



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Minutes for February 17, 2026, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security met on February 17, 2026, 10:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates 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 5444 - Relating to increasing the amount of fees to be paid by parolees for supervision. On motion of Vice-Chairman Ward, the bill was amended. After explanation of the amendment by counsel and questions, on motion of Vice-Chairman Ward, House Bill 5444, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 5449 - Repealing the Addiction Treatment Pilot Program. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions. On motion of Vice-Chairman Ward, House Bill 5449 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 5454 - Relating to the select committee for the West Virginia Fusion Center. On motion of Vice-Chairman Ward, the bill was amended. After explanation of the amendment by counsel and questions, on motion of Vice-Chairman Ward, House Bill 5454, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5206 - To make certain acts of panhandling and solicitation unlawful. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Ferrell, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5206 to Markup and Passage.

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

D. Rolland Jennings

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk