



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

### Minutes

**April 03, 2025, 3:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on Thursday, April 03, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Campbell, Cannon, 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, April 2, 2025, were approved.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Committee Substitute for House Resolution 14**, Regarding the Feasibility Study for a Connector Road at Beech Fork Lake.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purpose of making a motion for the suspension of rules.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo asked for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to have the Committee Substitute for House Resolution 14 advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of unanimous consent to suspend the rules on the aforementioned committee substitute to have it advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson called for any objections. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson declared Committee Substitute for House Resolution 14 advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson called for any 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 Committee Substitute for House Resolution 14 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, but that if first be referred to the Committee on Rules. 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.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 3**, US Army Warrant Officer Joseph Rose III Memorial Bridge.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purpose of making a motion for the suspension of rules.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo asked for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to have the Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of unanimous consent to suspend the rules on the aforementioned committee substitute to have it advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson called for any objections. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson declared Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 advanced to markup and passage. Chairman Anderson called for any 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 Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, but that if first be referred to the Committee on Rules. 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.

### **MARKUP & PASSAGE:**

**Senate Bill 907**, Relating to high impact development projects.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments and recognized Delegate Riley.

Proposed Amendment by Delegate Riley:

Delegate Riley moved to amend the bill and asked unanimous consent to explain the amendment in lieu of having it read. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee and with no objection, recognized Delegate Riley to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Riley as sponsor of the amendment. Questions by the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, J. Steven Webb, Associate Director, West Virginia Economic Development Authority, answered questions from the committee members.

Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Riley. The amendment having prevailed, Chairman Anderson declared the bill amended. Chairman Anderson called for any additional amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion on the passage of the bill.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report Senate bill 907 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion and recognized Delegate Linville. Discussion by Delegate Linville followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill, as amended, would be reported as moved.

### **COMMITTEE HEARING(S):**

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 67**, Allowing motor vehicle racing on county or municipal roads under certain circumstances.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 794**, Authorizing DOH to erect warning signs.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 869**, Creating Corridor H Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**Senate Bill 940**, Relating to Water Pollution Control Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath, Jason Bostic, Executive Vice President, West Virginia Coal Association, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**Senate Bill 941**, Clarifying authority regarding dams designed by US Conservation Service.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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E.W. Anderson B.  
Committee Chair

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Mari Humphrey  
Committee Clerk