



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 09, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 09, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton, Jeffries, Rose

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

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

HB 5527- Relating to Wellness Reimbursement Programs

Jeff Johnson, Finance Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Weld, H.B. 5527 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 for HB 5091- Relating to duties of licensees under the West Virginia Real Estate License Act

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Patrick Lucas, WV House of Delegate, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was rejected. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 5091 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.

HB 4418- Creating "The Tax Efficiency Act of 2026"

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4418 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.

HB 5564- Relating to deputy sheriffs' vacation time

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Barrett moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 5564 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

HB 5638- Relating to the requirements of the state's cyber security program and responsibilities and authority of the state chief information security officer.

Bill not taken up.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk