



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 20, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on March 20, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson B., Barnhart, Cannon, Canterbury, Cooper, Criss, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Horst, Hott, Howell, Jeffries, Linville, Mazzocchi, Riley, Rohrbach, Statler, Williams, Worrell, Hornbuckle.

Members absent: Dittman, Toney.

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

On motion of Delegate Riley, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Markup and Passage

H. B. 2121, Deceased Disabled Veteran Real Property Exemption for Widowed Spouses.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 2121 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 2145, Relating to terminating the authority of the Director of the Purchasing Division to impose a certain annual fee upon vendors.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 2145 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 2146, Exempting the processing of beef, pork or lamb by a slaughterhouse for an individual owner of the product processed from the Consumer Sales and Service Tax.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 2146 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 2052, Eliminating the requirement that the apprenticeship training tax credit base be limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 2052 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Com Sub for H. B. 2456, Pregnancy Support.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 2456 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 2159, Relating to the assessment of interest on overpayments by the Bureau for Medical Services.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 2159 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 2399, Relating to the taxation of managed timber.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Delegate Gearheart moved committee substitute HB 2399 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 3012, Relating to Lottery Money Distribution.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Delegate Gearheart moved committee substitute HB 3012 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Com Sub for H. B. 2889, To permit a fairness hearing exemption to the registration requirements of the Uniform Securities Act.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Delegate Gearheart moved committee substitute HB 2889 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Com Sub for H. B. 2963, To ensure that the survivor of a merger, reorganization, purchase, or assumption of liabilities of a bank chartered by West Virginia is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Delegate Gearheart moved committee substitute HB 2963 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

H. B. 3269, Reorganizing the Board of Banking and Financial Institutions, the Division of Financial Institutions, and the Lending and Credit Rate Board.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Delegate Gearheart moved HB 3269 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Delegate Gearheart moved the committee recess until 1 PM. The motion carried.

The Committee reconvened at 1:00 PM

Committee Hearing

H.B. ORG, Scalp Cooling System

Bill sponsor Delegate Hall was called to explain the bill.

Jessica Huffman, Assistant Vice President of WVU Medicine, was sworn in under oath by the Chairman.

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

Com Sub for H. B. 3142, Allowing health benefit plan sponsors to communicate electronically with covered persons.

Bill sponsor Delegate Akers was called to explain the bill.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

H. B. 3342, Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act.

The Chairman asked unanimous consent to have counsel explain the bill.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Lindsay Marchio, Acting General Counsel for the Treasury Office was sworn in under oath by the Chairman.

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

Art Thomm, Director of Government Relations, State Affairs for the National Shooters Association, was sworn in under oath by the Chairman.

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

H. B. 3440, Relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office.

Bill sponsor Delegate Riley was called to explain the bill.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

Com Sub for H. B. 3090, Relating to coverage for the treatment of stuttering.

Bill sponsor Delegate Rohrbach was called to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the sponsor.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

Vernon Criss

Committee Chair

Steve Young

House Finance Clerk