



**West Virginia Senate**  
**Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining**  
**Minutes for February 24, 2025, 2:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining met on February 24, 2025, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senator Azinger, Stuart, and Boley

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

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

**S. B. 448 - Creating credit against severance tax for certain infrastructure improvements.**

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

With leave of the committee, Chris Hamilton, West Virginia Coal Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

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.

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Chris A. Rose  
Chair

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Luke Bechtel  
Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 29 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."

Chris Hunter

Print Witness Name

Chris Hunter

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Chris Rose

Print Member Name

Christopher Rose

Sign Member Name