



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 31, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on March 31, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

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

Members absent: Delegate Rohrbach.

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.

Committee Hearing

H. B. 2026, Budget Bill.

Ian Smith, Budget Analyst, was recognized to introduce the bill.

Dave McMahon, Concerned Citizen relating to Child Protective Services, was recognized by the Chair to speak to the bill.

Kelly Allen, West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, was recognized by the Chair to speak to the bill.

Jim McKay, State Coordinator for Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia, was recognized by the Chair to speak to the bill.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

H.B. ORG

Richard Anderson, Budget Analyst, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the staff.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley made a motion to suspend House Rule 83b and take up HB 2026 and HB ORG for Markup and Passage. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Markup and Passage

H. B. 2026, Budget Bill.

Ian Smith, Budget Analyst, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the staff.

Stella Dunn, Budget Analyst, was recognized to continue to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for HB 2026 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion carried.

H.B. ORG

Richard Anderson, Budget Analyst, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB ORG be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion carried.

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

Vernon Criss

Committee Chair

Steve Young

House Finance Clerk