



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for February 04, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on February 04, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton, 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. 473 - Creating felony penalties for criminal threats using electronic devices.

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

With leave of the committee, Robbie Morris, Senator, 11th District, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee amended the committee substitute on page 3, line 51, subsection (f), after the word "device" and inserting the words "with the intent".

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

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. 478 - Second Amendment Reaffirmation and Protection Act.

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

Senator Tarr moved to amend the committee substitute on page 2, lines 21-24, by striking subsection (f) in its entirety.

The same was put and Senator Tarr demanded a roll call, which demand was sustained.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were: Bartlett, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Z. Maynard, Tarr, and Weld - 7

The nays were: Azinger, Chapman, Garcia, Hart, Rose, Rucker, Taylor, and Willis (Mr. Chairman) - 8

A majority of all the members present not having voted in the affirmative, the Chairman declared the amendment rejected.

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

ROLL CALL
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Tom Willis, Chair

DATE February 4, 2026 TIME 3pm

QUESTION Tarr amendment to remove cause of action
SB478

NAME	ATTENDANCE		ROLL CALL VOTES	
	PRESENT	ABSENT	YEA	NAY
Azinger	✓			✓
Bartlett	✓		✓	
Chapman	✓			✓
Charnock	✓		✓	
Deeds	✓		✓	
Fuller	✓		✓	
Garcia	✓			✓
Hart	✓			✓
Helton				
Martin				
Z. Maynard	✓		✓	
Rose	✓			✓
Rucker	✓			✓
Tarr	✓		✓	
Taylor	✓			✓
Weld	✓		✓	
Willis	✓			✓
TOTALS			7	8