



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Agriculture

Minutes for March 26, 2025, 2:00 PM

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

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

Members absent: Senators Queen, Tarr, Woelfel

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. 805** – Relating to land use associations.

With leave of the committee, Counsel brought Anna Payne, Intern for Minor Committees, forward to explain the bill in lieu of having it read and respond to questions.

Senator Rucker moved to amend the bill by striking “effectively prohibits or” from lines 15-16 on page 1 to replace with “unreasonably,” and striking “individual property owner” from line 16 on page 1 to replace with “property owned and maintained by a homeowner.” Motion to adopt this amendment was approved.

The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute as amended.

On motion of Senator Thorne, the Com. Sub. for SB805, as amended, will be 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 Government Organization.

**Committee Substitute for S. B. 844** – Exempting coturnix quail from game farm requirement if they are owned for agricultural purposes.

Counsel explained the bill in lieu of having it read and responded to questions.

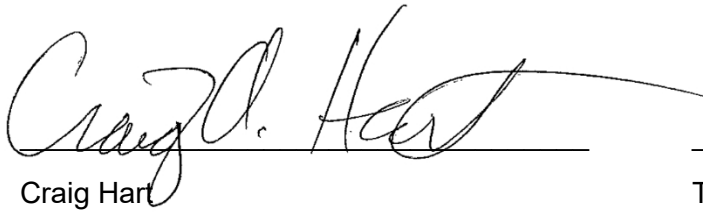
With leave of the committee, Zack Brown, Assistant Chief of Operations at WVDNR, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

Senator Rucker requested Counsel to change the short title to reflect the bill.

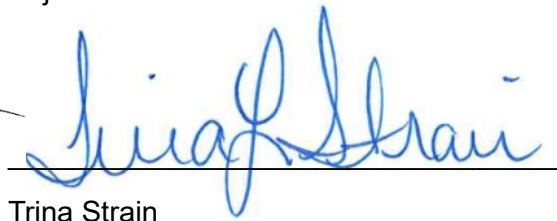
On motion of Senator Thorne, the Com. Sub. for SB844 will be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Thorne the committee adjourned.



Craig Hart

Chair



Trina Strain

Clerk