



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for April 03, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on April 03, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Phillips, Rose, Willis, 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.

Strike and Insert for HB 2008- Executive Branch Reorganization

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2008 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Strike and Insert for HB 2009- Relating to the merging and reorganizing of the executive branch

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2009 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

HB 2013- Transfer of employees to classified exempt service

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2013 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 2067- West Virginia Firearms Liability Clarification Act

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2067 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 3156- Create exemption for Legislature for reporting requirements in Shared Services Section

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 3156 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

H.B. 3157- Relating to shortened procedure for road condition claims

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 3157 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 2752- Relating to motorcycle safety

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2752 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 3389- Exclude the Department of Tourism as a Governmental agency

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Chelsea Ruby, Tourism Secretary, WV Department of Tourism addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 3389 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker, Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk