



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 28, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 28, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Martin and Rose

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 laid over **S. B. 827**.

S. B. 158 - Modifying eligibility requirements for serving as member of State Board of Education.

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

On motion of Senator Charnock, the committee amended the committee substitute, on page 2, lines 38, 39, and 41, by striking the word "bipartisan" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nonpartisan".

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute for 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 for committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

Chairman Stuart moved **S. B. 828** next on the agenda.

S. B. 828 - Clarifying requirements for persons employed by Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation include contracted vendor staff.

Joni Nichols, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

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

The committee received the subcommittee report on **S. B. 745**.

Chairman Stuart moved **S. B. 745** next on the agenda.

S. B. 745 - Strengthening and reforming lobbying requirements.

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

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee amended the committee substitute, on page 6, line 23, subdivision (4), by striking the words "as to whether".

Senator Tarr moved to amend the committee substitute, on page 17, line 1, by striking the words "solicit, facilitate,".

The chair being in doubt, a division of the body was demanded, which demand was sustained.

The vote being 8 in favor and 7 opposed, the amendment was adopted.

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.

S. B. 848 - Enacting bank protections for eligible adults from financial exploitation.

Kyler Carlisle, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, John Mark Adkins, Registered Lobbyist, Community Bankers Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Stuart, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

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

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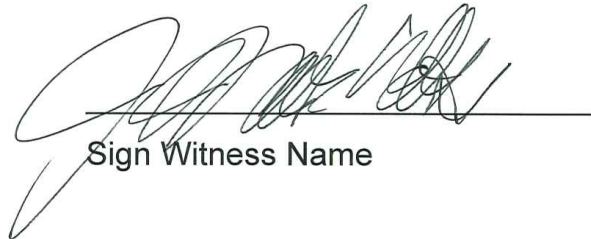


Testimony taken this _____ day of _____, 20____, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Handwritten signature of Mark Adkins in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Print Witness Name

Handwritten signature of Michael B. Stuart in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Michael B. Stuart

Print Member Name

Handwritten signature of Michael B. Stuart in blue ink.

Sign Member Name