



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

### Minutes

**March 26, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 26, 2025, 3:00 p.m., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Moore, 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, March 25, 2025, were approved.

#### **MARKUP & PASSAGE:**

#### **Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014**, Certified Microgrid Program.

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 previously placed under oath, Mr. Matthew Irby, State Tax Commissioner, Tax Department, answered questions from the committee members.

Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute and recognized counsel. Counsel stated there were four proposed amendments before the committee and proceeded to present the first amendment.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 by Delegate Linville:

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Linville to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel and of Delegate Linville, as the amendment sponsor. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed amendment. Discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Linville to close on the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the proposed amendment and declared the amendment rejected.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 by Delegate Linville:

Chairman Anderson called on counsel to present the next amendment. Counsel presented the amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel and of Delegate Linville as the amendment sponsor. Questions by committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Linville for the purpose of opening for debate. Chairman Anderson called for further discussion on the proposed amendment. Further discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Linville to close on the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the proposed amendment. A division vote was called by Delegate Linville. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the proposed amendment and declared the amendment rejected.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 by Delegate Dillon:

Chairman Anderson called on counsel to present the next amendment. Counsel presented the amendment. Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Dillon as the amendment sponsor. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel and of Delegate Dillon, as the amendment sponsor. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed amendment. Discussion by committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called on counsel to re-present the proposed amendment. Counsel re-presented the amendment. Further discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Dillon to close on the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the proposed amendment and declared the amendment rejected.

Proposed Amendment No. 4 by Delegate Linville:

Delegate Linville asked unanimous consent to withdraw the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the withdrawal of the proposed amendment and without an objection being raised, the amendment was withdrawn.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for passage of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion for the passage of the committee substitute. Discussion by the committee members followed. A roll call was requested by Delegate Linville and with the demand being sustained, Chairman Anderson directed the clerk to call the roll. With their being eighteen (18) Yays, two (2) Nays, and

five (5) members absent or not voting, the motion failed. Members voting in the negative were Delegate Hansen and Delegate Young.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for passage of the committee substitute. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

**Committee Substitute for House Bill 3377**, Non-State-Owned Roads Improvement Act.

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. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for passage of the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 3377 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be reported to the Committee on the Judiciary. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute 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 the Judiciary dispensed with.

On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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E.W. Anderson B.  
Committee Chair

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Mari Humphrey  
Committee Clerk