



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for March 20, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 20, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson B., 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 Bridges, 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 were approved.

The next order of business was the acceptance of the Naming Resolutions Subcommittee report. Delegate Hillenbrand was recognized and submitted that Committee Substitutes for House Concurrent Resolutions 14, 30, 43, 52, 70, 76, 77, 82, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, and 93 were ready to be sent to the Rules Committee. The report was received. Then, Vice-Chairman Zatezalo made a motion to suspend the rules to move the resolutions to the Markup and Passage stage so that they could be taken up for immediate consideration. The motion was adopted. Then the Vice-Chairman motioned for the aforementioned Committee Substitutes be reported to the floor, that they each do pass, but first be reported to the Rules Committee. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Westinghouse. Presenters Leah Crider and Rita Baranal provided information on different nuclear power options that could be deployed in the state. Questions and discussion followed.

The next order of business were bills on Markup and Passage.

H. B. 2205, Relating to microreactor development.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. The Vice-Chairman then made the motion that the Committee Substitute

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.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Linville offered an amendment. Counsel then explained the amendment. The Vice-Chairman then made the motion that the amendment be adopted. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted. Then the Vice-Chairman made a motion to send the Committee Substitute to the floor, as amended, with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. B. 2736, Relating generally to Underground Facilities Damage prevention.

Counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. Then the Vice-Chairman made a motion to send the bill 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. 3503, Relating to regulation of commercial horticulture under Water Pollution Control Act.

Counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Hansen asked leave of committee to have a Department of Environment Protection representative (Jason Wandling) provide clarification on the subject matter. Delegate Linville asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment based on the discussion. There were no objections. Then the Vice-Chairman made a motion to send the bill to the floor, 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. C. R. 17, To place Purple Heart Signs at the entrances to the state.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. Then the Vice-Chairman made a motion to send the Committee Substitute to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, but first be reported to the Committee on Rules. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

H. C. R. 40, A resolution to task the Economic Development Authority to find land around Flatwoods and funding and businesses to make an area similar to Pigeon Forge to increase tourism and entertainment.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. Then the Vice-Chairman made a motion to send the Committee Substitute to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, but first be reported to the Committee on Rules. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda is a bill 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.

The Sponsor (Gearheart) explained the bill. There was no discussion, questions, or amendments. The Chairman then advised that the bill will be moved to the Markup and Passage stage.

With there being no further business to come before the committee, The Chairman recognized the Vice Chairman for a motion.

On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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Committee Chair

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