



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 05, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 05, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton, Jeffries, Rose, 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.

SB 604- Extending Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date.

Abbi Roberts, Judith A. Herndon Intern, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Ely Osbourne, Public Policy Director, WV Alzheimer's Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 604 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. For SB 603-Changing requirements for property valuation training and procedures commission

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Dwayne O'Dell, Director of Government Affairs, WV Farm Bureau, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Scott Lemley, Wetzel County Assessor, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 603 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but with further recommendation that is first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 70- Protecting state and local government systems and data from foreign entities.

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 70 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.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.

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Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair

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

Sierra Williams, Clerk

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Testimony taken this 5 day of February, 20 26, 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."

Ely Osborne

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

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Dwayne O'Dell

Print Witness Name

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