



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Minutes for January 30, 2026, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security met on January 30, 2026, 10:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Funkhouser, Heckert.

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 4522 - Banning Foreign backed spending on State Ballot Issues. On motion of Delegate Ward, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, and with leave of the committee, Delegate Ridenour called on David Cook, General Counsel for the WV Secretary of State's office, to testify about the Bill. He was sworn in by the Chair, and questions followed. On motion of Delegate Ward, House Bill 4522, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

### Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4345 - Relating to the preservation of missing persons records and evidence. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Hornby, 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.

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D. Rolland Jennings

Committee Chair

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Drew Constable

Clerk