



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 17, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 17, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senator 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.

On motion of Senator Charnock, the committee received the subcommittee report for **H.B.**

2129.

S. B. 605 - Requiring certain public or private entities that own, lease, or oversee water or electric supply utility to implement utility continuity rate credit program.

Chris Etheridge, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, John Scalzo, Vice President, Regulatory and Finance, Appalachian Power, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Stuart, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Todd Grinstead, Executive Director, West Virginia Rural Water Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Stuart, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Jessica Lane, General Counsel, West Virginia Public Service Commission, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Stuart, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Chairman Stuart moved the bill to a subcommittee consisting of Senators Tarr (Chair), Garcia, Hart, Bartlett, and Weld.

H. B. 2129 - Creating the Parents Bill of Rights.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed strike and insert amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Jim Butler, West Virginia House of Delegates, District 18, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

On Motion of Senator Willis the committee adjourned.



Michael B. Stuart
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst

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Testimony taken this 17th day of March, 2025, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I swear to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, under penalty of
false swearing in a legislative proceeding, so help me God."

JOHN SCALZO

Print Witness Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Michael B. Stuart

Print Member Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Sign Member Name

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