



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 06, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 06, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Woelfel

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

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

Com. Sub. For S.B. 500- Transferring audits of volunteer fire departments to Legislative Auditor

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 Woodrum, S.B. 500 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. For S.B. 20- Requiring funding for increased costs to volunteer fire departments and EMS units

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Kenneth Tyree, State Fire Marshal, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Erin Hunter, Deputy Insurance Commissioner and General Counsel, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). Senator Barrett moved to amend the committee substitute. With leave of the committee, Randy James, Volunteer Fire Fighter addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on adopting the amendment was put, a division was demanded and sustained. Division resulted in 6 yeas and 6 nays, the amendment was rejected. The question on

agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Jeffries, S.B. 20 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 Finance.

S.B. 526- Creating the Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act

Bill not taken up

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk