



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 25, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on March 25, 2025, 3:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Barrett, Roberts, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Thorne, Woodrum, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Boley, Martin

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

On motion of Senator Roberts, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Senate Bill 891 - Creating State Central Legal Advertising website

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill and to answer questions from the committee. Doug Skaff, Jr., Interim Executive Director, West Virginia Press Association, and Deak Kersey, Chief of Staff, West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, were also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee. Senator Oliverio was recognized for an amendment. The Chairman moved adoption of the amendment. The motion carried. The Vice-Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Senate Bill 891, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion rejected.

Senate Bill 934 - Relating to low-proof alcohol products

Phillip Childs, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. The Chairman moved adoption of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice-Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 934 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 707 – Providing increase in salary to WV Birth-to-Three contracted therapists and employees

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill and to answer questions from the committee. Tara Buckner, Chief Financial Officer, West Virginia Department of Health, was also recognized to answer additional questions from the committee. The Vice-Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 707 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 833 – Excluding pharmaceutical medication from prior authorization gold card process

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Cindy Beane, Commissioner, West Virginia Medicaid, was also recognized to answer additional questions from the committee. The Chairman moved adoption of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice-Chairman was then recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 833 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

On Motion of Senator Roberts the committee adjourned.



Jason Barrett
Chairman



Tammy Shamblin
Committee Clerk