



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on March 17, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Barrett, Roberts, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Thorne, Woodrum, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Boley, Maynard, Martin

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

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

### **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 589 – Providing pay increases to members of judiciary**

Phillip Childs, Counsel, Senate Finance Committee was recognized to explain the bill. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 589 be reported to the full Senate without recommendation but first be referred to the Committee on Pensions. The motion carried.

### **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 76 – Increasing WV Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System accrued benefit for certain members**

Counsel Childs was recognized to explain the bill and to answer questions from the committee. The Vice-Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 76 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 75 – Changing distribution of income from excess lottery fund**

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. Paul Barnette, Chief Financial Officer, West Virginia Lottery Commission, and Phil Reale representing the Thoroughbred Breeders Association, were also recognized to answer additional questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 75, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

**Senate Bill 615 - Eliminating accelerated tax payment requirements**

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Senate Bill 615 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

**Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 710 – Relating to the practice of teledentistry**

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. Dr. Dan Joseph representing the American Association of Orthodontists, was also recognized to answer additional questions. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 710 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

On Motion of Senator Roberts the committee adjourned.



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Jason Barrett  
Chairman



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Tammy Shamblin  
Committee Clerk