



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 24, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on February 24, 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, Cannon, Ferrell, Flanigan, Funkhouser, Heckert, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Marple, Martin, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: Delegates Hillenbrand, Kump, and Masters.

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.

House Bill 5162, Relating to the sales of tax liens

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. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed committee substitute.

There being no amendments offered, 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 5162 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. 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 5413, Relating to the Central Abuse Registry

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. There being no amendments offered, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 5413 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 to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 5554, To modify the building fund for state parties

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. There being no amendments offered, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 5554 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 to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

House Bill 4986, Relating to child welfare

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Dittman as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Dittman regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 5164, Relating generally to the state fire marshal

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Linville as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Linville regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Mr. Adam Crawford, Vice President, West Virginia Fraternal Order of Police, answered questions from the committee members. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Ms. Juliet Terry, Fire Marshall's Association, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Shamblin for purposes of making a motion. Delegate Shamblin, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the committee's action on the Committee Substitute for House Bill 5162. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for Committee Substitute for House Bill 5162 be reported 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.

Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Ms. Alexis Singleton, provided remarks to the committee regarding House Bill 4986.

House Bill 5319, Camping ban on certain public property

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Chiarelli as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Chiarelli regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Without objection and having been placed under oath by Chairman

Akers, Mr. Rusty Williams provided remarks to the committee. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 5351, Relating to modernization of fees generated from emergency communication service users

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Hornby as the lead 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.

House Bill 5557, The purpose of this bill is to require advertising materials be submitted with the initial public offering statement

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

House Bill 5660, Updates to obtaining a license to carry deadly weapons statute

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Howell, T. as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Howell, T. 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