



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for January 28, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on January 28, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 209-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton and Martin

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. 256 - DEP rule relating to alternative emission limitations during startup and shutdown operations.

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, C. Scott Driver, Acting General Counsel, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Mindy S. Neil, Assistant Director, Water and Waste Management, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Scott Mandirola, Technical Advisor on Water Policy & Regulations, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule

28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

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

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 28th 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.”

C. Scott Driver

Print Witness Name

C. Scott Driver

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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false swearing, so help me God.”

Mindy S Neal

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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Scott Mandroska

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name

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JASON BOSTIC

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

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