



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 2:00 PM

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

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

Members absent: Senators Boley, Helton, Jeffries, Stuart

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. 678** - Establishing Coal Based Affordable Electricity and Economic Growth Act.

Candace Kraus, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Chris Hamilton, President, West Virginia Coal Association, 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 Garcia the committee moved to amend the committee substitute on page 6 by striking subsection (d) in its entirety. The same was put and rejected.

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

On motion of Senator Willis, 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.

**S. B. 708** - Providing state mine inspectors with raise.

Candace Kraus, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

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.

**H. B. 2942** - Administration of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Design-Build Pilot Program.

Candace Kraus, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed strike and insert amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Queen, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

**H. B. 2943** - Administration of the West Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Act.

Candace Kraus, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the bill 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 17 day of March, 2025, in  
the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry, and 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 Hamilton

Print Witness Name

John H. ...

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Chris A. Rose

Print Member Name

Christopher Rose

Sign Member Name