



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 03, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 03, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton, 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.

Strike and Insert Amendment for HB 4005- Skills to work

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Bill Bissett, President, WV Manufactures Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Ryan Browning, WV House of Delegate, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Tim Burgess, President, Zims Bagging Company, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4005 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

HB 4404- Increase the allowance for volunteer and part-volunteer fire companies and allowing fire departments to make an expenditure for educational and training supplies and fire prevention promotional materials

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4404 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 Finance.

Strike and Insert Amendment for HB 4484-To expand each county commission's ability to sell or lease property.

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4484 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

HB 4464- Relating generally to Underground Facilities Damage prevention

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4464 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Strike and Insert Amendment for HB 5203-To forbid any municipality from issuing an ID for the purpose of voting in a municipal election

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 5203 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 Judiciary.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk

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Testimony taken this 3 day of March, 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."

William D. Berrett

Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Robert L. Morris, Jr.

Print Member Name

[Signature]
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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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Sierra Williams
Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

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