



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Minutes for February 12, 2026, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security met on February 12, 2026, 10:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Ferrell, Hansen.

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 5234 - Relating to requiring certain information with an absentee ballot. Counsel explained the bill. After discussion, Vice Chairman Ward moved to table the bill. After a voice vote, the Chair was unsure, and division was called. The motion to table failed with 3 members voting in favor, and 5 against. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 5234 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5203 - To forbid any municipality from issuing an ID for the purposes of voting in a municipal election. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Chiarelli, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5203 to Markup and Passage.

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

D. Rolland Jennings

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk