



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for January 30, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on January 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates, Fluharty, Hansen, Butler, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Kump, Marple, Martin, Masters, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: Delegates Ferrell, Flanigan, Funkhouser, and Mallow.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Akers recognized the clerk for purposes of receiving subcommittee reports:

The House Subcommittee on Legal Services has had under consideration House Bill 4625 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bill 4570 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Homeland Security has had under consideration House Bill 4552 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

House Bill 4606, Relating to the meaning of residence for the Purpose of Bail

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, a committee substitute for the bill was offered.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed committee substitute.

Hearing none, Chairman Akers called for discussion on the proposed committee substitute. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers declared the committee substitute was approved. Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 4606 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers

put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 4625, Relating to exemptions from excise taxes

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Hillenbrand as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Hillenbrand regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having be placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Mr. David Sypolt, County Clerk, Preston County, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 4570, To make the posting of a summons in a conspicuous place on rental property acceptable service when a tenant is unavailable for personal service

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Roop as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Roop regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 4552, Relating to the law-enforcement powers of correctional officers

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Hornby as a sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Hornby regarding the bill. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk