



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 05, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on March 05, 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, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Marple, Masters, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: Delegates Heckert and Martin.

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.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 473, Creating felony offense of using electronic device to threaten violence

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

Senate Bill 556, Modifying priority of insurance coverage for drivers of certain vehicles provided by entities

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. The following individuals, having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, provided remarks to and answered questions from the committee: Ms. Jill Rice, West Virginia Insurance Federation, and Mr. Matt Jenkins, General Manager, Jenkins Subaru. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

Senate Bill 796, Relating to distribution of West Virginia reports

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for counsel. 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