



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for February 17, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on February 17, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Hart, Helton, Martin, Rose, Garcia

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. 742 - Permitting physicians to determine 72-hour holds without contacting enumerated individuals.

Candace Kraus, 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.

S. B. 200 - Creating crime of assault on police dogs and other public safety animals.

Aaron Cobb, Extern Law Clerk, 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