



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 24, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kelly, D., Kimble, Kump, Mallow, Marple, Martin, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers

Members absent: None

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Akers recognized the clerk for purposes of receiving subcommittee reports:

The House Subcommittee on Legal Services has had under consideration House Bill 2131 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bill 2434 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bill 2360 and House Bill 2437 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

House Bill 2400, Prohibiting the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to any person who has not specifically requested one from the county clerk

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced version. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Without objection, Mr. David Cook, Office of the Secretary of State, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2400 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers

put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee substitute will be reported as moved.

House Bill 2006, Defining Men and Women

Chairman Akers recognized and administered an oath to Mr. Curtis Capehart, Office of the Governor, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Mr. Capehart. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Without objection, Ms. Julie Britton, YWCA, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 2129, Creating the Parents Bill of Rights

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Butler as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Butler. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor the committee adjourned.

JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk