



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for April 02, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Wednesday, April 02, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegates Akers.

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

Members absent: Delegates Hillenbrand, Shamblin, Zatezalo.

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.

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

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee amendment to the bill. 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 proceeded to consideration of the committee amendment.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee amendment. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to amend the bill. The motion was adopted and the amendment was approved. Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 198 to the floor, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. 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.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 257, Providing protection for property owner when someone visiting private cemetery causes damage to property

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. On motion by Vice-Chairman Maynor, an amendment to the bill was offered.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed amendment. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to amend the bill. The motion was adopted and the proposed amendment to the bill was approved. Chairman Akers called for further amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 257 to the floor, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. 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 bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 270, Declaring sale and manufacture of firearms essential business during declared emergency

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee amendment to the bill. 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 proceeded to consideration of the committee amendment.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee amendment. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to amend the bill. The motion was adopted and the amendment was approved. Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 270 to the floor, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass as amended. 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.

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

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 617, Discouraging gang activity

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

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk