



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for March 25, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 25, 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, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Howell, Lucas, Maynor, Moore, Parsons, Riley, Sheedy, Sr., Street, Young, Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Holstein, Linville, and 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 first items on the agenda were bills on Markup and Passage.

CS for H. B. 2156, Relating to time limits imposed on the Division of Highways to grant a highway entrance permit.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. There were no amendments. The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2156 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.

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

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Riley asked for leave of Committee to hear from Marie Prezioso from the WV Water Development Authority to answer questions. Discussion followed. There were no additional questions of Counsel and there were no amendments. The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that the Committee Substitute for House Bill 3179 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. 3429, Prequalifying consultants for WVDEP- Abandon Mine Lands.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Riley asked for leave of committee to hear from Robert Rice with the WV DEP to answer questions. Following the discussion, Delegate Riley discussed with Counsel on an amendment for the bill. The Committee stood at ease while the amendment was drafted. Counsel then read the amendment to the Members. There was no additional discussion. The Chairman put the question to the Members on adoption of the motion and the motion carried. The Chairman then recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 2156, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The Chairman put the question to the members and the motion was adopted.

CDE for H. B. 3276, Provide mechanism for rate increases for water and sewer utilities.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. There were no questions or discussion and there were no amendments. The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman for a motion. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that the Committee Substitute for House Bill 3276 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.

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, The Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for a motion.

On Motion of Delegate Anderson, the committee adjourned.

E.W. Anderson B.
Committee Chair

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