



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for April 02, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on April 02, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Campbell, and 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 first item on the agenda was a **S. C. R. 18**, Recognizing intent to create WV Coal Renaissance Act.

Counsel explained the resolution. Questions and discussion followed. The Vice-Chairman then made a unanimous consent request to suspend the rules and move the resolution to the markup and passage stage and be taken up for immediate consideration. There were no objections and the resolution was moved.

The Chairman then called for amendments for the resolution. Counsel explained the amendment and there were no further questions or amendments. The amendment was adopted. The Vice-Chairman then made the motion that the resolution, as amended, be reported to the floor, but that it first be reported to the Committee on Rules. There was discussion before the vote. During the discussion, Delegate Linville raised a point of order for the current speaker (Delegate Hansen) was in violation of Rule 5. The Chairman sustained the point of order. Discussion continued and again Delegate Linville made the point of order on a violation of Rule 5. The Chairman overruled this point of order and Delegate Hansen was allowed to finish his discussion. The Chairman then put the motion to the members and the motion was adopted to report the resolution to the floor, as amended, but that it first be reported to the Committee on Rules.

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 1, Requiring utility work and road paving coordination.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Question and discussion followed. The Chairman called for amendments and recognized Delegate DeVault. The Delegate asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. Upon asking for further amendments, The Chairman recognized Delegate Riley for submission of an amendment. The amendment was explained and there were no further questions or amendments. The Vice-Chairman made the motion to adopt the amendment. The Chairman put the question before the Committee and the amendment was adopted. The Vice-Chairman then made the motion to report the Committee Substitute, as amended, to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The Chairman put the question before the Committee and the motion passed.

Com. Sub. For Com. Sub. For S. B. 464, Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute for the Committee Substitute. There were no questions. The Vice-Chairman made a motion to amend the Committee Sub for the Committee Sub. Counsel explained the amendment. There were no questions or further amendments. The Vice-Chairman then moved for the adoption of the amendment. The Chairman put the question before the Committee, and the motion was adopted. The Vice-Chairman then motioned for the Committee Substitute for the Committee Substitute, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the Committee and the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda were bills on the Committee Hearing stage.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 899, Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

Counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Hansen called for a leave of committee to hear from Deputy Cabinet Secretary Scott Mandirola with the WV DEP. Questions and discussion followed. Next, Delegate Fehrenbacher called for leave of committee to hear from John Bane, Director of Government Affairs for EQT. Questions and discussion followed. Next, Vice-Chairman Zatezalo requested leave of committee to hear from President Thomas Huber with the West Virginia Royalty Owners Association. Questions and discussion followed. Next, Delegate Hansen had the DEP to return to the podium to answer some questions. Discussion followed. The Chairman then declared the Committee Substitute be moved to the Markup and Passage stage.

S. B. 907, Relating to high impact development projects.

Counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Delegate Linville requested leave of committee to hear from Garner Marks, General Counsel for WV Commerce. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then declared the bill be moved to the Markup and Passage stage.

With there being to further business to come before the Committee and on motion of Vice-Chairman Zatezalo, the committee adjourned.

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