



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for February 18, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on February 18, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Stuart, Willis, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Rose, Rucker, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Azinger and Martin

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Willis, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S. B. 151 - Creating crime of assault on police dogs and other public safety animals.

Joni Nichols, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Senior Trooper T. A. Chaffin, Hamlin Detachment, and Canine Officer Geno, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S. B. 270 - Declaring sale and manufacture of firearms essential business during declared emergency.

Chris Etheridge, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S. B. 240 - Updating crime of sexual extortion.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Willis the committee adjourned.



Michael B. Stuart
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst