



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Agriculture

Minutes for February 26, 2025, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Agriculture met on February 26, 2025, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Hart, Thorne, Hamilton, Rose, Rucker

Members absent: Senators Deeds, Queen, Tarr, Woelfel

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

Chairman Hart introduced new members to the committee.

Chairman Hart introduced the staff to the committee.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the committee adopted the Rules of the Senate to govern the committee in its deliberations.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the committee authorized Chairman Hamilton to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the committee authorized staff to, as needed, make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions and drafts which may be brought before the committee.

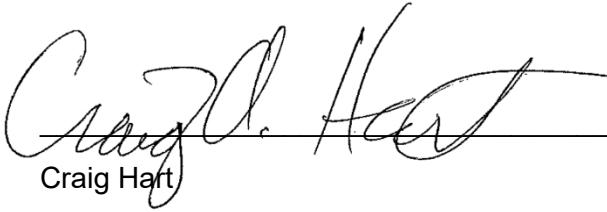
On motion of Senator Thorne, the committee authorized counsel to incorporate all introduced bills, or resolutions, as well as, any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the Committee and the Committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, as a committee substitute and to report it in lieu of the introduced bill, or resolution.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the committee authorized members who are physically present in their Capitol offices may participate remotely in committee meetings and hearings as though they were physically present, shall be counted in determining a quorum, and shall vote on every question pursuant to Senate Rule 43. The Chair shall provide for simultaneous video and audio participation among all members.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Committee authorized the Chair to administer an oath to any witness appearing before them, should a majority of the members of the Committee vote to do so.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Committee authorized members who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, notified of potential exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or who have been determined by a physician to be at a higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19, to participate remotely (outside of the capitol building) in committee meetings as though they were physically present. Members may vote on every question subject to Senate Rule 43.

On Motion of Senator Thorne the committee adjourned.



Craig Hart

Chair



Trina Strain

Clerk