



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 11, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 11, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Phillips, 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.

S.B. 538-Allowing certain entities to purchase qualifying tax-delinquent properties before they are offered at public auction

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Kim Reed, Executive Director, Nitro Land Reuse Authority, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, S.B. 538 was laid over.

S.B. 709- Repealing provisions of code that exempt Department of Transportation, Tax Division, and Bureau of Social Services from Division of Personnel

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Sheryl Webb, Director, Division of Personnel, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Stephen Rumbaugh, Deputy Secretary, WV Department of Transportation, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 709 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. 577- Clarifying prohibited practices by manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or distributor branch when providing new motor vehicle to dealer

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 577 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.

Com. Sub. For S.B. 546- Authorizing county commissions to levy additional excise tax on transferring real property to fund local economic development

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Robbie Morris, WV Senator, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, David Lieving, Director, The Southern Economic Development Council Board of Directors, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 546 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.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk