



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 25, 2025, 9:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 25, 2025, 9:30 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Rucker, Barrett, Chapman, Charnock, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Maynard, Phillips, Thorne, Willis,

Members absent: Senators Rose, Woodrum, Woelfel

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

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

Com. Sub. for S.B. 482 – Certified Professional Midwife Licensing and Regulation

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Jeffries, the committee substitute for S.B. 482 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 496 – Removing reflexology and other energy-based work from definition of "massage therapy"

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Jeffries, S.B. 496 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for S.B. 586 – Relating to requirements for filling vacancies in certain elected federal, state, and county offices

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Jeffries, the committee substitute for S.B. 586 was 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 Judiciary.

S.B. 483 – Increasing civil penalties for failure to file required campaign finance reports

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, David Cook, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Jeffries, S.B. 483 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Jeffries the committee adjourned.

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Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sierra Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sierra Williams, Clerk