



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Agriculture

Minutes for March 12, 2025, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Agriculture met on March 12, 2025, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Queen, Tarr

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

On motion of Senator Thorne, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Hart brought the following bills before the committee.

Committee Substitute for S. B. 295 – Clarifying non-agricultural status of solar farms.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Com Sub for SB295 was reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee Substitute for S. B. 618 – Relating generally to certain farmland tax exemptions and appraisals.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

Senator Thorne moved to amend the bill by clarifying that all farm property owned by a corporate owner, regardless of whether parcels are contiguous or not, would be considered together to determine whether the owner's farm property produces \$20,000 worth of agricultural products for sale. Motion adopted.

The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Com Sub for SB618 was reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

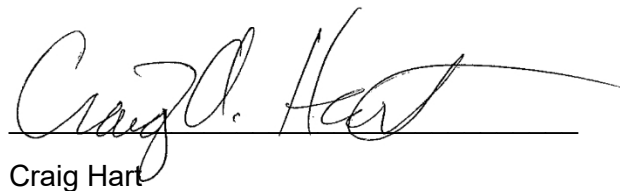
Committee Substitute for S. B. 686 – Relating to WV commercial feed law.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Com Sub for SB686 was reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Thorne the committee adjourned.



Craig Hart

Chair



Trina Strain

clerk