



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 19, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Delegates Flanigan.

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.

House Bill 3439, Relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Worrell as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Worrell regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3433, Modifying language in the statute to make it consistent with W.Va. Code §5H-1-2(b) for survivor's benefit payment for first responders for purposes of payment for funeral expenses of law enforcement, safety, and emergency workers

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Kelly as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Kelly regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 2806, Real property sales listing form

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 2806 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 2618, To create automatic restoration of Second Amendment rights upon completion of sentence for non-violent crimes

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Horst as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Horst regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and remaining under oath from a previous appearance before the committee, Mr. Ken Matthews answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3016, Photo voter ID and noncitizen Licenses

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Moore as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Moore regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed.

At this moment, Chairman Akers ceded the Chair to Vice-Chairman Maynor.

Without objection and remaining under oath from a previous appearance before the committee, Mr. David Cook, Counsel, West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Maynor advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3116, Relating to incest

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

House Bill 3289, Relating to expungement of certain criminal convictions

Chairman Maynor recognized Delegate Eldridge as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Maynor called for questions of Delegate Eldridge regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Maynor, Judge Stacey Nowicki-Eldridge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, answered questions from the committee members.

At this moment, Chairman Maynor ceded the Chair to Delegate Akers.

Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3400, Requiring political action committee to disclose contributors' names and addresses to Secretary of State

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Moore as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Moore regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and remaining under oath from a previous appearance before the committee, Mr. David Cook, Counsel, West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, answered questions from the committee members. Without objection, Senator Hamilton answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Mallow, the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk