



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for January 22, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on January 22, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Willis, Bartlett, Azinger, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Maynard, Rose, Rucker, Tarr, Weld, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Helton, Martin, and Taylor

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

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

S. B. 4 - Relating to crimes against public justice.

Aaron Cobb, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Lonnie Faircloth, President, West Virginia Troopers Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Senator Garcia moved to amend the committee substitute on page one, line 11, by striking the words "with the intent" and insert the words "acting in a way".

Senator Garcia reformed the amendment to include on page 1, line 13 after the word "Threaten" and inserting the words "or menace".

The question being on the amendment offered by Senator Garcia, the same was put and adopted.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute as amended, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

S. B. 84 - Prohibiting law enforcement from placing surveillance cameras on private property.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Bartlett the committee adjourned.



Thomas E. Willis II
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Clerk/Analyst

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 22 day of January, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I swear to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, under penalty of
false swearing, so help me God."

Lonnie Faircloth

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name