



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 24, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 24, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Chapman, 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.

Chairman Stuart removed **H.B 2123** from the agenda

S. B. 617 - Discouraging gang activity.

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

Senator Willis moved to report the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Senator Willis withdrew his motion.

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. 864 - Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution.

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

On motion of Senator Willis, the committee amended the committee substitute on page 1, line 14, after the word "house", by inserting the words "of another".

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee amended the committee substitute on page 1, Section 11 heading by striking the word "outhouse" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "outbuilding".

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute as amended, 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 as amended.

On Motion of Senator Willis the committee adjourned.



Michael B. Stuart
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst