



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for April 09, 2025, 2:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on April 09, 2025, 2:30 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Hamilton

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.

H.B. 2358- Relating to postmortem examinations

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Matt Izzo, Chief of Administrator, the WV Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 2358 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 3181- Allow all law enforcement officers to purchase gun upon retirement

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. 3181 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

H.B. 3263- Relating to providing notification of utility service disruption to its' customers

Candace Kraus, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Mike Pushkin, Delegate, WV House of Delegates, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Sammy Gray, Director of Government Affairs, Appalachian Power Company, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 3263 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Strike and Insert for H.B. 3412- Relating to exemptions from disclosure of certain records;
and exempting the legislative branch if it adopts its own rules**

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. 3412 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Strike and Insert for H.B. 3411-Relating to commissions; removing the legislative members; and eliminating expired commissions

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. 3411 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