



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Minutes for January 29, 2026, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security met on January 29, 2026, 10:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Jennings, Ward, B., Butler, Ferrell, Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Phillips, Ridenour.

Members absent: None.

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

On motion of Delegate Ward, B., the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4552 - Relating to the law-enforcement powers of correctional officers. On motion of Delegate Ward, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Ward, House Bill 4552, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4179 - To create felony charge for individuals who assault police officers or police dogs. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Mallow, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Ward, B. the committee adjourned.

D. Rolland Jennings

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk