



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for January 29, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on January 29, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Morris, Woodrum, Barrett, Charnock, Hamilton, Maynard, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Thorne

Members absent: Senators Helton, Jeffries, Rose, Weld, Woelfel

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

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

Com. Sub. For SB 532- Relating to certified public accountants

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 532 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. For SB 493- Relating to open captioning for motion pictures

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Hal Hunter-Suddreth, President, WV Association of the Deaf, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 493 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

SB 580- Updating practice act for WV Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Phillips moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 580 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Morris, Jr.".

Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sierra Williams".

Sierra Williams, Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 29 day of January, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Hal Henry Suddell

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Robert L. Morris

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name