



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 27, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on March 27, 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 722 - Creating WV Short Line Railroad Modernization Act

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Ryan Pidde, representing Mickelson and Company, was also recognized to answer additional questions from the committee. The Chairman moved adoption of the language of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 722 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 748 - Creating Safer Communities Act

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. The Chairman moved adoption of the language of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 748 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 724 – Relating to taxation

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Dr. Peter Shirley, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, was also recognized for additional questions. The Chairman moved adoption of the language of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 724 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Originating Senate Joint Resolution – Homestead Exemption

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the resolution and to answer questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman moved that Originating Senate Joint Resolution be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation it be adopted. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Jeffries the committee adjourned.



Jason Barrett
Chairman



Tammy Shamblin
Committee Clerk