



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 05, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 05, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Chapman, Hart, Helton, Martin, Rose

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.

**H. B. 4990 - Relating to crimes using gift cards.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

Senator Bartlett moved to adopt the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee amended the strike and insert amendment on page 3, section 3, after line 10, and, section 4, after line 13, by inserting a new (c) for both sections that states: (c) In determining the value of the gift card or gift cards in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it is permissible to cumulate the value of multiple gift cards when such gift cards are part of a common scheme or plan.

The committee adopted the strike and insert amendment as amended.

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

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the title amendment.

**H. B. 4983 - Authorizing the Department of Commerce to promulgate a legislative rule relating to certification of a microgrid district or certification as a high impact data center.**

Phillip Childs, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

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

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the title amendment.

**H. B. 4265 - Relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration forms and tags for registration, taxation, and control of dogs.**

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed amendment, and responded to questions.

Senator Tarr requested a ruling under the provisions of Senate Rule 43.

Chairman Willis replied that any impact of the Senator would be a member of a class of persons possibly to be affected by the passage of this bill, and refused to excuse Senator Tarr from voting

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the amendment as described by counsel.

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

On Motion of Senator Bartlett the committee adjourned.



Thomas E. Willis II  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst