



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 24, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 24, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Chapman

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. 802- Establishing absent voter ballot tracking system to display status of early ballots and absent voter ballots to voters

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Michelle Holly, Fayette County Clerk, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Donald "Deak" Kersey, Chief of Staff, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 802 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.

Com. Sub. For S.B. 810- Clarifying requirements for administration of anesthesia

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Greg Foster, Counsel, Board of Medicine, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Dr. Justin James, President, West Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthesiology, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Dr. Amanda Deskins, Anesthesiologist, WV Society of Anesthesiologists, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). Senator Woodrum moved to amend the committee substitute. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was rejected. Senator Willis moved to amend the committee substitute. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. Senator Willis moved for the second time to amend the committee substitute. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. Senator Woodrum moved for the second time to amend the committee substitute. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was rejected.

Senator Woodrum moved for the third time to amend the committee substitute. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was rejected. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute as amended, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 810 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The committee recessed.

Com. Sub. For S.B. 820- Whistleblower Protection Fund Act

The committee reconvened. Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Rose, S.B. 820 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to Finance.

Com. Sub. For Com. Sub. S.B. 570- Requiring economic impact statements for certain legislative rules

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Willis moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, division was demanded and sustained. With 6 yeas and 4 nays, the amendment was adopted. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute as amended, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Rose, S.B. 570 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The committee recessed.

The committee reconvened. Senator Maynard asked for unanimous consent to withdraw the previous vote to report the committee substitute to the full senate with recommendation to do pass. Senator Maynard moved to reconsider vote to agree to the committee substitute as amended. The question on reconsidering the vote to agree to the committee substitute as amended was put, and adopted. Senator Maynard moved to reconsider the vote for the adopted amendment by Senator Willis. A roll call was demanded, and sustained. Yeas- Senators Barrett, Charnock, Maynard, Rose, and Rucker. Nays- Senators Hamilton, Jeffries, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum. With 5 yeas, and 5 nays, the motion failed.

S.B. 839- Requiring Division of Labor establish separate rules for residential or commercial plumbing

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Charles Clements, West Virginia Senator, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 839 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.

ORG S.C.R 1- Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study incentives and policies to promote location of certain beverage container recycling and redemption centers in the state

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.C.R. 1 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk