



# **West Virginia Senate**

## **Committee on Government Organization**

**Minutes for March 25, 2025, 9:30 AM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 25, 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 Woodrum, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 570 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

### **Com. Sub. For S.B. 871- Removing persons who perform drywall services from within the definition of “contractor” in Contractor Licensing Act**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Brian Paige, Con App Inc., addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Justin Williams, Director, Affiliated Construction Trades, 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. 871 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

### **S.B. 862- Repealing antiquated language related to Voluntary Gilding Dome Check-Off Program**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 862 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

### **S.B. 863- Removing reference to Information Services and Communications Division**

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 863 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 876- Terminating certain requirements for Tax Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 876 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Com. Sub. For S.B. 861- Updating references to reflect consolidation of Information Services and Communications Division into Office of Technology**

Candace Kraus, 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. 861 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 856- Removing certain reporting requirements to Joint Committee on Government and Finance**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 856 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Com. Sub. For S.B. 823- Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP**

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. 823 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Com. Sub. For S.B. 829- Modifying classes of state of preparedness declared by Governor or Legislature**

Candace Kraus, 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. 829 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Com. Sub. For S.B. 690- Authorizing county commissions to increase compensation of elected county officials**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Patricia Hamilton, Lobbyist, WV County Clerks' Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath).

With leave of the committee, Melanie Pagliaro, President, MAPS & Associates, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Shellie Humphrey, Budget Finance Specialist, WV State Auditor's Office, addressed the committee virtually, 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. 690 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



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Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



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Sierra Williams, Clerk