



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 25, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Tuesday, March 25, 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, Ridenour, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, Chairman Akers.

Members absent: Delegates Phillips, Roop.

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 2103, Provide certain classes of property protections from creditor collections

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 recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor. Vice-Chairman Maynor asked for unanimous consent for the bill to lie over. Without objection, Chairman Akers declared the bill shall lie over.

House Bill 2894, Prohibiting human trafficking of illegal aliens

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 recognized Delegate Funkhouser. Delegate Funkhouser asked for unanimous consent for the bill to lie over. Without objection, Chairman Akers declared the bill shall lie over.

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

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. 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 3181 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 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 3424, Removing language regarding short term loans being provided to released inmates for costs related to reentry into the community

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 3424 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 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 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. 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 3432 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 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 2491, 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 Crouse as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Crouse regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 2816, Relating to clarifying secondary sources are not the law and public policy of West Virginia in certain instances

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

House Bill 2958, To clarify what constitutes trespassing at an institution of higher education

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

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin, the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk