



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Finance

Minutes for April 09, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on April 09, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Anderson, B., Linville and 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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 35, Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.

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

Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for SB 35 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

S. B. 561, Relating to Uniform Special Deposits Act.

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

Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for SB 561 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 576, Authorizing fixed odds racing in horse and dog racing.

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

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved to amend the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

John Myers, Director of the West Virginia Lottery, having been previously sworn before the Committee, the witness was continued under his previous oath (oath on file).

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

Delegate Rohrbach asked unanimous consent to call a member of the public to speak to the bill.

Phillip Reale, Attorney for the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, was sworn in under oath by the Chairman. Mr. Reale spoke to the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

The Amendment was adopted.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for SB 576 as Amended be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Riley being on the prevailing side of the vote for Committee Substitute for SB 35, moved to reconsider the bill. Motion carried.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 35, Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.

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

Vice-Chairman Riley moved to amend the bill. Amendment adopted.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for SB 35 as Amended be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 677, Increasing fees charged by Commissioner of Securities for each offering.

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 for SB 677 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion by members relating to Committee Substitute for SB 677. The motion carried.

HB ORG

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

Questions by members were asked to the staff.

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

The following additional Delegates are designated sponsors of the bill.

Delegates Rohrbach, Hornbuckle, Mazzocchi, Hott and Fehrenbacher.

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Vice-Chairman Riley moved Committee Substitute for HB ORG be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion by members relating to HB ORG. The motion carried.

The following additional Delegates are designated sponsors of the bill.

Delegates Riley, Gearheart, Rohrbach, Criss, Fehrenbacher, Hott and Anderson.

Committee Hearing

Com. Sub. for S. B. 724, Relating to taxation.

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

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

S. B. 874, Permitting current home confinement officers to participate in Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

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

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

This completes the Hearing stage of the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley being on the prevailing side of the vote for Committee Substitute for HB ORG, moved to reconsider the bill. Motion carried.

HB ORG

Vice-Chairman Riley made a motion to suspend House Rule 83b. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

Vice-Chairman Riley being on the prevailing side of the vote for Committee Substitute for HB ORG, moved to reconsider the bill. Motion carried.

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

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

Vernon Criss
Committee Chair

Steve Young
House Finance Clerk