



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining

Minutes for February 17, 2025, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining met on February 17, 2025, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Rose, Queen, Charnock, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Phillips, Stuart, Taylor, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Boley

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

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

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

On motion of Senator Queen, 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 Queen, the committee authorized counsel to incorporate all 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, and to report it in lieu of the bill, or resolution.

On motion of Senator Queen, the committee adopted a requirement that witnesses appearing before the Committee, with the exception of Senate staff and West Virginia elected officials, shall be administered the oath authorized by Senate Rule 28a.

Chairman Rose introduced the 2025 Senate Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining new members and staff.

S. B. 439 - Relating to taxation of wind power projects.

Joni Nichols, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Chris Hall, Clear Way Energy, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Rose, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Queen, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Queen, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Queen the committee adjourned.



Chris A. Rose
Chair



Luke Bechtel
Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 17 day of February, 2025, in
the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry, & Mining.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

[Handwritten Signature]

Print Witness Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

[Handwritten Signature: Christopher Rose]

Print Member Name

Christopher Rose

Sign Member Name