



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 17, 2025, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Cannon, Green, Riley, Steele.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Zatezalo, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next order of business was bills on Markup / Passage.

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.

Counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments presented. Then the Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the Committee Substitute for H. B. 2502 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 2987, Relating to the Consumer Data Protection Act.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. There were no questions or amendments. Then the Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the Committee Substitute for H. B. 2987 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. During discussion of the motion, the Chairman recognized Delegate Young for a comment. The Chairman then decided to lay the bill over one day.

H. B. 3168, Allow customers to make changes to their accounts by phone or mail.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. There were no questions, amendments, or discussion. The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that the Committee Substitute for H. B. 3168 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3174, Requiring municipalities take actions when potential customers apply for sewer service.

The Chairman announced that it was his intension to layover the bill until the next meeting.

H. B. 3187, Relating to the West Virginia Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions, amendments, or discussion. The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that H. B. 3168 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3263, Relating to providing notification of utility service disruption to its' customers.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions, amendments, or discussion. The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that H. B. 3168 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 3292, Relating to special stops required for on-track equipment.

Counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for the purpose of a motion. The Vice-Chairman moved that H. B. 3292 be reported to the floor 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 bills on Committee Hearings.

H. B. 2205, Relating to microreactor development.

Due to the Sponsor not being present, the Vice-Chairman asked for unanimous consent to have Counsel explain the bill in lieu of the Sponsor. There were no objections. Counsel then explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

H. B. 2948, Relating to obtaining title to abandoned or junked motor vehicles abandoned on the property or place of business of an automobile dealer.

Due to the Sponsor not being present, the Vice-Chairman asked for unanimous consent to have a co-sponsor explain the bill in lieu of the Sponsor. There were no objections. Delegate Sheedy then explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then recognized Chris Reed, President, WV State Towers Association, for the purpose of providing industry testimony. There were no questions or discussion. The Chairman then declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

H. B. 3072, Creating Super two highways in West Virginia.

The Sponsor, Delegate Howell, explained the bill. The Chairman then called for public comments. Chief Engineer, Jacob Baumgardner, WV DOT was recognized to testify. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

H. B. 3336, Well Plugging methods.

The Sponsor explained the bill. There were no questions of the Sponsor. The Chairman called for public comments or an industry representative. Delegate Hansen was recognized and wanted to hear from Counselor David McMahon from the WV Surface Owners Rights Association. Mr. McMahon was called to the podium and sworn in. Mr. McMahon provided testimony on information related to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Jason Wandling from the WV DEP took the stand to provide further insight on subject matter. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 267, Extending time for renewal and restoration of commercial driver's licenses.

Senator Maynard explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 573, Relating to restrictions on use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source.

Due to the Sponsor not being present, the Vice-Chairman asked for unanimous consent to have Counsel explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of the Sponsor. There were no objections. Counsel then explained the Committee Substitute. There were no questions or discussion. The Chairman then declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 627, Removing prohibition against leasing state-owned pore spaces underlying lands designated as state parks.

Due to the Sponsor not being present, the Vice-Chairman asked for unanimous consent to have Counsel explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of the Sponsor. There were no objections. Counsel then explained the Committee Substitute. Garner Marks from Commerce was called to the podium to testify. There were no questions or discussion. The Chairman then declared that the bill will move to the Markup / Passage Stage.

With no other business to come before the Committee and on motion of Vice-Chairman Zatezalo, the committee adjourned.

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