsor (Delegate Maynor) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 2835, Relating to creating the West Virginia Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse.

The Sponsor (Delegate Linville) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 2856, Providing for conservation easements to allow for broadband through easements either directly or under a conservation plan.

The Sponsor (Delegate Linville) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 2878, To require railroad companies to provide alternative entry and exit ways.

The Sponsor (Delegate Holstein) explained the bill. Delegate Riley asked for a leave of committee so that Sarah Runyon from the WV DOT could testify to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 3135, To create the felony offense for protestors blocking passage on streets and highways.

The Sponsor (Delegate Brooks) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 3144, Wireless Infrastructure and Facilities Siting and Co-location.

The Sponsor (Delegate Linville) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 3146, Relating to special registration plates for military personnel.

The Sponsor (Delegate Linville) explained the bill. No one had a question for discussion. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

H. B. 3231, Relating to withholding tax on income of nonresidents from natural resources royalty payments.

The Sponsor (Delegate Howell) explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup / Passage phase.

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Anderson recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion to adjourn.

On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

E.W. Anderson
Committee Chair

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