



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 24, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Monday, March 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, Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: Delegates Ward, B.

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 3016, Photo voter ID and noncitizen Licenses (lied over)

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor. Vice-Chairman Maynor asked for unanimous consent to withdraw the proposed committee substitute. Without objection, Chairman Akers declared the committee substitute withdrawn.

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the new proposed committee substitute for the bill. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for consideration of the proposed committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the proposed committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed 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 3016 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the committee substitute for the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the committee substitute for the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 2103, Provide certain classes of property protections from creditor collections

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

House Bill 3181, Allow all law enforcement officers to purchase gun upon retirement

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

House Bill 3164, Requiring registered sex offenders pay annual fee

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 for the bill. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for consideration of the proposed committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the proposed committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed 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 3164 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the committee substitute for the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the committee substitute for the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 3305, Changing the limit on switching parties before filing to run for office from 60 days to 180 days prior to an election

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 3305 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 to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 2894, Prohibiting human trafficking of illegal aliens

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

House Bill 2961, To amend the law concerning ownership and possession of real property

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

House Bill 3424, removing language regarding short term loans being provided to released inmates for costs related to reentry into the community, as such loans have not been provided or secured

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. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Mr. Pat Mirandy, Chief of Staff, West Virginia Division of Corrections, answered questions from the committee members. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 3432, Revising the statutes to clarify and separate duties identified in the code between the Division of Emergency Management and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

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

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 198, Prohibiting creation, production, distribution, or possession of artificially generated child pornography

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk