



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes

March 3, 2026

3:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 3, 2026, 3:30 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson, Crouse, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Howell G., Kelly, Leavitt, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Street, Ward, Young, and Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Campbell, Dillon, Jordan, Linville, Riley, and Sheedy.

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

On motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo, the Minutes of the previous meeting, March 2, 2026, were approved.

MARKUP & PASSAGE:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 243, Establishing disaster repair and recovery effort tax credit for taxpayers subject to severance and business privilege tax in certain circumstances.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to move the Senate committee substitute for consideration by the committee. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the Senate committee substitute and the Senate committee substitute would be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the Senate committee substitute. Counsel explained the Senate committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments. Counsel stated there was a committee amendment before the committee. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to amend the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to amend the committee substitute and the proposed committee amendment would be before the committee for consideration. Chairman Anderson

recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee amendment. Counsel explained the proposed committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the amendment and recognized counsel.

Proposed Amendment to the Committee Amendment by Delegate Green:

Counsel stated there was an amendment before the committee presented by Delegate Green. Discussion with Delegate Green as the amendment sponsor followed. The amendment by Delegate Green was moved and explained. Delegate Green declined to speak on the proposed amendment to the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed amendment as presented by Delegate Green. Discussion by the committee members followed. Counsel answered questions by the committee members on the proposed amendment.

Delegate Green asked for unanimous consent to reform the proposed amendment. With no objection, counsel reported the reformed amendment as presented by Delegate Green. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the reformed amendment. Discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed reformed amendment as presented by Delegate Green. Chairman Anderson declared the proposed reformed amendment adopted. Chairman Anderson called for further amendments and recognized counsel for purposes of reporting an amendment presented by Delegate Leavitt.

Proposed Amendment to the Committee Amendment by Delegate Leavitt:

Chairman Anderson recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed amendment presented by Delegate Leavitt. Counsel explained the amendment as presented by Delegate Leavitt.

Delegate Leavitt asked for unanimous consent to reform the proposed amendment. With no objection, discussion on the proposed reformed amendment by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Leavitt on the reformed amendment. Questions by committee members on the reformed amendment followed. Delegate Leavitt asked for unanimous consent to again reform the proposed amendment. With no objection, Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the proposed reformed amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the proposed reformed amendment as presented by Delegate Leavitt. Chairman Anderson declared the proposed reformed amendment adopted as presented by Delegate Leavitt. Chairman Anderson called for further amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to adopt the committee amendment, as amended.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to adopt the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion to adopt the committee amendment, as amended. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the committee amendment, as amended,

was adopted. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to report the bill to the floor.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 243, as amended, to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion for the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 243 to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 243 would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE BILL 426, Preventing damage to underground facilities.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to move the committee substitute for the committee substitute for Senate Bill 426 for consideration by the committee.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the Senate committee substitute for the committee substitute to be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel stated there was a committee amendment before the committee. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to amend the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to amend the committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee amendment would be before the committee for consideration. Chairman Anderson recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee amendment. Counsel explained the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel on the committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion to adopt the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the committee substitute was amended. Chairman Anderson called for further amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to report the bill to the floor.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for Senate Bill 426, as amended, to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion for Senate Bill 426 to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and Senate Bill 426 would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 467, Allowing enforcement of Purple Heart parking spaces taken by non-Purple Heart recipients.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to move the Senate committee substitute for consideration by the committee.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the Senate committee substitute for consideration by the committee. The motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel stated there was a committee amendment before the committee. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to amend the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to amend the Senate committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee amendment would be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee amendment. Counsel explained the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel on the committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the committee amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion to adopt the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the committee substitute was amended. Chairman Anderson called for further amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to report the committee substitute to the floor, as amended.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 467 to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion for the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 467, as amended, to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 467, as amended, would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

SENATE BILL 712, Allowing installation of cattle guards on certain public roads.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to move Senate Bill 712 for consideration by the committee.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the Senate bill for consideration by the committee. The motion was adopted and the Senate bill would be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Counsel stated there was a committee amendment before the committee.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to amend the bill.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to amend the bill. The motion was adopted and the committee amendment would be before the committee for consideration.

Chairman Anderson recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee amendment. Counsel explained the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel on the committee amendment. Questions by the committee members followed on the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion to adopt the committee amendment. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and the Senate bill was amended. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to report the Senate bill to the floor, as amended.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for Senate Bill 712 to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on the adoption of the motion for Senate Bill 712, as amended, to be reported to the floor, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. Chairman Anderson declared the motion adopted and Senate Bill 712, as amended, would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 1042, Relating to ventilation of underground mines.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognize Delegate Hillenbrand. Delegate Hillenbrand requested witness testimony. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Thomas Clark, Administrator, West Virginia Board of Coal Mine and Safety, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1042 to markup and passage.

On Motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

Bill Anderson
Committee Chairman

Mari Humphrey
Committee Clerk