



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

### Minutes

April 8, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on April 08, 2025, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Campbell, Dillon, and Steele.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo, the minutes of the previous meeting, April 7, 2025, were approved.

### **MARKUP & PASSAGE:**

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 883**, Providing director of WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training discretion and authority in certain appointments.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. 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 Senate Bill 883 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 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 883. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

**Senate Bill 942**, Modifying requirements for diesel-powered equipment in mines.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Committee counsel stated a committee amendment will be presented.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purposes of making a motion to amend the bill. Committee counsel read the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel as to the proposed amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the proposed amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion as to the proposed amendment. The motion was adopted and the bill was amended. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purposes of making a motion for passage of the bill.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that Senate Bill 942 be reported to the floor, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for passage of the bill. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill, as amended, would be reported as moved.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 592**, Relating generally to aboveground storage tanks.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute and the proposed committee amendment. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to amend the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel as to the proposed committee amendment. Questions by the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been previously placed under oath, Scott G. Mandirola, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion as to the proposed committee amendment. The motion was adopted and the committee substitute was amended.

Proposed Amendment by Delegate Moore:

Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee amendment and recognized committee counsel to explain the proposed amendment submitted by Delegate Moore. Committee counsel explained the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Moore as the amendment sponsor. Questions by the committee members followed. With no further questions or discussion, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion as to the proposed amendment submitted by Delegate Moore. The motion was adopted and the amendment was amended. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purposes of making a motion for passage of the amended committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 592 be reported to the floor, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. 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 passage of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill, as amended, would be reported as moved.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purpose of making a motion for the suspension of rules on originating resolutions HCR98, HCR99, HCR100, and HCR101.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo asked for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to have originating resolutions HCR98, HCR99, HCR100, and HCR101 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 originating resolutions HCR98, HCR99, HCR100, and HCR101 advanced to markup and passage.

**House Concurrent Resolution 98**, Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study enhancements to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the originating resolution. Counsel explained the resolution. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for any amendments to the originating resolution and recognized Delegate Young.

### **Proposed Amendment by Delegate Young:**

Delegate Young moved to amend the originating resolution and asked unanimous consent to explain the amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee and with no objection, recognized Delegate Young to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Young as sponsor of the amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Young. The amendment having prevailed, Chairman Anderson declared the originating resolution amended. Chairman Anderson called for any additional amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion on the adoption of the originating resolution.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 98 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the originating resolution, as amended, would be reported as moved.

**House Concurrent Resolution 99**, Resolution to study policies aimed at preventing financial fraud and scams.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the originating resolution. Counsel explained the resolution. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for any amendments to the originating resolution and recognized Delegate Young.

Proposed Amendment by Delegate Young:

Delegate Young moved to amend the originating resolution and asked unanimous consent to explain the amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee and with no objection, recognized Delegate Young to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Young as sponsor of the amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Young. The amendment having prevailed, Chairman Anderson declared the originating resolution amended. Chairman Anderson called for any additional amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion on the adoption of the originating resolution.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 99 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Rules. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Discussion by the members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion rejected and the originating resolution would not be reported as moved.

**House Concurrent Resolution 100**, Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance to study cooperative agreements and hospital pricing transparency in the State of West Virginia.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the originating resolution. Counsel explained the resolution. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for any amendments to the originating resolution and recognized Delegate Young.

Proposed Amendment by Delegate Young:

Delegate Young moved to amend the originating resolution and asked unanimous consent to explain the amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee and with no objection, recognized Delegate Young to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Young as sponsor of the amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Young. The amendment having prevailed, Chairman Anderson declared the originating resolution amended. Chairman Anderson called for any additional amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion on the adoption of the originating resolution.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 100 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Rules. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Discussion by the members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion rejected and the originating resolution would not be reported as moved.

**House Concurrent Resolution 101**, Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance conduct a comprehensive study parental consent measures on software applications downloaded by children under 18.

Chairman Anderson recognized House committee counsel, Dan Baker, for purposes of explaining the originating resolution. Counsel explained the resolution. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. As the sponsor of the originating resolution, Delegate Hillenbrand answered questions made by the committee members. Chairman Anderson called for any amendments to the originating resolution and recognized Delegate Young.

Proposed Amendment by Delegate Young:

Delegate Young moved to amend the originating resolution and asked unanimous consent to explain the amendment. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee and with no objection, recognized Delegate Young to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Young as sponsor of the amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Young. The amendment having prevailed, Chairman Anderson declared the originating resolution amended. Chairman Anderson called for any additional amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion on the adoption of the originating resolution.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 101 to the floor with the recommendation that it be adopted, as amended, but that it 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. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the originating resolution, as amended, would be reported as moved.

On motion made by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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E.W. Anderson B.  
Committee Chair

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Mari Humphrey  
Committee Clerk