



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 12, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 12, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Barrett, Helton, Maynard, 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.

Com. Sub. For SB 703- Adopting Social Work Licensure Compact

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Halle Stewart, Membership and Advocacy Specialist, National Association of Social Work, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Leigh Muck, Executive Director, Board of Social Work, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 703 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. For SB 659- Prohibiting certain restrictions on regulation of accessory dwelling units

Bill not taken up.

SB 756- Extending authority to state spending units

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 756 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. For SB 757- Allowing 10-day grace period for certain government contract bids to address bonding errors

Bill not taken up.

Com. Sub. For Com. Sub. For SB 426- Preventing damage to underground facilities

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute for committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 426 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk

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Testimony taken this 12 day of February, 2026 in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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God."

Halie M. Stewart

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

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