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Pursuant to section eighteen, article six of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, which prescribes that the Legislature shall convene annually on the second Wednesday in January, the Legislature assembled in the state capitol in the City of Charleston on this the ninth day of January, two thousand nineteen, for the first annual session of the eighty-fourth Legislature.

The Senate met in its chamber at 12:07 p.m.

Pending organization of the Senate by the election of a President, under the provisions of section twenty-four, article six of the Constitution, the Senate was called to order by the Honorable Donna J. Boley, a senator from the third senatorial district, being the oldest member present in point of continuous service.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Joe Thomas, Nondenominational Fellowship Pentecostal Ministries, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Charles S. Trump IV, a senator from the fifteenth district.

The Honorable Mac Warner, Secretary of State, appeared at the bar of the Senate and presented the official returns of the election held on the sixth day of November, two thousand eighteen, for members of the Senate for the State of West Virginia.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA APPEARING TO HAVE BEEN ELECTED NOVEMBER 6, 2018

First Senatorial District: William J. Ihlenfeld II, of the County of Ohio;

Second Senatorial District: Charles H. Clements, of the County of Wetzel;

Third Senatorial District: Michael T. Azinger, of the County of Wood;

Fourth Senatorial District: Eric J. Tarr, of the County of Putnam;

Fifth Senatorial District: Michael A. Woelfel, of the County of Cabell;

Sixth Senatorial District: Mark R. Maynard, of the County of Wayne;

Seventh Senatorial District: Ron Stollings, of the County of Boone;

Eighth Senatorial District: Richard D. Lindsay II, of the County of Kanawha;

Ninth Senatorial District: Rollan A. Roberts, of the County of Raleigh;

Tenth Senatorial District: Stephen Baldwin, of the County of Greenbrier;

Eleventh Senatorial District: Bill Hamilton, of the County of Upshur;

Twelfth Senatorial District: Michael J. Romano, of the County of Harrison;

Thirteenth Senatorial District: Robert D. Beach, of the County of Monongalia;

Fourteenth Senatorial District: Dave Sypolt, of the County of Preston;

Fifteenth Senatorial District: Chares S. Trump IV, of the County of Morgan;

Sixteenth Senatorial District: John R. Unger II, of the County of Berkeley;

Seventeenth Senatorial District: Tom Takubo, of the County of Kanawha.

From the foregoing official returns of the election of members of the Senate, it appears that the persons therein named were elected to the Senate at the election held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, two thousand eighteen.

Whereupon,

On the call of the roll of the Senate, the following members and members-elect answered to their names:

Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Boso, Carmichael, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Ojeda, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel.

Thirty-three present and prospective members having answered to their names, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following members-elect came forward to the Clerk's desk, taking and subscribing to the several oaths of office prescribed by the Constitution, which oaths were administered by the Honorable Evan H. Jenkins, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia: William J. Ihlenfeld II, of the County of Ohio; Charles H. Clements, of the County of Wood; Michael T. Azinger, of the County of Wood; Eric J. Tarr, of the County of Putnam; Michael A. Woelfel, of the County of Cabell; Mark R. Maynard, of the County of Wayne; Ron Stollings, of the County of Boone; Richard D. Lindsay II, of the County of Kanawha; Rollan A. Roberts, of the County of Raleigh; Stephen Baldwin, of the County of Greenbrier; Bill Hamilton, of the County of Monongalia; Michael J. Romano, of the County of Harrison; Robert D. Beach, of the County of Monongalia;

Dave Sypolt, of the County of Preston; Charles S. Trump IV, of the County of Morgan; John R. Unger II, of the County of Berkeley; and Tom Takubo, of the County of Kanawha.

The Senate then proceeded to its biennial organization.

The first order of business in the organization of the Senate being the election of a President,

For that office, Senator Smith nominated the Honorable Mitch Carmichael, of the County of Jackson; seconded by Senator Trump.

Senator Beach then nominated the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., of the County of Marion; seconded by Senator Stollings.

There being no further nominations, the Senate proceeded to the vote for the election of a President.

On the call of roll, those voting for Senator Carmichael were: Azinger, Blair, Boley, Boso, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Mann, Maynard, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, and Weld—19.

Those voting for Senator Prezioso were: Baldwin, Beach, Carmichael, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Ojeda, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger, and Woelfel—14.

Absent: Maroney—1.

The Chair announced the vote and declared that Senator Carmichael, having received a majority of the votes of all the members elected to the Senate had been reelected President of the Senate.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Senators Blair, Takubo, and Prezioso a committee to escort the President-elect to the Chair.

A standing ovation was then accorded the President-elect, as he proceeded to the rostrum accompanied by the foregoing select committee.

Whereupon, Senator Carmichael qualified as President, by taking the several oaths of office prescribed by law and administered by the Honorable Evan H. Jenkins, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) assumed the Chair and addressed the Senate as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of this state's most renowned deliberative body, the West Virginia State Senate. I am truly honored, I'm humbled, and I am inspired to help each one of you fulfill the goals and the dreams and the aspirations of a better West Virginia. Each one of us, you know, the beginning of each new legislative session you approach it with an optimism, and a hope for a brighter future, for crafting the policies that will move this state in the direction of prosperity, opportunity, and hope for our citizens. This is an incredible opportunity that we have at this moment to cement the progress that has been made over the past several years.

And as you know, many of you that have been in this body for the past two years, the Eighty-Third West Virginia Legislature was a tumultuous time. We faced—at the beginning of that session, a \$450 million budget deficit. And working together, together, with each one of us, we overcame the obstacles that we confronted, passed a balanced budget, and, the following year, did so in the 60-day legislative session. And I absolutely credit the minority party for helping us do all that was required to move this state forward, in conjunction with so many of our colleagues in the majority. That's the vision and the optimism and the hope for the future because we can work together to move our state in the right direction and I feel it in this room, I feel that opportunity to work together and to move this state in the right direction. But we had lost jobs—in a declining revenue state we faced these great deficits and we had underpaid teachers and we had underpaid public employees and we have moved the state in the right direction—and it feels good to be a part of that. It feels good to be a part of the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the people of West Virginia.

So, I'll be brief, as we enter into this Eighty-Fourth West Virginia Session but it is a great opportunity to put aside the partisanship as we begin this new year, this new Eighty-Fourth Legislature, and work together to move this state in the direction that we need. Our education system needs reformed, we must, it is imperative, it's a moral imperative to provide a world-class education to our citizens and to our students. Otherwise, we leave them challenged and at a competitive disadvantage with students from across the nation. So, let's do what we have to do—let's fix this system, let's invest in it as we've already done, let's make another round of enormous investments in our public educators and our public employees.

But, I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity to help craft the policies that you want to move this state forward. So, thank you so very much. Thank you.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the foregoing acceptance remarks by Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) were ordered extended in the Journal.

The next order of business being the election of a Clerk,

For that office, Senator Weld nominated the Honorable Lee Cassis, of the County of Kanawha; seconded by Senator Palumbo.

On motions of Senator Prezioso, severally made, nominations were closed and the President was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of the Senate for the election of Mr. Cassis.

The President then announced the vote and declared that Mr. Cassis, having received all the votes cast, had been unanimously reelected Clerk of the Senate.

Whereupon, Mr. Cassis qualified as Clerk, by taking the several oaths of office prescribed by law and administered by the Honorable Evan H. Jenkins, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

The next order of business being the election of a Sergeant at Arms,

For that office, Senator Takubo nominated the Honorable Joseph A. Freedman, of the County of Kanawha; seconded by Senator Tarr.

On motions of Senator Prezioso, severally made, nominations were closed and the President was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of the Senate for the election of Mr. Freedman.

The President then announced the vote and declared that Mr. Freedman, having received all the votes cast, had been unanimously elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

Whereupon, Mr. Freedman qualified as Sergeant at Arms, by taking the several oaths of office prescribed by law and administered by the Honorable Evan H. Jenkins, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

The last order of business in the biennial organization of the Senate being the election of a Doorkeeper,

For that office, Senator Boso nominated the Honorable Jeffrey L. Branham, of the County of Kanawha; seconded by Senator Baldwin.

On motions of Senator Prezioso, severally made, nominations were closed and the President was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of the Senate for the election of Mr. Branham.

The President then announced the vote and declared that Mr. Branham, having received all the votes cast, had been unanimously reelected Doorkeeper of the Senate.

Whereupon, Mr. Branham qualified as Doorkeeper, by taking the several oaths of office prescribed by law and administered by the Honorable Evan H. Jenkins, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

With the completion of organization of the Senate, by the election of officers for the eighty-fourth Legislature,

The first organizing resolution was then offered, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, and Prezioso submitting the following:

Senate Resolution 1—Adopting rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate:

That the rules of the Senate in effect at the expiration of the eighty-third Legislature are hereby adopted and shall govern the proceedings of the regular sessions of the eighty-fourth Legislature and any extraordinary sessions insofar as applicable, subject to amendment as provided by Rule 60.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 12:45 p.m., the Senate recessed for five minutes for the purpose of making introductions.

The Senate reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the provisions of rule number fifty-four of the Rules of the Senate, relating to persons entitled to the privileges of the floor, were

suspended in order to permit the Senators to have members of their families as guests during today's session.

Senator Takubo then offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 2—Raising a committee to notify the House of Delegates the Senate has assembled and completed its organization.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a committee of three be appointed by the President to inform the House of Delegates that the Senate has assembled, with a quorum present, organized by the reelection of the Honorable Mitch Carmichael as President and Mr. Lee Cassis as Clerk, and is ready to proceed with the business of this regular session.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Whereupon, the President appointed as members of such committee, the following:

Senators Hamilton, Azinger, and Baldwin.

Subsequently, Senator Hamilton reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned to it.

The first message this session from the House of Delegates, by

Delegates Hollen, Rowan, and Hartman, announced that the House of Delegates has assembled, with a quorum present, organized by the reelection of the Honorable Roger Hanshaw as Speaker and Mr. Stephen J. Harrison as Clerk, and is ready to proceed with the business of this first regular session of the eighty-fourth Legislature.

Senator Takubo then offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 3—Raising a committee to inform the Governor that the Legislature is organized.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to join with a committee on the part of the House of Delegates, be appointed by the President to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Legislature has assembled in regular session and organized by the election of officers as required by the Constitution and is ready, with a quorum of each house present, to proceed with the business of this session and to receive any communication or message he may desire to present.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Whereupon, the President appointed as members of such committee, the following:

Senators Boso, Roberts, and Jeffries.

A message from the House of Delegates, by

Delegates Atkinson, Kessinger, and Rowe, announced that the Speaker had appointed them a committee of three to join with the similar committee on the part of the Senate under the provisions of Senate Resolution 3 to wait upon the Governor. Senate and House members of this select committee then proceeded to the executive offices.

Subsequently, Senator Boso reported that the joint Senate and House committee had performed the duty assigned to it.

Senator Blair offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 4—Relating to the mailing of bills and journals.

Resolved by the Senate:

That during the regular and any extraordinary sessions of the eighty-fourth Legislature the Clerk of the Senate is hereby authorized to have mailed from the Senate document room copies of bills and daily journals of the Senate; the expenses of such mailing, including postage, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate by the Auditor of West Virginia, in advance of the appropriation therefor, under requisition drawn by the Clerk of the Senate.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Senator Blair offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 5—Authorizing the appointment of permanent and per diem employees for the First Regular Session of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature and payment of their compensation.

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint employees to receive the per diem compensation, as herein provided, during this regular sixty-day session of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature, and any extension thereof as follows:

Up to thirty Class I secretaries at a rate of eighty dollars per diem to one hundred ten dollars per diem;

Up to three Class II secretaries at a rate of eighty dollars per diem to one hundred twenty dollars per diem;

Up to five legislative analysts at a rate of eighty dollars per diem to two hundred dollars per diem;

Two pages at a rate of eighty dollars per diem;

Up to ten legal counselors at a rate of two hundred five dollars per diem to two hundred eighty dollars per diem; assignments and salary to be determined by the presiding officer of the Senate;

One bill and journal clerk to the Senate Clerk at a rate of seventy-five dollars per diem to one hundred dollars per diem;

Up to four proofreaders at a rate of eighty dollars per diem to one hundred dollars per diem;

One Sergeant at Arms at a rate not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars per diem;

Up to two assistants to the Sergeant at Arms at a rate of eighty dollars per diem to one hundred dollars per diem;

One Doorkeeper at a rate not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars per diem;

Up to six assistants to the Doorkeeper at a rate of seventy dollars per diem to one hundred dollars per diem;

Up to three mail clerks at a rate of sixty-five dollars per diem to one hundred dollars per diem;

One night custodian at a rate of eighty dollars per diem;

The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to employ such per diem staff personnel during any session of the Legislature as shall be needed in addition to staff personnel authorized by this Senate resolution adopted during any such session. The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to employ such staff personnel between sessions of the Legislature as shall be needed, the compensation of all staff personnel during and between sessions of the Legislature, notwithstanding any such Senate resolution, to be fixed by the presiding officer of the Senate. In all such cases, the Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to supervise and dismiss such staff personnel; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the appointment of salaried full-time employees of the Senate for the year two thousand nineteen and their compensation, at the following amounts per month, for such periods of time as they are employed in the positions designated, is hereby authorized, as follows:

Clerk	7,500.00
Assistant Clerk	
Executive Secretary to Clerk	3,346.67
Fiscal Officer	5,255.00
Fiscal Officer	5,255.00
Technical Support	4,596.67
Chief Desk Clerk	
Chief Journal Clerk	
Bill Clerk	3,096.67
Clerk to Minor Committees	3,541.67
Counsel to President	9,500.00
Executive Assistant to President	3,833.33
Legislative Analyst to President	3,583.33
Secretary to President	2,680.00
Director of Communications	6,392.50
Parliamentarian	4,930.00
Administrative Assistant to Majority Leader	2,583.33
Counsel to Minority Leader	6,875.00
Administrative Assistant to Minority Leader	2,500.00

Counsel to Education Committee	7,468.67
Clerk/Analyst to Education Committee	3,541.67
Counsel to Finance Committee	7,500.00
Budget Analyst to Finance Committee	4,166.67
Assistant to Finance Chairman/Clerk	3,461.60
Counsel to Government Organization	6,875.00
Clerk to Government Organization Committee	
Secretary to Government Organization Committee	3,567.48
Counsel to Health and Human Resources Committee	6,875.00
Clerk to Health and Human Resources Committee	3,541.67
Counsel to Judiciary Committee	7,000.00
Clerk/Analyst to Judiciary Committee	3,541.67
Supervisor, Materials & Supplies	4,479.16
Purchasing & Procurement Clerk	
Mail Clerk	
Custodian	2,367.85

The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to employ such full-time staff personnel during any session of the Legislature as shall be needed in addition to staff personnel authorized by this Senate resolution adopted during any such session. The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to employ such staff personnel between sessions of the Legislature as shall be needed, the compensation of all staff personnel during and between sessions of the Legislature, notwithstanding any such Senate resolution, to be fixed by the presiding officer of the Senate. In all such cases, the Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the presiding officer of the Senate, or the presiding officer of the Senate shall have authority to supervise and dismiss such staff personnel.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, and Prezioso offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1—Adopting joint rules of the Senate and House of Delegates.

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates governing the eighty-third Legislature are hereby adopted to govern the proceedings of the eighty-fourth Legislature, subject to subsequent amendment.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Blair, and Prezioso offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2—Relating to the payment of bills for supplies, services and printing and authorized contingent and other expenses of the eighty-fourth Legislature.

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That for the regular and any extraordinary sessions of the eighty-fourth Legislature, the Auditor of West Virginia, in advance of the appropriation for such purposes, is hereby authorized, upon proper requisition of the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates, to pay bills for supplies and for services furnished to the Legislature preparatory to the beginning of, during and following the adjournment of sessions, including contingent expenses of the respective houses; the per diem of officers, other than the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and employees of the Senate and of the House of Delegates; travel expenses of members as authorized by law; bills for legislative printing as the accounts for same become due; and any other authorized contingent and other expenses of the Legislature or the respective houses.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the following bills and joint resolutions were considered introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees as shown on the Chamber Automation System:

By Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Sypolt, Cline, Takubo, Boso, Clements, Swope, Smith, Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Stollings, Weld, and Plymale:

Senate Bill 1—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2E-11; to amend and reenact §18-9A-2 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §18C-9-1, §18C-9-2, §18C-9-3, §18C-9-4, §18C-9-5, and §18C-9-6, all relating generally to increasing access to career education and workforce training; establishing Advanced Career Education (ACE) programs and pathways; providing that certain individuals who have completed a secondary education program in a public, private, or home school shall be considered adults enrolled in regular secondary programs for funding purposes; requiring community and technical colleges establish partnerships with career technical education centers, county boards of education, or both that provide for ACE programs; providing requirements for ACE programs and pathways; requiring the Board of Education and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education promulgate joint guidelines; requiring the Division of Vocational Education and the council maintain and annually report certain information; providing that community and technical colleges and career technical education centers shall participate in one or more ACE partnerships in order to receive certain funding; establishing the WV Invests Grant Program; defining terms; authorizing the council to award WV Invests Grants under certain terms and conditions; requiring the council to report certain information on the WV

Invests Grant Program; requiring the council to propose legislative rules; providing eligibility and renewal requirements for a WV Invests Grant; requiring applicants enter into certain agreements; and establishing the WV Invests Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump, Boso, Takubo, Weld, and Cline:

Senate Bill 2—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-10-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §23-5-10 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §23-5-11a; to amend and reenact §29A-5-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §29A-6-1 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §51-2A-24; to amend and reenact §51-9-1a of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §51-11-1, §51-11-2, §51-11-3, §51-11-4, §51-11-5, §51-11-6, §51-11-7, §51-11-8, §51-11-9, §51-11-10, §51-11-11, §51-11-12, §51-11-13, and §51-11-14; and to amend and reenact §58-5-1 of said code, all relating generally to the West Virginia Appellate Reorganization Act of 2019; terminating the Workers' Compensation Board of Review and transferring duties to the Intermediate Court of Appeals; requiring board to dispose of cases by a certain date; requiring contested cases under State Administrative Procedures Act to go to the Intermediate Court of Appeals; transferring jurisdiction for review of family court final orders from circuit courts to Intermediate Court of Appeals; placing judges of Intermediate Court of Appeals under the judicial retirement system; altering the residency requirements for membership on the Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission; creating the Intermediate Court of Appeals; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; establishing and defining two geographical districts of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; requiring three-judge panels for proceedings; authorizing jurisdiction of the Intermediate Court of Appeals over certain matters; specifically excluding certain matters from jurisdiction of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; providing eligibility criteria for judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; providing that no two judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals may be residents of the same state senatorial district or of the same county; providing a process for appointment of judges to the Intermediate Court of Appeals to staggered judicial terms; providing that the Governor's appointments are subject to Senate confirmation; providing that judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals may not be candidates for any elected office during judicial term; providing for temporary filling of judicial vacancy occurring before the expiration of an appointed judge's term; establishing certain requirements for the filing of appeals to the Intermediate Court of Appeals; clarifying that an appeal bond may be required before appeal to the Intermediate Court of Appeals may take effect; requiring the chief judge of each Intermediate Court of Appeals district to publish and submit certain reports to the Legislature and Supreme Court of Appeals regarding pending cases; authorizing filing fees; providing for deposit of filing fees in a special revenue account to fund the State Police Forensic Laboratory; recognizing the constitutional authority of the Supreme Court of Appeals to exercise administrative authority of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; providing that procedures and operations of the Intermediate Court of Appeals shall comply with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals: requiring that appeals to the Intermediate Court of Appeals be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals; providing that Intermediate Court of Appeals proceedings take place in publicly available facilities across the state; granting the Intermediate Court of Appeals discretion to require oral argument; authorizing the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals to employ staff for Intermediate Court of Appeals operations; providing that the budget for Intermediate Court of Appeals operations shall be included in the appropriation for the Supreme Court of Appeals; authorizing the Intermediate Court of Appeals to issue opinions as binding precedent for respective districts; providing for discretionary review of Intermediate Court of Appeals decisions by Supreme Court of Appeals; authorizing an annual salary, retirement benefits, and reimbursement of expenses for judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; providing for reimbursement of expenses of Intermediate Court of Appeals staff; providing for sunset of the Intermediate Court of Appeals on certain date unless continued by the Legislature; and providing that certain appeals are reviewed and a written decision issued by either the Intermediate Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court of Appeals, as a matter of right.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Boso, Clements, Swope, Takubo, Cline, and Trump:

Senate Bill 3—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter, designated §31H-1-1, §31H-1-2, §31H-2-1, §31H-2-2, §31H-2-3, and §31H-2-4, all relating to the establishment of the West Virginia Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; making legislative findings; defining terms; providing for access to public rights-of-way for the collocation of small wireless facilities; providing for certain permit requirements; requiring permits to be issued on a nondiscriminatory basis; providing for the collection of fees and setting the amount of fees; and providing for certain zoning, indemnification, insurance, and bonding requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senators Weld, Plymale, Clements, Takubo, Sypolt, Swope, Cline, and Ihlenfeld:

Senate Bill 4—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-1-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to municipal home rule; making legislative findings; establishing the Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program as a permanent program identified as the Municipal Home Rule Program; providing for continuation of plans and amendments approved during Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program; providing that any ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation enacted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program shall continue until repealed: expanding eligibility to participate in home rule to additional municipalities; establishing annual assessment for participants in Municipal Home Rule Program; establishing penalty for failing to timely pay annual assessment; creating special revenue account for Municipal Home Rule Board; authorizing certain expenditures from special revenue fund; providing suspension of annual assessment when certain conditions are met; clarifying the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Board; requiring Municipal Home Rule Board to reject any application or amendment that does not reasonably demonstrate municipality's ability to manage related costs or liabilities; requiring publication of administrative rules of Municipal Home Rule Board on its website and made available to the public in print upon request; clarifying procedures related to submitting amendment to approved plan; requiring certain notice prior to proposing or amending a plan; requiring public hearing and notice of hearing prior to municipality proposing a plan or amendment; amending certain prohibitions on the powers and duties of municipalities under home rule; prohibiting municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program from passing an ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation contrary to laws governing professional licensing or certification of employees; prohibiting municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program from passing an ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation contrary to laws, rules, or regulations governing enforcement of building codes or fire codes; prohibiting municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program from passing an ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation contrary to West Virginia Workplace Freedom Act and Labor-Management Relations Act; prohibiting municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program from passing an ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation contrary to federal laws, regulations, or standards related to transportation that would affect state's required compliance or jeopardize federal funding: prohibiting municipalities from enacting any ordinance, act, resolution, rule, or regulation that imposes duties on another governmental entity; providing certain exceptions to

that prohibition; modifying reporting requirements; and eliminating automatic termination of the Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program on July 1, 2019.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senators Takubo, Boso, Stollings, and Jeffries:

Senate Bill 5—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-4-24, relating to requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency, managed care organizations, and private commercial insurers to develop prior authorization forms; providing for electronically transmitted prior authorization forms; establishing procedures for submission and acceptance of forms; establishing form requirements; providing what health care practitioners may submit a prior authorization; providing for a provision for an incomplete submission; providing for an audit; granting enforcement powers to the Insurance Commissioner; setting forth peer review procedures; providing for mandatory medication provisions upon discharge or substation; requiring certain information to be included on the insurers web page and the form; and setting deadlines.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Plymale, Boso, Weld, Clements, Baldwin, Takubo, Swope, Cline, Trump, Stollings, Jeffries, and Ihlenfeld:

Senate Bill 6—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-25, relating to creating income tax credits against personal income tax for educational expenses incurred by teachers for the purchase of supplementary educational materials or professional development costs.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Rucker, Boso, Sypolt, and Cline:

Senate Bill 7—A Bill to repeal §18-5-16a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18-5-16 of said code, relating to transfers and enrollment policies for students in public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senators Blair, Swope, Trump, and Cline:

Senate Bill 8—A Bill to repeal §5A-7-1, §5A-7-2, §5A-7-3, §5A-7-4, §5A-7-4a, §5A-7-5, §5A-7-6, §5A-7-7, §5A-7-8, §5A-7-9, §5A-7-10, and §5A-7-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §5A-6-4 and §5A-6-8 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §5A-6-4d and §5A-6-4e, all relating to dissolving the Information Services and Communications Division; repealing article related to Information Services; authorizing Chief Technology Officer provide training and other services; authorizing Chief Technology Officer provide information services; authorizing Chief Technology Officer provide fixed schedule of fees for providing information services; setting forth procedure to be followed if spending unit contests schedule; requiring Chief Technology Officer oversee telecommunications services to state spending units; requiring Chief Technology Officer supervise and maintain the central mailing office; directing the deposit of any moneys received for services; continuing special revenue account for administration of telecommunications services; directing Chief Technology Officer review receipt of charges received from members;

setting forth grounds for Chief Technology Officer to challenge charges with vendor and process for doing so; requiring Office of Technology apportion charges among spending units and bill spending units; requiring Office of Technology pay uncontested amounts due for telecommunications services; requiring state spending units pay statements from Office of Technology: authorizing the secretary to direct the transfer of funds into the special revenue account for unpaid telecommunications services; authorizing the secretary to assess a penalty with notice on spending units for unpaid amounts for telecommunications services; authorizing Chief Technology Officer to invoice spending units for amounts paid on behalf of the spending unit; providing a process for state spending units to contest amounts due; authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Administration to make a final decision on contested amounts due; authorizing Chief Technology Officer to discontinue telecommunication services to spending unit that fails to comply with provisions of article; authorizing a proportional fee be assessed against spending units; defining terms; granting rule-making authority; making technical corrections; authorizing a special fund to receive moneys for services provided by the agency; transferring Information Services and Communication Fund to Office of Technology; closing Chief Technology Officer Administration Fund and transferring any remaining balance; authorizing Chief Technology Officer to grant waivers for certain services required by statute; and exempting constitutional officers from requirement to utilize certain services offered by Office of Technology.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Plymale, and Boso:

Senate Bill 9—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to personal income tax; alleviating double taxation on foreign income at the state level; and sunsetting the credit for income tax paid on foreign income in 2068.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Boso, and Swope:

Senate Bill 10—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-7-5 and §17B-7-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the Second Chance Driver's License Program; providing that court's accounting of amounts due for crime victim restitution be separately identified; providing that any moneys for restitution that are not submitted in the accounting by the court may not be waived by the participant's completion of the program; and providing that amounts of court costs collected under the Second Chance Driver's License Program attributable to crime victim restitution are not subject to the five percent offset for use by the Director of the Division of Justice and Community Services in the administration of the program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair and Boso:

Senate Bill 11—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-2 and §5-10-52 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-56; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-7A-17c, all relating to retirement and pension benefits of certain members of the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement System and the West Virginia Teachers Retirement System who serve in the Legislature; providing that persons who first become members of the retirement system after June 30, 2019, shall have their final average salary calculated based on total years of service; and providing that members of the Legislature shall receive one day of credited service for each day paid.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Jeffries, Takubo, Boso, Lindsay, and Cline:

Senate Bill 12—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §20-7-1 of said code, all relating to pension benefits exempt from state income taxation; and including Division of Natural Resources police into the class of law-enforcement officers exempted.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 13—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22A-10d and §29-22A-10e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to changes in distribution of racetrack video lottery net terminal income, excess net terminal income, and excess lottery fund.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Boso, Weld, Jeffries, Sypolt, Stollings, Cline, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 14—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-36-1, §19-36-2, §19-36-3, and §19-36-4, all relating to creating the West Virginia Farm-to-School Grant Program; setting out findings and purpose; creating the fund; providing method for allocating grants; limiting grants; authorizing rulemaking; and requiring program review and reports.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Beach, Stollings, Jeffries, Sypolt, Cline, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 15—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-14A-1, §20-14A-2, §20-14A-3, §20-14A-4, §20-14A-5, §20-14A-6, §20-14A-7, §20-14A-8, §20-14A-9, §20-14A-10, §20-14A-11, §20-14A-12, and §20-14A-13, all relating to establishing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; providing a statement of legislative purpose and findings; providing definitions; establishing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; providing for a method of appointment to the board of the authority; prescribing the terms of appointment; describing the powers and duties of the authority; limiting the liability of landowners; setting forth purchasing and bidding procedures; providing civil remedies; providing for conflicts of interest; providing criminal penalties; providing for severability; establishing an effective date; and authorizing rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Cline and Swope:

Senate Bill 16—A Bill to authorize the expenditure of surplus funds by the Wyoming County Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Bill 17—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-12-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eligibility for probation; and adding the option of a psychological study and diagnosis to the studies and treatment required for a person to be eligible for probation.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Trump, Boso, Takubo, and Cline:

Senate Bill 18—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to crimes against the peace; offenses occurring at State Capitol Complex property; and when a person lawfully entitled to possess a firearm may keep a firearm in a motor vehicle upon a State Capitol Complex property.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Blair, Boso, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay, Baldwin, and Stollings:

Senate Bill 19—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-1-13, relating to the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program; making legislative findings and intent; creating the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Fund; and requesting additional moneys to be added to the fund.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Cline, and Takubo:

Senate Bill 20—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6A-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to pollution control facilities tax treatment; clarifying that wind power projects are not pollution control facilities for purposes of this article; and providing that wind power projects be taxed at the real property rate.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Sypolt, Cline, and Swope:

Senate Bill 21—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, §18-2L-3, §18-2L-4, §18-2L-5, §18-2L-6, §18-2L-7, §18-2L-8, §18-2L-9, §18-2L-10, and §18-2L-11; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §18C-8-1, §18C-8-2, §18C-8-3, §18C-8-4, and §18C-8-5, all relating generally to the establishment of the Katherine Johnson Academy as magnet school programs at colleges and universities in West Virginia; defining terms; creating a board of trustees to govern the Katherine Johnson Academy; providing for membership of the board of trustees, the selection of a chair, terms of the trustees, duties and responsibilities, setting of meetings, and establishing trustees to serve without compensation; authorizing the board of trustees to perform certain duties; providing for the appointment of a president; providing for collaboration agreements for the establishment of magnet school programs; providing for restrictions on the amount that may be charged for tuition, fees, room, board, and books; authorizing the establishment of residential programs and commuter programs at colleges and universities; establishing the Academy of Mathematics and Science and the Academy for the Performing Arts; requiring the board of trustees to select certain host institutions pursuant to a competitive bidding process; establishing certain minimum eligibility requirements for students; authorizing a host institution to determine admission and enrollment; requiring students accepted and admitted into a magnet school program to receive the PROMISE scholarship; providing for students to receive a scholarship from the Katherine Johnson Scholarship Fund; providing that no county board or college or university will be required to participate in this program; requiring the Katherine Johnson Academy, the State Board of Education, and the Higher Education Policy Commission to promulgate a joint rule for the administration of the Katherine Johnson Academy; establishing the Katherine Johnson Scholarship Fund; providing for state and county support for the Katherine

Johnson Scholarship Fund based on per pupil allocations; defining terms; and providing for rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair and Cline:

Senate Bill 22—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-39-1, §30-39-2, §30-39-3, §30-39-4, §30-39-5, §30-39-6, §30-39-7, §30-39-9, §30-39-10, §30-39-11, §30-39-12, §30-39-13, §30-39-14, §30-39-15, §30-39-16, §30-39-19, and §30-39-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to adopting the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act of 2015; modifying short title; defining terms; granting legislative rule-making authority to the Secretary of State; establishing seven-day limit on athlete agent to register; requiring additional information from applicant in registration process; eliminating language making applications or renewals for athlete agent registration public records; providing for reciprocal registration; updating required contents of reciprocal registration application; requiring Secretary of State issue reciprocal license if certain criteria satisfied; requiring Secretary of State cooperate with certain national organizations; allowing the Secretary of State to consider whether the athlete agent has pled guilty or no contest to a crime of moral turpitude in decision to issue registration; providing requirements for reciprocal renewals of registration; providing Secretary of State authority to suspend or revoke registration for same reasons as would justify refusal to issue certificate of registration; permitting applicant to appeal adverse decision of Secretary of State; authorizing Secretary of State promulgate procedural rules to implement appeal procedures; increasing fees for initial license and renewal; adding required contract terms; requiring certain notices by athlete agent to educational institutions; requiring educational institution notify Secretary of State and others if it becomes aware of violation of article by athlete agent; allowing parent and guardian of student athlete ability to cancel contract; requiring athlete agent to create certain records; expanding scope of what constitutes prohibited conduct under the act; expanding scope of who might engage in prohibited conduct under the act; expanding scope of who can be charged with a criminal violation of the act; enabling student athletes to bring civil action for act or omission of athlete agent; expanding scope of damages that may be available in civil action; making a civil violation an unfair trade practice under West Virginia law; establishing relation to the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act: and modifying effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Plymale, Sypolt, Cline, and Boso:

Senate Bill 23—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13EE-1, relating to the creation of a five-year sunset on all tax credits established in chapter 11 of the code.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Baldwin, Takubo, and Sypolt:

Senate Bill 24—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to employees of local boards of health; making legislative findings; requiring the Legislature to provide funds to Department of Health and Human Resources to provide local boards of health funds for pay raises for employees when the Legislature provides funds for across-the-board pay raises for state employees; limiting Department of Health and Human Resources from using provided funds for any other purpose; requiring annual funding to continue

pay raises; and prohibiting Department of Health and Human Resources from placing additional restrictions or obligations on provided funds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump, Boso, Cline, and Swope:

Senate Bill 25—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-2A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18B-3C-9 of said code, all relating to authorizing a governing board of a state institution of higher education to eliminate tenure for faculty at the institution under its jurisdiction; and removing prior exemptions.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 26—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-7A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18-7B-2 of said code, all relating to permitting employees of educational services cooperatives to participate in the State Teachers Retirement System; and permitting persons employed for instructional services by educational services cooperatives to participate in the State Teachers' Defined Contribution Retirement System.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 27—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing restrictions on where certain traditional lottery games may be played.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Boso, and Clements:

Senate Bill 28—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-18-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the limitation on the amount collected by the county via the hotel occupancy tax that may be used for medical care and emergency services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair, Plymale, Stollings, Boso, Jeffries, and Swope:

Senate Bill 29—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-28-1, §11-28-2, and §11-28-3, all relating to creating five-year tax credits for businesses locating on post-coal mine sites; defining terms; setting eligibility requirements for tax credit; establishing amount of tax credit allowed; establishing how the credit may be applied; and providing rule-making authority.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair and Cline:

Senate Bill 30—A Bill to amend and reenact §33-3-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating taxation on annuity considerations collected and received by a life insurer.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Blair and Boso:

Senate Bill 31—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-20-1, §7-20-2, §7-20-3, §7-20-6, §7-20-7, §7-20-7a, §7-20-14, §7-20-15, §7-20-16, §7-20-23, and §7-20-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto twenty-seven new sections, designated §7-20-25, §7-20-26, §7-20-27, §7-20-28, §7-20-29, §7-20-30, §7-20-31, §7-20-32, §7-20-33, §7-20-34, §7-20-35, §7-20-36, §7-20-37, §7-20-38, §7-20-39, §7-20-40, §7-20-41, §7-20-42, §7-20-43, §7-20-44, §7-20-45, §7-20-46, §7-20-47, §7-20-48, §7-20-49, §7-20-50, and §7-20-51; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §31-15-16e, all relating to Local Powers Act: renaming short title the County Local Powers Act: amending its purpose and legislative findings; amending certain definitions and adding definitions; amending criteria and requirements to implement and collect certain fees; making technical corrections; amending authorization for county commissions related to imposition of impact fees, services fees, and other taxes; providing for county commission review and permissive approval of impact fees; amending use of proceeds from sale of bonds; adding payment sources for bonds; allowing the reallocation of certain ad valorem property taxes after ratification of constitutional amendment and procedures and requirements related to reallocation of ad valorem property taxes; specifying effective date; providing requirements and procedures concerning creation and finalization of county road construction project plans and amendments thereto; specifying public hearing and notice requirements and opportunity for public comment; requiring consent; permitting joint road construction projects; setting forth duties, authorities, and jurisdiction of Commissioner of Highways; authorizing intergovernmental agreements and setting forth requirements related thereto; providing for the termination of road construction projects plan; providing for application for approval of road construction project plans and application content; providing for certification of road construction project; providing rule-making authority; providing for acceptance into state road system; qualifying road construction projects as public improvements; providing for reporting by Commissioner of Highways; creating special revenue revolving fund and for county subaccounts; providing for funding and expenditures from account; authorizing West Virginia Economic Development Authority to issue revenue bonds and refunding bonds; permitting cashbasis projects; setting forth requirements concerning issuance, selling, execution, and use of bonds; permitting trust agreements; specifying that bonds and other obligations undertaken by the West Virginia Economic Development Authority do not constitute a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of this state or of any county, municipality, or any other political subdivision: specifying that bonds are negotiable instruments; providing exemption from taxation; waiving and exempting personal liability; providing that authority for exercise of powers are cumulative and neither powers nor bonds are limited; providing for termination of special allocation of property taxes: providing for excess fund deposit: specifying that powers are supplemental; providing for severability; and providing authority and requirements related to West Virginia Economic Development Authority, including authority to issue bonds, limitations, payments, certification, and return of unused funds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

Bv Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 32—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing a special license plate for realtors; and establishing a fee.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senators Cline and Ihlenfeld:

Senate Bill 33—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the criminal penalties for malicious assault, unlawful assault, and assault on a law-enforcement officer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 34—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-6-1a, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Highways or local authorities to establish minimum speed limits in certain congested areas; and imposing fines.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Weld, Boso, and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 35—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §55-19-1, relating to providing protection from civil liability for certain individuals for damage to an owner's motor vehicle when removing a domesticated animal from the locked and/or unattended motor vehicle under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Weld and Boso:

Senate Bill 36—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing an adjustment to gross income for calculating the personal income tax liability of certain retirees receiving pensions from defined benefit pension plans that have been terminated with a consequent reduced benefit; and reinstating the effective period of the allowed adjustment.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Weld and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 37—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-63, relating to exempting certain persons from fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits are waived for certain volunteer firefighters; including eligibility requirements; requiring compliance with all other requirements to obtain license; and granting rule-making authority.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Weld, Boso, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 38—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §20-7-1 of said code, all relating to pension benefits exempt from state income taxation; and including Division of Natural Resources police into the class of law-enforcement officers exempted.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Weld, Boso, and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 39—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-10-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to in-state residency tuition rates; providing that members of a reserve unit in West Virginia shall qualify as residents for purposes of calculating tuition rates; striking the requirement that members of the National Guard participate in the National Guard education services program; and providing that current members of the United States armed forces shall qualify as residents for purposes of calculating tuition rates.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Weld:

Senate Bill 40—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §62-16-1, §62-16-2, §62-16-3, §62-16-4, §62-16-5, §62-16-6, §62-16-7, §6-2-16-8, §62-16-9, §62-16-10, §62-16-11, §62-16-12, and §62-16-13, all relating to establishing a Mental Health and Military Service Member Court program within Supreme Court of Appeals; defining terms; granting authority to oversee court to Administrator of Supreme Court of Appeals; setting forth structure of court; providing for written agreement to participate in court; setting forth incentives for successful participation; providing for sanctions for violation of provisions of court; setting out disposition on successful completion; providing for teams to function within court; setting forth eligibility requirements for participation; setting forth procedure to participate in court; allowing for mental health and drug treatment services for participants; providing for governance of court by Supreme Court of Appeals; setting forth information to be maintained on participants; providing for funding mechanisms which may include court fees; and providing for limitation of liability.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Bill 41—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5-2, §17C-5-2b, §17C-5-4, §17C-5-7, and §17C-5-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §17C-5A-1, §17C-5A-1a, and §17C-5A-3 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §17C-5A-1b and §17C-5A-1c; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-5C-6; and to amend and reenact §17C-19-3 of said code, all relating generally to the procedures for drivers' license suspensions and revocations for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs; transferring authority for hearing matters related to suspensions or revocations of drivers' license for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs from the Office of Administrative Hearings to courts; establishing mandatory revocation periods for individuals convicted of driving under the influence; authorizing alternate revocation period involving participation in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program for certain first offenses; establishing mandatory revocation periods for individuals upon subsequent convictions for driving under the influence; directing Commissioner of Division of Motor Vehicles to revoke driver's license upon conviction for driving under the influence; requiring individuals whose driver's licenses have been revoked upon conviction for driving under the influence to complete comprehensive safety and treatment program before driver's license can be reinstated; prohibiting persons convicted of certain felonies from participating in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program; permitting persons convicted of certain misdemeanors to participate in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program; requiring driver consent prior to imposing participation in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program; requiring any period of revocation imposed pursuant to a conviction begin once any period of incarceration has been served; making individuals who are found guilty of driving under the influence ineligible for deferral of further proceedings upon condition of participation in Motor

Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program: requiring deferral program to be completed within one year; prohibiting secondary test of blood without issuance of warrant signed by a magistrate or circuit judge; authorizing secondary test of blood with written consent; requiring that individual arrested for driving under the influence be advised verbally of certain consequences for refusal to submit to secondary chemical test; requiring that individual arrested for driving under the influence be given written statement informing the individual of legal consequences of taking or refusing to submit to secondary chemical test and informing the individual of right to receive secondary blood test; requiring arresting officer to wait 15 minutes before refusal considered final; requiring that, following an individual's refusal to submit to secondary chemical test, an arresting officer execute a signed statement that the officer administered all required warnings; directing officer to submit copy of written statement to Commissioner of Division of Motor Vehicles and court having jurisdiction over charges filed against the individual; eliminating all statutory provisions authorizing or requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to take administrative action upon an individual's driver's license on the basis of a driving under the influence arrest absent direction from court; directing Bureau for Public Health to prepare report for Joint Committee on Government and Finance related to minimum levels of drugs and controlled substances to be admitted as prima facie evidence of driving under the influence and minimum levels that laboratories can reliably identify and measure in blood; limiting administrative jurisdiction of Division of Motor Vehicles and Office of Administrative Hearings to offenses occurring on or before June 30, 2020; providing that administrative hearings relating to refusal to undergo a secondary chemical test do not apply to offenses occurring on or after July 1, 2020; eliminating requirement for an order entered by the Division of Motor Vehicles revoking a driver's license to advise of procedures for requesting administrative hearing when the offense is driving under the influence: limiting the right of individuals to challenge suspension or revocation of driver's licenses to the issue of mistaken identity; requiring the commissioner to take corrective action if a driver's license is incorrectly suspended or revoked based on mistaken identity; providing that plea of no contest constitutes a conviction; requiring pretrial suspension of driver's license if individual refuses to submit to secondary chemical test; permitting pretrial suspension of driver's license by court under certain circumstances; establishing right to request and receive hearing of suspension orders pending criminal proceedings in court where case is pending; setting time limits for defendant to request hearing and for hearing to be held; requiring the clerk of a court to transmit a copy of an order suspending or revoking a driver's license and any surrendered license to the Division of Motor Vehicles; providing terms and length of pretrial license suspension; giving persons convicted of driving under the influence credit for pretrial suspension time against period of revocation imposed; authorizing court to modify pretrial suspension of driver's license; providing that any period of modified pretrial driver's license suspension is not credited against future period of revocation imposed; establishing the scope of review for judicial review of pretrial driver's license suspension for refusal to submit to secondary chemical test; directing clerk of court to forward orders on refusal hearings to Division of Motor Vehicles; providing that finding of driver refusal is final if no hearing requested; prescribing periods of revocation for Commissioner of Division of Motor Vehicles to impose upon receipt of court order on refusal; directing copy of revocation order to be sent to person by certified mail; specifying contents of order; providing that revocation for refusal run concurrently with other revocation imposed as a result of same incident that led to refusal; making persons convicted of driving under the influence eligible for participation in comprehensive safety and treatment program and related reductions in length of revocation for successful completion thereof; establishing procedures and timeline for the Office of Administrative Hearings to transfer jurisdiction of certain driver's license suspension and revocation matters to the courts; establishing timeline for Office of Administrative Hearings to transfer jurisdiction of certain driver's license suspension and revocation matters to Division of Motor Vehicles; directing arresting officer to request, and driver to surrender, driver's license upon

arrest for driving under the influence; eliminating obsolete language; and making technical corrections.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 42—A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the number of magistrates in Berkeley County.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 43—A Bill to amend and reenact §46A-6-107 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §46A-6-107a and §46A-6-107b, all relating generally to warranties for used motor vehicles; providing that a consumer who purchases a used motor vehicle may waive a warranty as to a particular defect or malfunction which the merchant has disclosed in writing to the consumer; providing that a waiver of warranties is not effective unless the waiver satisfies certain requirements; providing that a used motor vehicle may only be sold "as is" under certain circumstances; providing certain disclosure requirements for "as is" sales of used motor vehicles; providing that a consumer shall sign and date the disclosure for an "as is" sale in order for the disclosure to be effective; providing that a merchant disclose in writing certain defects or malfunctions when selling a used motor vehicle "as is"; providing that the merchant shall provide the consumer a copy of a nationally recognized vehicle history report for the used motor vehicle; and providing that an "as is" sale of a used motor vehicle waives implied warranties but does not waive any express warranties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 44—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-4-1, §4-4-2, §4-4-3, §4-4-4, §4-4-5, and §4-4-6, all relating to the Appropriation Supremacy Act of 2019; providing title; defining appropriation; stating findings and purpose; establishing that appropriations by the Legislature take precedence over contrary directives in statute or rules; requiring liberal construction of article; and recognizing constitutional restrictions on appropriations.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Sypolt:

Senate Bill 45—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-25c, relating to education; providing for the Tim Tebow Act; permitting students instructed at home, by a private tutor or enrolled in a private, parochial, or church school or a school operated by a religious order, who do not attend a school that is a member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission to participate in extracurricular activities that are under the authority of the commission at a school that is a member of the commission; providing requirements, standards, and insurance coverage; and providing that accommodating schools may not be impeded from competing against other schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 46—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-12-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring probationers who have served 10 or more years to participate in a work release program and spend six months in a work release center; and requiring that 70 percent of their earnings be held in an account and provided to them at the successful completion of the six-month period.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Smith, Sypolt, and Swope:

Senate Bill 47—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6A-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to pollution control facilities tax treatment; clarifying that wind power projects are not pollution control facilities for purposes of this article; and providing that wind power projects be taxed at the real property rate.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 48—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13EE-1, relating to the creation of a five-year sunset on all tax credits and tax incentives established by the same chapter.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 49—A Bill to amend and reenact §46A-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the use of aftermarket crash parts by a motor vehicle repair shop; and requiring new original equipment parts be used in order to maintain the manufacturer's warranty.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 50—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-27; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §26-9-3, all relating to providing long-term care and substance abuse treatment; authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to modernize or build new facilities; requiring certified beds for long-term care and substance abuse treatment; requiring facilities for outpatient substance abuse treatment; requiring the hiring of adequate professional classified staff; and replacing an outdated reference in said code to Pinecrest Hospital with the correct name of Jackie Withrow Hospital.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 51—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §49-9-1, relating to transferring child welfare enforcement responsibilities to the West Virginia State Police; transferring employees, funds, and property of the Department of Health and Human Resources to the West Virginia State Police; providing that the transferred employees remain in the Civil Service System, continue to participate in Public

Employees Retirement System Insurance, and continue to be covered by the Public Employees Insurance Act; and requiring rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Smith:

Senate Bill 52—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13Q-3, §11-13Q-7, and §11-13Q-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to entitling natural resource producers to the economic opportunity tax credit; allowing the credit to be used to offset the severance tax; establishing conditions; and modifying definitions.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Smith and Swope:

Senate Bill 53—A Bill to repeal §11-6A-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the tax treatment of wind power projects.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Boso:

Senate Bill 54—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §17B-4-3 of said code; to amend and reenact §17C-1-5a of said code; and to amend and reenact §17C-15-44 of said code, all relating to allowing people to operate small-engine mopeds without a driver's license or while a driver's license to operate other motor vehicles is suspended or revoked; changing definition of "moped"; and expressly providing that helmets are required for operators of mopeds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Boso and Jeffries:

Senate Bill 55—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to driving privileges and requirements for persons under the age of 18; prohibiting use of wireless communication device while operating motor vehicle and specifying exception; and making violation of level-three license terms and conditions subject to penalty provision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Boso:

Senate Bill 56—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to distribution of portions of the filing fee charged for the expungement of certain criminal convictions upon proper petition.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

Bv Senator Boso:

Senate Bill 57—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-20-1, §7-20-2, §7-20-3, §7-20-6, §7-20-7, §7-20-7a, §7-20-14, §7-20-15, §7-20-16, §7-20-23, and §7-20-24 of the Code of West Virginia,

1931, as amended: and to amend said code by adding thereto 27 new sections, designated §7-20-25, §7-20-26, §7-20-27, §7-20-28, §7-20-29, §7-20-30, §7-20-31, §7-20-32, §7-20-33, §7-20-34, §7-20-35, §7-20-36, §7-20-37, §7-20-38, §7-20-39, §7-20-40, §7-20-41, §7-20-42, §7-20-43, §7-20-44, §7-20-45, §7-20-46, §7-20-47, §7-20-48, §7-20-49, §7-20-50, and §7-20-51; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §31-15-16e, all relating to Local Powers Act; renaming short title the County Local Powers Act; amending purpose and legislative findings; amending certain definitions and adding definitions; amending criteria and requirements to implement and collect certain fees; making technical corrections; amending authorization for county commissions related to imposition of impact fees, services fees, and other taxes; providing for county commission review and permissive approval of impact fees; amending use of proceeds from sale of bonds; adding payment sources for bonds; allowing the reallocation of certain ad valorem property taxes after ratification of constitutional amendment and procedures and requirements related to reallocation of ad valorem property taxes; specifying effective date; providing requirements and procedures concerning creation and finalization of county road construction project plans and amendments thereto; specifying public hearing and notice requirements and opportunity for public comment; requiring consent; permitting joint road construction projects; setting forth duties, authorities, and jurisdiction of Commissioner of Highways; authorizing intergovernmental agreements and setting forth requirements related thereto; providing for the termination of road construction projects plan; providing for application for approval of road construction project plans and application content; providing for certification of road construction project; providing rule-making authority; providing for acceptance into state road system; qualifying road construction projects as public improvements; providing for reporting by Commissioner of Highways; creating special revenue revolving fund and for county subaccounts; providing for funding and expenditures from account; authorizing West Virginia Economic Development Authority to issue revenue bonds and refunding bonds; permitting cashbasis projects; setting forth requirements concerning issuance, selling, execution, and use of bonds; permitting trust agreements; specifying that bonds and other obligations undertaken by the West Virginia Economic Development Authority do not constitute a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of this state or of any county, municipality, or any other political subdivision: specifying that bonds are negotiable instruments; providing exemption from taxation; waiving and exempting personal liability; providing that authority for exercise of powers are cumulative and neither powers nor bonds are limited; providing for termination of special allocation of property taxes; providing for excess fund deposit; specifying that powers are supplemental; providing for severability; and providing authority and requirements related to West Virginia Economic Development Authority, including authority to issue bonds, limitations, payments, certification, and return of unused funds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Plymale:

Senate Bill 58—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15B-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reinstating the exemption for certain sellers of cut flowers and flower arrangements from the general sourcing rules for purposes of the streamlined sales and use taxes; detailing when the exception is applicable; and repealing language that previously ended the exception.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Plymale, Boso, Stollings, Baldwin, and Jeffries:

Senate Bill 59—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18C-7-8, relating to creation of the Business PROMISE+Scholarship; establishing the scholarship under the management of the Higher Education Policy Commission; creating a special revenue account; explaining funding for the scholarship; authorizing the issuance of tax credits for certain businesses; authorizing legislative rules by the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Tax Commissioner; setting student eligibility; noting business benefits and requirements; creating a process for awarding a specific amount of funds; detailing student requirements upon receipt of the scholarship; and requiring the creation of a deferral and waiver program for certain requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Plymale and Stollings:

Senate Bill 60—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-20A-1, §30-20A-2, §30-20A-3, §30-20A-4, §30-20A-5, §30-20A-6, and §30-20A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto nine new sections, designated §30-20A-8, §30-20A-9, §30-20A-10, §30-20A-11, §30-20A-12, §30-20A-13, §30-20A-14, §30-20A-15, and §30-20A-16, all relating to licensing the practice of athletic training; making the practice of athletic training unlawful without license or permit; establishing applicable law; defining terms; establishing eligibility for license; defining the scope of practice; establishing requirements for reciprocal agreements; establishing requirements for delinquent or expedited licenses; establishing requirements for an active license; creating exemptions; requiring display of license; establishing complaint process and investigation procedures; establishing grounds for disciplinary action; establishing hearing procedures and right to appeal; providing for judicial review of decision; and providing criminal penalties.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senators Weld and Trump:

Senate Bill 61—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1D-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including treason, murder, certain degrees of robbery, and organized crime to the list of crimes for which a prosecutor may apply for order authorizing interception of communications.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Weld and Clements:

Senate Bill 62—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-4-407 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring participation in a drug court program, under certain circumstances, before a conditional discharge for first offense of possession of a controlled substance may be granted.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Weld:

Senate Bill 63—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-5-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to partial filling of prescriptions; permitting partial filling of prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedule II under certain circumstances; setting conditions for

partial filling of prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedule II; permitting remaining portion of prescription to be filled within 30 days of first partial filling; setting forth steps to be followed if pharmacist is unable to fill remaining portion of prescription; prohibiting further quantities from being supplied beyond 72 hours in absence of new prescription; providing that remaining portions of a partially filled prescription for controlled substances listed in Schedule II may be filled in emergency situations; and defining "emergency situation".

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 64—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-3D-3 and §21-3D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating generally to certification requirements of crane operators; providing that crane operators may be certified by additional nationally recognized accredited agencies; and changing the written exam requirements for Class A and Class B certifications.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 65—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-5A-1, §21-5A-2, §21-5A-3, and §21-5A-4, all relating to prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, local resolutions, or other legal requirements; providing a short title; defining terms; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates information requested, required, or excluded on an application for employment; providing an exception; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to pay a wage higher than any applicable state or federal law; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance. regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to pay wages or fringe benefits based on a rate prevailing in the locality; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates work stoppage, strike activity, or means by which employees organize; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to provide paid or unpaid leave time; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer or its employees to participate in an apprenticeship or apprenticeship training program not required by federal or state law; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates an employee's hours and scheduling; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates standards or requirements regarding the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise that are different from or in addition to state law; providing an exception; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates standards of care or conduct of certain professions; clarifying effect on prior written agreements; providing that any prohibited ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement in effect prior to the effective date is void; providing that the prohibitions do not apply to employees of a political subdivision; and clarifying the effect on the West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 66—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article designated §47-28-1, §47-28-2, §47-28-3, and §47-28-4, all relating to prohibiting certain misleading lawsuit advertising practices; providing for certain disclosures and warnings in lawsuit advertising for the protection of patients; and imposing criminal penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 67—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-15-49 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to admissibility of certain evidence in a civil action for damages; and allowing the admission of the use or nonuse of a safety belt on the issues of negligence, contributory negligence, comparative negligence, and failure to mitigate damages.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 68—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-3D-3 and §21-3D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating generally to certification requirements of crane operators; providing that crane operators may be certified by additional nationally recognized accredited agencies; and changing the written exam requirements for Class A and Class B certifications.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 69—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-22-4; and to amend and reenact §21-1C-5 of said code, all relating to requiring that certain documents that include records of wages be considered confidential; prohibiting governmental entity that requires private company contracting with, or seeking to contract with, a governmental entity for a construction project to submit any document that includes records of actual wages paid to employers from disclosing document or information contained therein to any other entity or person; permitting disclosure of such document or information to state or federal agency; providing that any such document containing records of actual wages paid to employees shall be considered confidential and proprietary and may not be considered a public record; defining "governmental entity"; defining contents of certified payroll document; providing that any document containing records of actual wages paid to employees filed or submitted pursuant to the West Virginia Jobs Act may not be disclosed by the Division of Labor or a public authority to any other entity or person other than to a state or federal agency: and providing that any document submitted or filed pursuant to the West Virginia Jobs Act that includes records of actual wages paid to employees or information contained therein shall be considered confidential and proprietary and may not be considered a public record.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Swope:

Senate Bill 70—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-5A-1, §21-5A-2, §21-5A-3, and §21-5A-4, all relating to prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local

resolution, or other legal requirements regulating certain areas of the employer-employee relationship and the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise; establishing a short title; establishing areas where political subdivisions are prohibited from enacting or promulgating ordinances, local policies, or local regulations; and providing for exceptions and applicability.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Woelfel, Trump, and Boso:

Senate Bill 71—A Bill to amend and reenact §4-5-1, §4-5-2, §4-5-3, §4-5-4, and §4-5-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §4-5-7 and §4-5-8, all relating to the Commission on Special Investigations; clarifying composition and chairmanship of commission; redefining what constitutes a quorum for voting procedures of commission; clarifying contents of commission's annual report; listing existing and necessary commission staff positions; granting power to conduct interviews and request production from agencies of the state and its political subdivisions of books, records, documents, papers, or any other tangible thing, computers, laptops, computer hard drives, electronic records including, but not limited to, emails, files, documents and metadata, or any other thing, in any form in which they may exist; requiring compliance with such requests; authorizing the director to issue subpoenas on the commission's behalf; granting authority to the commission to require an agency head to appear before the commission to answer questions regarding a failure to appear or produce requested or subpoenaed material or other related concerns including the basis for the failure to comply; authorizing the commission and director to order or direct that all or a portion of the information communicated to the commission at the commission's request, including the existence of the investigation, be confidential and not made public; establishing requirements for commission to enter into executive session; establishing procedures for conducting executive session; removing requirement that Joint Committee on Government and Finance approve expenses of commission; establishing procedure for commission retention and disposal of records; defining new offense of impersonating a commission member or staff member and of obstructing a commission member or staff; establishing penalties; allowing the commission to award duty weapons to certain members on retirement; exempting the commission from the jurisdiction of the agency for surplus property within the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration with respect to the disposal of the commission's primary and secondary duty weapons; and authorizing sale of surplus weapons to active and retired members of the commission's investigative staff.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Woelfel, Stollings, and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 72—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-11A-9, relating to creating the Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights; declaring additional rights bestowed upon sexual assault survivors regarding medical forensic examinations, sexual assault evidence collection kits, and other similar topics; clarifying the right of a victim to be accompanied by a personal representative during certain proceedings; requiring sexual assault victims be informed or notified of certain rights; incorporating other rights contained in code; and defining terms.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 73—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections, designated §17C-1-70 and §17C-1-71; and to amend and reenact

§17C-17-9a, §17C-17-11a, and §17C-17-11d of said code, all relating to increasing the weight limits for vehicles on highways other than the national system of interstate and defense highways; and providing definitions.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 74—A Bill to amend and reenact §23-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting nonpaid volunteers at ski areas from workers' compensation benefits.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Sypolt and Boso:

Senate Bill 75—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-7-6e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing owners of breeding-age cows to participate in the Coyote Control Program by paying a voluntary head tax.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 76—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-6-15, relating to the creation of emergency text number systems for children; and declaring that this be known as Constance's Law.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Cline:

Senate Bill 77—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-15-51, relating to requiring motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers having a hydraulically operated bed to have a warning device that will alert the operator when the vehicle is in motion and the bed is in an upward position; and requiring rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Cline and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 78—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-10-802 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-10-803, all relating to specifying forms of grandparent visitation; allowing daytime and overnight visits as well as electronic communication; and defining the term "electronic communication".

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Boso, Stollings, and Swope:

Senate Bill 79—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, §18-2L-3, §18-2L-4, §18-2L-5, §18-2L-6,

§18-2L-7, §18-2L-8, §18-2L-9, §18-2L-10, §18-2L-11, and §18-2L-12; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §18C-9-1, §18C-9-2, §18C-9-3, §18C-9-4, and §18C-9-5, all relating generally to the establishment of the Katherine Johnson Academy as magnet school programs at colleges and universities in West Virginia; defining terms; creating a board of trustees to govern the Katherine Johnson Academy; providing for membership of the board of trustees, the selection of a chair, terms of the trustees, duties and responsibilities, setting of meetings, and establishing trustees to serve without compensation; authorizing the board of trustees to perform certain duties; providing for the appointment of a president; providing for collaboration agreements for the establishment of magnet school programs; providing for restrictions on the amount that may be charged for tuition, fees, room, board, and books; authorizing the establishment of residential programs and commuter programs at colleges and universities; establishing the Academy of Mathematics and Science and the Academy for the Performing Arts; requiring the board of trustees to select certain host institutions pursuant to a competitive bidding process; establishing certain minimum eligibility requirements for students; authorizing a host institution to determine admission and enrollment; requiring students accepted and admitted into a magnet school program to receive the PROMISE scholarship; providing for students to receive a scholarship from the Katherine Johnson Scholarship Fund; providing that no county board or college or university will be required to participate in this program; requiring the Katherine Johnson Academy, the State Board of Education, and the Higher Education Policy Commission to promulgate a joint rule for the administration of the Katherine Johnson Academy; establishing the Katherine Johnson Scholarship Fund; providing for state and county support for the Katherine Johnson Scholarship Fund based upon per-pupil allocations; defining terms; and providing for rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Takubo, Clements, and Jeffries:

Senate Bill 80—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13EE-1, §11-13EE-2, §11-13EE-3, §11-13EE-4, §11-13EE-5, §11-13EE-6, §11-13EE-7, §11-13EE-8, and §11-13EE-9, all relating to establishing a tax credit for certain physicians who locate in this state to practice; providing for criteria for the tax credit; establishing education requirements; setting forth a time limit to claim the tax credit; setting forth length of residency requirements; setting forth findings; defining terms; authorizing the credit; specifying the amount of the tax credit; providing how the credit may be asserted; specifying no tax credit carryover; allowing forms and schedules to be established by the Tax Commissioner in rule; setting maximum amount per taxpayer per year; authorizing the Tax Commissioner to promulgate rules; and setting effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Takubo, Boso, Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Ihlenfeld:

Senate Bill 81—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-9A-11, relating to prohibiting smoking of tobacco products in a motor vehicle while an individual 16 years of age or less is present; defining terms; making the violation a secondary misdemeanor offense; and providing a penalty.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Baldwin, Stollings, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 82—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-10b, relating to providing a credit against personal income tax for classroom teachers for nonreimbursed costs of supplies; and setting a maximum credit of \$500.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Baldwin and Plymale:

Senate Bill 83—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §29-3E-7 and §29-3E-14 of said code, all relating to funding for veterans' programs and volunteer fire departments; ending the sales tax exemption on charges for memberships or services provided by health and fitness organizations relating to personalized fitness programs; setting an effective date for the elimination of the exemption; requiring revenue from the elimination of the exemption be deposited in the Veterans Facility Support Fund; directing the Division of Veterans' Affairs to use the revenue to fund bonds for certain purposes; ending the deposit of a portion of the fireworks safety fee in the Veterans Facility Support Fund and instead depositing it into the Fire Protection Fund for volunteer fire departments; and eliminating the annual report from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to the Legislature regarding the amount of revenue collected from the fireworks safety fee.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Baldwin:

Senate Bill 84—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-25; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-42; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-2A-9, all relating to establishing the Stay in State tax credit against personal income for higher education tuition for certain state residents; creating credit for student loan payments for all in-state community college, college, or university undergraduates and their instate employers against personal income tax; establishing conditions and qualifications for the tax credit; providing methodology for calculating credit; providing for graduate and employer eligibility for payments against student loans for employees; defining terms; and providing for the board of education, State Board of Education, and governing boards of colleges promotion of the program.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Baldwin, Plymale, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 85—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-2A-5a, relating to drug testing of legislators.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Beach, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 86—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-22e, relating to county boards of education; and requiring boards to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades six through 12.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Beach, Lindsay, and Jeffries:

Senate Bill 87—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-11-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring persons building residential structures to inform the county board of education of the number of units to be constructed and the estimated number of occupants of those structures; and requiring this information be provided before a building permit may be issued.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Beach:

Senate Bill 88—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-1-15, relating to creating the Office of Outdoor Recreation; authorizing the hiring of a director of the office and any other personnel necessary; setting forth the duties of the office; requiring an annual report to the Legislature; requiring collaboration with the West Virginia Development Office; requiring consultation with the outdoor recreation community; and authorizing the use of appropriated funds for a grant and loan program to further outdoor recreation in the state.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Beach:

Senate Bill 89—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-15-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to safety of tow trucks, wreckers, and tilt-bed vehicles; authorizing red flashing warning lights on said vehicles under certain circumstances; and titling this bill in honor of Jeff Clovis.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 90—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5A-3 and §17C-5A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to transferring the Safety and Treatment Program, which treats and educates people whose licenses were revoked due to concerns of alcohol and/or drug use while operating a motor vehicle, from the Department of Health and Human Resources to the Division of Motor Vehicles; and amending references thereto in said code.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 91—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §3-2-2 of said code, all relating to residency requirements for people entitled to vote and people eligible to register to vote; requiring that a person be a legal resident of the state, county, or municipality in which he or she offers to vote; requiring that a person be a legal resident of the state or county in which he or she applies to register to vote; and defining the term "legal resident".

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Rucker, Jeffries, Baldwin, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 92—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing a special license plate to support adoption; and establishing fees.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 93—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2E-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting the State Board of Education from accepting federal education plans without approval of the Legislature.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 94—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the addition of grievance and appellate procedures and judicial review for individuals participating, or who have participated, in the Department of Health and Human Resources' safety and treatment program; and authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to promulgate a rule(s) to add such procedures and judicial review for participants of the safety and treatment program.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 95—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §56-4-72, relating to providing compensation to victims of abusive lawsuits; and providing that a party in a civil action is entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs after a court dismisses a claim as lacking any basis in law or fact.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 96—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-48 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §51-9-10 of said code, all relating to allowing retired judicial officers recalled to service to avoid the limit on the temporary employment payments where a circumstance such as a significant illness, suspension, or other long absence of a sitting judicial officer requires a longer period of service by the retired judicial officer than the current cap would allow.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 97—A Bill to repeal §7-1-3ss of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §11-16-3, §11-16-5, §11-16-6a, §11-16-6b, §11-16-9, and §11-16-18 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-16-11b; to amend and reenact §60-1-5a of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §60-2-17a; to amend and reenact §60-3-12 of said code; to amend and reenact §60-3-12 of

3A-18 and \$60-3A-25 of said code: to amend and reenact \$60-4-3a and \$60-4-3b of said code: to amend and reenact §60-6-7, §60-6-8, and §60-6-9 of said code; to amend and reenact §60-7-2, §60-7-3, §60-7-4, §60-7-5, §60-7-6, and §60-7-12 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §60-7-8a; to amend and reenact §60-8-3, §60-8-20, and §60-8-34 of said code; and to amend and reenact §61-8-27 of said code, all relating generally to modernizing certain nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, beer, wine, and liquor laws by permitting certain hours of operation; defining terms; repealing section of the code authorizing county option elections on Sunday sales; removing the two-growler limit per patron per day for licensees who sell growlers for off-premises consumption; increasing allowable growler size to 128 ounces; creating a sampling license for retailers authorized to sell growlers and setting a fee for the license; placing limitations on complimentary samples; requiring complimentary food be available; setting forth age restrictions; placing restrictions on licensed representatives of a brewer, resident brewer, or distributer who attend sampling events; creating a temporary license for nonintoxicating beer floorplan extensions of existing licensee floorplans; implementing a fee for the new license: implementing a reactivation fee for licensees that fail to timely file their renewal applications and pay their license fees; creating a one-day special license for certain nonprofit and tax exempt entities hosting artistic, athletic, charitable, educational, or religious events to purchase and sell nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer; providing limitations on special licenses; setting forth requirements for special licenses; setting forth the commissioner's authority; reducing the membership requirement for a private golf club; creating alternating wine proprietorships for wineries and farm wineries; setting forth requirements for the parties to the alternating wine proprietorship agreements; setting forth production standards, including amount of raw West Virginia products which are required to be used; licensure requirements; clarifying that the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration may request the assistance of county and municipal law enforcement; clarifying days and hours for liquor sales; permitting a distillery or mini-distillery to apply, pay the fee, and qualify for a Class A private club license; clarifying types of sales permitted by a distillery or mini-distillery; providing a five percent markup rate for mini-distilleries for sampling; declaring that the mere addition of a mini-distillery does not change the nature or use of agricultural property for building code and property tax classification purposes; clarifying sampling procedures and requirements for wineries and farm wineries; prohibiting the adulteration of any alcoholic liquor by adding liquid designed to increase alcohol content or potency; permitting certain charitable events to auction wine bottles for offpremises consumption; penalties; clarifying that certain West Virginia licensees can only sell liquor by the drink; clarifying certain requirements for licensure; clarifying prohibition on liquor bottle sales in Class A licenses; providing guidance on certain lawful conduct such as wine bottle sales and frozen drink machines, and prohibiting the sale of premixed alcoholic liquors, with certain exceptions; creating a private club and carryout license with attendant requirements therefor; permitting the sale of wine in Division II and III college stadiums; creating a private fair and festival license; setting forth qualifications for applicants; placing limitations on complimentary samples; requiring complimentary food be available; setting forth age restrictions; placing restrictions on licensed representatives of a brewer, resident brewer, or distributer who attends or operates sampling events; clarifying that private resort hotel licensees may operate a resident brewer and brew pub; authorizing issuance of private club and carryout licenses and establishing criteria and setting a fee therefor; authorizing issuance of private hotel licenses and establishing criteria and fees therefor; setting forth qualifications for applicants; setting a license fee; permitting minors to attend private fairs or festivals under certain conditions; clarifying prohibition against bring your own bottle with exceptions for wine under certain circumstances; directing the commissioner to propose rules for allowing patrons to bring wine into licensed premises and restaurant facilities with an allowance for a corkage fee; stating that any such rule shall not take effect until approved by the Legislature; permitting the commissioner to sanction a licensee for

failing to comply with the 48-hour notification requirement; and requiring promulgation of proposed legislative rules.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 98—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-10-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to civil actions for damages brought against county commissions and municipalities; providing an effective date; providing that a person who sustains injury as a result of any defect in, disrepair or maintenance of, or failure to maintain or repair certain county or municipal property may recover civil damages, subject to certain requirements and limitations; providing certain requirements and limitations for actions against the county commission or municipality; providing that county commissions and municipalities owe no duty to protect against, and are not liable for certain dangers or conditions that are open and obvious or reasonably apparent; providing a standard of application by courts; and providing that the section does not diminish or limit certain protections otherwise afforded in the code.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 99—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to deferral of further proceedings for certain first offenses upon condition of participation in Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program; requiring completion of the program within 12 months; requiring defendant who fails to complete program to appear before court; requiring court to terminate deferral and enter an adjudication of guilt; and allowing courts to extend the period for completion of the program for good cause shown.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 100—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-29-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing a fee added to the usual court costs of all criminal proceedings; and increasing fee added to the amount of any cash or property bond posted for violation of any criminal law, the proceeds of which are dedicated to the funding of training, professional development, and certification programs for law-enforcement officers and to paying the expenses of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards Subcommittee.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 101—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-5-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to equalizing the criminal penalties for intimidating and retaliating against public officers and employees, jurors, and witnesses; increasing penalty for intimidation of such persons to a felony; and establishing criminal penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 102—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §51-3-19, relating to granting courthouse security officers arrest powers under certain circumstances; authorizing certain West Virginia courthouse security

officers to carry concealed firearms while off duty with court approval; setting forth firearm training and qualification requirements; requiring supervising authority to issue photo identification and certification cards; specifying policy content; and stating legislative intent that the new code section be consistent with the federal Law-Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 103—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-21-9a; and to amend and reenact §29-21-13a of said code, all relating generally to Public Defender Services; transferring initial authority to review, approve, modify, or refuse panel attorney vouchers from circuit courts to Public Defender Services; providing for resubmission or reconsideration of vouchers previously modified or refused; establishing procedures for handling of modified or refused vouchers; maintaining final authority over payment of vouchers with circuit courts; authorizing the Executive Director of Public Defender Services, with approval of the Indigent Defense Commission, to contract for noncriminal legal services; providing for payment of contracts; authorizing agency to reduce or reject vouchers or requests for payment; requiring panel attorneys to maintain time-keeping records to enable the attorney to determine time expended on a daily basis; authorizing Governor by executive order to borrow funds from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve Fund to pay appointed counsel and establish repayment requirements; requiring Secretary of Administration's clarification that borrowing is necessary; expiring authorization to borrow on January 1, 2021; setting record-keeping standards; requiring prompt processing and payment of vouchers; revising the rates of compensation for various types of cases; and authorizing the executive director to promulgate emergency rules.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Bill 104—A Bill to amend and reenact §47-15-1 and §47-15-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to pyramid promotional schemes; defining terms; prohibiting pyramid promotional schemes; allowing certain plan or operations which do not cause inventory loading and implement a bona fide inventory repurchase program; specifying requirements for recruiting literature, sales manuals, and contracts; providing that a bona fide inventory repurchase program is not required to apply to certain inventory; and requiring certain disclosures.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Woelfel:

Senate Bill 105—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-5-3a, relating to creating an enhanced penalty for certain aggravated serious traffic offenses; requiring a person to first be convicted of the underlying offense before the enhanced penalty is permitted to be assessed; and prohibiting the enhanced penalty from increasing a misdemeanor offense to a felony offense.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Facemire:

Senate Bill 106—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to personal income tax; alleviating double taxation on foreign income at the state level; and sunsetting the credit for income tax paid on foreign income in 2068.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Facemire, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 107—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-3C-16, relating to encouraging collaborative agreements between community and technical colleges and federally registered apprenticeship programs.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Plymale, Woelfel, Baldwin, and Clements:

Senate Bill 108—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-16 and §3-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §3-5-6a, §3-5-6b, §3-5-6c, §3-5-6d, and §3-5-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §3-10-3 of said code; to amend and reenact §50-1-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §51-1-1 of said code; and to amend and reenact §51-2-5 of said code, all relating to changing the nonpartisan election of judicial offices to require a person elected during the primary election to receive a majority of votes cast for that office; providing that if no candidate receives a majority of votes cast then the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are placed on the general election ballot where a winner is determined; applying these changes to the elections of Supreme Court Justices, Circuit Court Judges, Family Court Judges, and Magistrates; clarifying that the primary elections of these officials are not partisan; and adjusting the filling of vacancies in judicial office to ensure a full primary and general election cycle is available for election to an unexpired term so as to eliminate the need for any special election if a candidate does not receive a majority of votes.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Palumbo:

Senate Bill 109—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to correcting incorrect code reference resulting from recent amendment to said code exempting certain persons from prohibitions against carrying concealed handguns or deadly weapons on the property of another.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Stollings, Jeffries, Baldwin, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 110—A Bill making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the Excess Lottery Fund, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2019, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Stollings, Baldwin, Jeffries, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 111—A Bill making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the Excess Lottery Fund, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2019, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 112—A Bill making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2019, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Stollings, Baldwin, Jeffries, and Boso:

Senate Bill 113—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-28-1, §11-28-2, and §11-28-3, all relating to creating five-year tax credits for businesses locating on post-coal mine sites; defining terms; setting eligibility requirements for tax credit; establishing amount of tax credit allowed; establishing how the credit may be applied; and providing rule-making authority.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Romano, Jeffries, Baldwin, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 114—A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-1f of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing workers' compensation benefits for first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from an event that occurred during their employment.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Romano and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 115—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-8-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §3-8-8a, all relating to requiring certain disclosures of election expenditures; clarifying when contributions are required to be disclosed; creating exceptions; clarifying that certain federal entities must make certain state disclosures; requiring disclosure of covered transfers; stating legislative findings; defining terms; providing requirements for disclosure of donations related to the transfer of certain sums of money related to campaign-related disbursements; requiring certain disclosures be made within 48 hours; specifying information required in the disclosures; clarifying the relationship between covered transfers and other regulated areas of election expenditures; creating a misdemeanor offense; and authorizing rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Palumbo:

Senate Bill 116—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-11-2, §5-11-3, §5-11-4, §5-11-8, §5-11-9, and §5-11-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §5-11A-3, §5-11A-5, §5-11A-6, and §5-11A-7 of said code, all relating to unlawful discriminatory practices; prohibiting discrimination based upon age or sexual orientation in certain circumstances; adding sexual orientation as a protected class with respect to equal opportunity in employment, public accommodations, and housing accommodations under the authority of the Human Rights Commission and in the Fair Housing Act; adding age as a protected class with

respect to housing accommodations under the authority of the Human Rights Commission and in the Fair Housing Act; making stylistic changes; and defining terms.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Palumbo:

Senate Bill 117—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-11B-3, §7-11B-4, and §7-11B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §7A-2-4 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §7A-2-5, all relating to incentives for consolidating local governments; amending the definitions of certain terms to include municipalities that successfully consolidated; granting additional powers to governing bodies of municipalities that successfully consolidated; authorizing municipalities that successfully consolidate additional powers related to creation of a development or redevelopment district; allowing consolidation of local governments to include public school districts, library districts, and fire districts; creating certain incentives for municipalities that consolidate; creating certain incentives for municipalities and counties that form metro governments by consolidation.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Palumbo, Jeffries, Stollings, Baldwin, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 118—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §1-2-2a, relating to creating the Independent Redistricting Commission; designating duties of the commission; providing that members are nominated by State Election Commission; setting forth required traits and restrictions of members; providing for how commission members are appointed; setting forth a process for determining the chair of the commission; providing for the filling of vacancies of commission; requiring members to conduct an organizational meeting and select a vice chairperson; providing for the removal of a member for cause; providing for the filling of vacancies that may occur on commission; setting forth certain requirements of the commission; providing that three members constitute a quorum; providing that members are ineligible for public office or registration as paid lobbyist for three years after completing their last term on commission; requiring that commission plan and propose congressional and legislative districts; providing specific criteria that commission must observe in proposing district mappings; requiring commission to advertise a proposed draft map of districts to the public; permitting legislators to make inquiry of commission members regarding their methodology and proposed redistrict mapping; requiring that commission publish its proposals for district boundaries; requiring the commission to recommend redistricting plans to the Legislature; authorizing a vote on the plans in an extraordinary session called by the Governor; requiring the full Legislature to vote on the first proposal plan ratification without amendment; setting forth a process for subsequent proposed plans, amendment restrictions, and vote requirements; authorizing the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to make the final determination between three plans proposed by the independent redistricting commission if the Legislature and Governor cannot agree; requiring that the commission certify to Secretary of State that its proposals for district boundaries is in accordance with constitutional and legal requirements; providing for reimbursement of expenses and per diem allowances for commission members; authorizing the commission to contract for staffing and consultants; prohibiting certain persons from influencing or attempting to influence district mapping proposals of the commission; and providing for the expiration of commission appointments.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Bill 119—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-3C-1 and §30-3C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-3C-5, all relating to discovery in certain proceedings; specifying certain health care peer review documents are confidential and not subject to discovery; providing that a person who testifies before a review organization or is a member of a review organization shall not be required to testify or asked about his or her testimony; providing that peer review proceedings, communications, and documents of a review organization are confidential and privileged and shall not be subject to discovery; providing that an individual may be given access to documents used as basis for an adverse professional review action, subject to a protective order as may be appropriate; providing that privilege is not deemed to be waived unless the review organization executes a written waiver; defining terms; and addressing original source materials.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Romano:

Senate Bill 120—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-5-2a, relating to increasing pay to state employees over a two-year period.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Romano:

Senate Bill 121—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §9-11-1 and §9-11-2, all relating to providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military service members; defining terms; establishing dependents retention of rights for developmental disability services provided conditions are met; providing dependents be placed on waiting list for services; establishing a process to reestablish services for dependent upon return to state; prohibiting payment for services rendered outside state; and rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Military; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Romano, Baldwin, and Stollings:

Senate Bill 122—A Bill to amend and reenact §33-3-33 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies for purpose of funding volunteer fire departments; providing that surcharge be increased to one percent beginning January 1, 2020; and deleting obsolete language.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Romano and Stollings:

Senate Bill 123—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-4-401 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that the penalty for possession of marijuana carries a fine of no more than \$1,000 without confinement.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Clements, Weld, and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 124—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating a felony offense for subsequent actions of cruelty to animals that cause bodily injury to, or serious bodily injury or death of, the animal.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Clements:

Senate Bill 125—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-9A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that counties with less than 1,400 in net enrollment shall be considered to have 1,400 in net enrollment for the purposes of determining the county's basic foundation program only.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Bill 126—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-12E-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring industrial hemp grower licensees to file a copy of that license with the sheriff of the county where the hemp is to be grown and the local detachment of the West Virginia State Police; and providing that failure to do so renders the license null and void.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 127—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-12-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the duty of parole officers to perform such alcohol and drug testing of litigants as directed by the circuit and family courts.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Palumbo:

Senate Bill 128—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-10-5, §3-10-6, §3-10-7, and §3-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to requiring vacancies in the House of Delegates, State Senate, circuit court clerk, county commission, county clerk, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, assessor, or county surveyor be filled by a person affiliated with the same party as the person vacating the office was affiliated at the time of his or her last election to the office or if not elected at the time of his or her appointment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Romano:

Senate Bill 129—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-3-33c, relating to creating a surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies in order to relieve the burden from municipalities and counties of certain fire-related cleanup and demolition; requiring the assessment of a surcharge on certain policies; creating exceptions; setting forth collection and remittance requirements; authorizing penalties; creating the Political Subdivisions Fire Cleanup Relief Fund; permitting municipalities and counties to apply to the Treasurer for a disbursement from the fund; authorizing the Treasurer to disburse funds; and granting rule-making authority.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Romano and Clements:

Senate Bill 130—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-22l; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new

section, designated §18-7A-26w, all relating to a \$1,000 cost-of-living adjustment to certain retirees of the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System by June 30, 2020; and providing for the pro rata distribution of the cost-of-living adjustment to certain beneficiaries.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Romano:

Senate Bill 131—A Bill to amend and reenact §5G-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the procedure certain public agencies must take in order to contract for certain architectural and engineering services; requiring joint discussions with prospective architectural or engineering firms in certain situations; permitting contract proposals with a fee for service from the firms; replacing the single entity negotiations with a competitive low bid process; and allowing for the public agency to reject all proposed contracts and seek proposals from additional firms.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Clements, Lindsay, and Boso:

Senate Bill 132—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-14A-1, §20-14A-2, §20-14A-3, §20-14A-4, §20-14A-5, §20-14A-6, §20-14A-7, §20-14A-8, §20-14A-9, §20-14A-10, §20-14A-11, §20-14A-12, and §20-14A-13, all relating to establishing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; providing a statement of legislative purpose and findings; providing definitions; establishing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; providing for a method of appointment to the board of the authority; prescribing the terms of appointment; describing the powers and duties of the authority; limiting the liability of landowners; setting forth purchasing and bidding procedures; providing civil remedies; providing for conflicts of interest; providing criminal penalties; providing for severability; establishing an effective date; and authorizing rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 133—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5B-2J-1, §5B-2J-2, §5B-2J-3, and §5B-2J-4, all relating to creating the Returning Veterans and Displaced Miners Jobs Act; providing a short title and legislative findings and declaration; establishing a Veterans Job Coordinating Team and composition of the team; setting forth the team's powers and duties, including reporting a plan to the Legislature; and providing for termination of the Veterans Job Coordinating Team unless the Legislature determines otherwise.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 134—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to stabilizing Public Employees Insurance Agency benefits; increasing the severance tax on natural gas; dedicating a portion of the increased severance tax on natural gas to the benefit of public employee and retiree health care; creating a special revenue revolving

fund account entitled the PEIA Fund that is interest-bearing; requiring the increase in the severance tax on natural gas to be deposited into the PEIA Fund; requiring the funds in the PEIA Fund to be used to reduce or maintain deductibles and premiums; and prohibiting expenditures from the PEIA Fund to be used in the calculation of premium cost-sharing.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 135—A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-3-2, §6B-3-7, and §6B-3-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §6B-3-3d, all relating to regulation of lobbyists; requiring registered lobbyists to purchase and wear body-mounted cameras at the Capitol and in certain other circumstances; requiring certain certifications be made by registered lobbyists; prohibiting lobbyists from making certain campaign donations; prohibiting lobbyists from loitering in the Capitol with certain exceptions; prohibiting lobbyists from making certain expenditures to benefit legislators; making body-mounted camera video and audio recordings subject to inspection by the Ethics Commission and subject to the provisions of the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act; authorizing random inspections of lobbyist body-mounted cameras; setting certain compliance requirements for lobbyists; creating a misdemeanor offense for failure to comply with certain requests for video and audio from body-mounted cameras; and creating penalties relating to access to the Capitol complex by lobbyists for violation of certain prohibited conduct.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Palumbo and Baldwin:

Senate Bill 136—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-9A-2 and §16-9A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating generally to tobacco usage and e-cigarette restrictions; defining terms; prohibiting e-cigarettes on certain public school property by persons under the age of 18 at certain times; and increasing the penalty for certain tobacco-related and e-cigarette offenses on public school property.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Palumbo:

Senate Bill 137—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-11-2, §5-11-3, §5-11-4, §5-11-8, §5-11-9, and §5-11-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §5-11A-3, §5-11A-5, §5-11A-6, and §5-11A-7 of said code, all relating to unlawful discriminatory practices in categories covered by the Human Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act; prohibiting discrimination based upon age and sexual orientation, or gender identity; and defining "sexual orientation" and "gender identity".

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 138—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting civil rights violations based on gender identity or sexual orientation; criminal penalties; when evidence of constitutionally protected speech or associations is not admissible in criminal prosecutions; exceptions; providing for sentencing alternatives for

persons convicted of violations; and designating amendments to this section as the Justice Through Grace in Communities Act.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 139—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11B-2 and §61-11B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to changing the requisite period necessary to take advantage of criminal offense reduction; amending the definition to reduce the period and create a special period for honorably discharged veterans; adjusting the elements that a petitioner must prove accordingly; and making minor technical cleanup.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 140—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-905 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring correctional officers be paid overtime for all hours worked beyond 40 hours in a one-week work period.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Ojeda and Stollings:

Senate Bill 141—A Bill to amend and reenact §5H-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-15-8d; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-8i; and to amend and reenact §20-2-28 of said code, all relating to creating the Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Act of 2019; stating a retroactive effective date for the increase to death benefits; setting forth legislative findings; detailing eligibility and participation requirements for newly created incentives for volunteer firefighters; allowing certain volunteer firefighters to hunt, trap, or fish in season in West Virginia without obtaining a license; allowing certain volunteer firefighters a waiver of fees for a special volunteer firefighter registration plate on his or her primary vehicle used for responding to emergencies; declaring a discount on lodging at state parks for certain volunteer firefighters; authorizing a refundable tax credit for certain volunteer firefighters with respect to certain expenses associated with being a volunteer firefighter; detailing the calculation of the refundable tax credit; setting a cap on the maximum credit permitted per person; stating effective date of the tax credit; authorizing the Tax Commissioner to promulgate procedural rules in order to implement the credit; and detailing the procedure for hunting, trapping, or fishing without a license.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 142—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-1-10, relating to creating a misdemeanor offense of impersonating a member of the military; setting forth restrictions; and detailing criminal penalty.

Referred to the Committee on Military; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 143—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-2-204 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §60A-4-401 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §60A-4-417, all relating to reducing the criminal penalties and

the criminalization of marijuana; removing certain items from Schedule I controlled substances list; and creating new misdemeanor and felony offenses and penalties with respect to marijuana.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Ojeda and Stollings:

Senate Bill 144—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §23-4D-1, §23-4D-2, §23-4D-3, §23-4D-4, §23-4D-5, and §23-4D-6, all relating to creating the West Virginia Black Lung Program; granting entitlement for pain and suffering for occupational pneumoconiosis; providing that 10 years' exposure as a miner is a conclusive presumption of entitlement to pain and suffering benefits; calculation of benefits; tax credit for benefits; imposing additional severance tax and tax on generation of electricity by solar and wind devices; creating the State Black Lung Fund; requiring the Governor and Legislature to cooperate with other states to attempt to recoup the federal excise tax on coal; and granting rule-making authority to the Insurance Commissioner and Tax Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on the Workforce; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Ojeda:

Senate Bill 145—A Bill to repeal §16A-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to repeal §16A-6-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-2-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-3-1, §16A-3-2, §16A-3-3, and §16A-3-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-4-2, §16A-4-3, and §16A-4-5 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-6-3, §16A-6-6, §16A-6-12, and §16A-6-13 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-7-5 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-8-1 and §16A-8-2 of said code; to amend and reenact §16A-9-1 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §16A-9-3 and §16A-9-4; to amend and reenact §16A-11-1 of said code; and to amend and reenact §16A-12-8 of said code, all relating to the West Virginia Medical Cannabis Act; amending and removing definitions; defining terms; removing the requirement for practitioners to be registered; allowing data gathering to indicate where a specific form of medical cannabis was not recommended; removing the four-hour training course for physicians; increasing the two-hour training course for principals and employees to eight hours and adding requirements for the training; removing the Freedom of Information Act exemption for practitioner credentials; authorizing the medical cannabis sales in edible and plant-based form; removing the prohibition on smoking medical cannabis; authorizing licensed patients and caregivers to grow medical cannabis under certain restrictions; repealing the section requiring registration of physicians eligible to issue certifications to patients to use medical cannabis; adjusting certification requirements to reflect the removal of the practitioner registry; removing the requirement that other treatments be ineffective before recommending medical cannabis; clarifying the duration of a dosage that may be dispensed; expanding on the requirement that applicants are required to be residents of this state; permitting transfer of permits under certain circumstances; removing the requirement for separate regions associated with medical cannabis dispensaries; repealing the section requiring notice be printed in the State Register; authorizing the commissioner to set a sliding initial fee schedule for growers based on acreage of the farm; setting a maximum fee for growers; allowing a grower or processor to pay their initial fee in two installments; adding additional prior convictions that result in a prohibition of being affiliated with a medical cannabis registrant; adjusting the current waiver process for persons previously convicted to prohibit certain persons from being eligible for a waiver in certain circumstances; removing the cap on the number of growers, processors, and dispensaries; removing the prohibition on a grower or processor being a dispensary; removing the requirement that a dispensary have a physician or pharmacist onsite at all times and clarifying other requirements; authorizing delivery by a dispensary to a caregiver's residence during certain times

but prohibiting delivery to a commercial business and certain temporary housing locations; clarifying that Tax Division of Department of Revenue, along with Bureau for Public Health within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, will monitor price of medical cannabis; clarifying that Tax Division will administer, collect, and enforce medical cannabis tax; clarifying imposition of tax; detailing imposition of tax with respect to growers or processors that sell to a dispensary in which they have an economic interest; removing the exemption on medical cannabis from the sales tax; permitting exchange of information; providing that information exchanged is not subject to disclosure under Freedom of Information Act; requiring payment of tax by electronic funds transfer; requiring electronic filing of tax returns; authorizing legislative, interpretive, and procedural rules as necessary to implement tax provisions; making tax subject to provisions of West Virginia Tax Crimes and Penalties Act; making tax subject to provisions of the West Virginia Tax Procedure and Administration Act; adding a doctor of osteopathic medicine to the advisory board; removing the ability of the bureau to sanction the registration of a practitioner due to the removal of the requirement to register; and removing the ability of the bureau to order restitution against a registrant.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Azinger and Boso:

Senate Bill 146—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-3-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the penalty for burglary if a crime against another person is committed during the burglary.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 147—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-5-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §22-16-4 of said code, all relating to shifting funding from the Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Prezioso, Jeffries, Stollings, and Lindsay:

Senate Bill 148—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-11-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §21-11-10b and §21-11-10c, all relating to requiring any newly constructed, state-assisted, detached single-family house, a townhouse, or multilevel dwelling unit, whether detached or attached to other units or structures, or a ground floor unit in a building of three or fewer dwelling units, to meet minimum standards of universal design for persons with disabilities.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Azinger and Weld:

Senate Bill 149—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to dangerous weapons; license to carry deadly weapons; and exempting honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States from payment of fees and costs required to get a license to carry deadly weapons.

Referred to the Committee on Military; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Boso:

Senate Joint Resolution 1—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending article X thereof, by adding thereto a new section, designated section one-d, relating to authorizing the Legislature to, by general law, allocate a portion of ad valorem property taxes paid by owners of certain new manufacturing facilities and large capital additions to existing manufacturing facilities located in counties in which county commissions elect to fund infrastructure capital improvements, in whole or in part, using property taxes; defining a term; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Boso:

Senate Joint Resolution 2—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section two, article XII thereof, relating generally to the supervision of free schools; clarifying that the general supervisory authority of the State Board of Education is subject to legislative enactments; specifying that board rules and policies are subject to legislative review and approval; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Sypolt, Baldwin, Plymale, and Boso:

Senate Joint Resolution 3—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section one-b, article X thereof, relating to homestead exemption increase; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Sypolt, Boso, and Baldwin:

Senate Joint Resolution 4—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section six, article III thereof, relating to protecting the electronic communication and data of citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Trump and Boso:

Senate Joint Resolution 5—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section nine, article IV thereof, relating to the impeachment of officials; providing that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable in any court of this state; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Woelfel and Baldwin:

Senate Joint Resolution 6—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section two, article VIII thereof, relating to the term length of Supreme Court justices; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Cline offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 3—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study issues relating to common practice by child care facilities to require payment to hold space for services being required at a future date for newborn babies and the impact on parents without paid parental leave.

Whereas, There exists in West Virginia a shortage of low-cost, affordable child care services; and

Whereas, Parents expecting new babies often seek to reserve space for enrollment in a child care facility; and

Whereas, It is often not possible to predict the exact time child care may be required by working parents with new babies; and

Whereas, Many working parents seeking child care services do not have paid leave for time off with a new baby, thereby forcing some parents to return to work sooner than planned after babies are born to avoid being off work without pay and having to pay for unused child care services at the same time; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby requested to study the negative impacts of a shortage of affordable child care on the health and welfare of infants born to working parents and the stress on new parents who may have to shorten planned time off from work with a new baby in order to secure a child care reservation; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2020, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the expenses necessary to conduct a study, prepare reports, and draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Swope offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4—Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of State Route 16 from milepost 22.85 to milepost 26.7 in McDowell County, the "U. S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Ray Blankenship Memorial Road".

Whereas, Dennis Ray Blankenship was born January 8, 1938, in Bartley, McDowell County, West Virginia; and

Whereas, Dennis Ray Blankenship served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Lt. Col. Dennis Ray Blankenship was highly decorated for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action; and

Whereas, Naming a portion of road in McDowell County is an appropriate recognition of his service and sacrifices for his country, his state, his community and McDowell County; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name the portion of State Route 16 from milepost 22.85 to milepost 26.7 in McDowell County, the "U. S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Ray Blankenship Memorial Road"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the road as the "U. S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Ray Blankenship Memorial Road"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Cline and Plymale offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5—Requesting the Division of Highways to place signs at the following Interstate exits in Beckley: I-77 north bound at mile marker 42.5, I-77 south bound at mile marker 47.8, and I-64 west bound at mile marker 125.2, in Raleigh County, West Virginia, signifying Beckley as the "Home of Coach Bob Bolen Mountain State University 2004 NAIA Champions".

Whereas, Coach Bob Bolen was born August 28, 1963, in Beckley; and

Whereas, From 1986 to 1988, Coach Bolen was a mathematics teacher and head boys' basketball coach at Park School in Beckley, where his record was 31-5 and they were regular season champions; and

Whereas, From 1989 to 1993, Coach Bolen was head coach, junior varsity/assistant varsity at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, where in 1990, 1992, and 1993 they were AAA state champions; and

Whereas, From 1993 to 2012, Coach Bolen was director of athletics and head men's basketball coach at Mountain State University in Beckley. From 2013 to 2015, he was assistant basketball coach at East Tennessee State University. Beginning in 2015 to the present, he has served as an ESPN analyst and Marshall University TV analyst; and

Whereas, Coach Bolen was head coach of the only national championship won by a men's basketball team in West Virginia in the last 71 years. He holds the most all-time wins for a collegiate coach in West Virginia, with 489 wins. He has the highest winning percentage of any coach at any collegiate level this decade, winning 87 percent of his games; and

Whereas, Coach Bolen's record includes: A career record 489 wins with 125 losses; 2010 NABC NAIA National Coach of the Year; 2004 NABC NAIA National Coach of the Year; 2004 West Virginia College Coach of the Year; 2004 Basketball Times National Coach of the Year; Regional Independent Coach of the year, 13 times; ranked number one 48 times since 2000 NAIA National Poll; forty-nine consecutive weeks ranked in the top five in the country; twelve consecutive 25-win seasons, 2001 – 2012; number one scoring offense in country, six times; top five scoring offense in country for 17 consecutive seasons; and number one field goal percentage defense, three times; and

Whereas, Coach Bolen's collegiate yearly records are:

2011 – 2012	26-9 Record, NAIA Final Four
2010 – 2011	33-4 Record, NAIA National Tournament Runner Up
2009 – 2010	29-3 Record, #3 NAIA Final National Poll, NAIA "Sweet 16"
2008 – 2009	28-5 Record, #3 NAIA Final National Poll, NAIA "Sweet 16"
2007 – 2008	34-3 Record, NAIA National Tournament Runner Up
2006 – 2007	27-6 Record, #4 NAIA Final National Poll;
2005 – 2006	29-3 Record, #1 NAIA Final National Poll, NAIA "Sweet 16"
2004 – 2005	31-4 Record, #1 NAIA Final National Poll, NAIA "Elite 8"
2003 – 2004	38-1 Record, NAIA National Champions
2002 – 2003	32-7 Record, NAIA National Tournament Runner Up
2001 – 2002	27-6 Record, #5 NAIA Final National Poll, "Sweet 16"
2000 – 2001	25-5 Record, #6 NAIA Final National Poll
1999 – 2000	22-9 Record, #20 NAIA Final National Poll
1998 – 1999	29-6 Record, #12 NAIA Final National Poll, "Sweet 16"
1994 – 1998	79-54 Record, #22 NAIA Final National Poll; and

Whereas, It is fitting that signs be placed at those Beckley exits proclaiming that Beckley is Coach Bolen's hometown, a man who brought national attention to his city and his state and touched the lives of many athletes, students, fans, and residents of Beckley; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to place signs at the following Interstate exits in Beckley: I-77 north bound at mile marker 42.5, I-77 south bound at mile marker 47.8, and I-64 west bound at mile marker 125.2, in Raleigh County, West Virginia, signifying Beckley as the "Home of Coach Bob Bolen Mountain State University 2004 NAIA Champions"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying Beckley as the "Home of Coach Bob Bolen Mountain State University 2004 NAIA Champions"; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Petitions

Senator Trump presented a petition from Teresa Mobley and 100 West Virginia residents, requesting the Legislature to fund and support various programs for Alzheimer's disease patients.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

At the request of Senator Stollings, and by unanimous consent, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 1:03 p.m., the Senate recessed until 1:15 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 1:21 p.m. and proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, Adopting joint rules of Senate and House of Delegates.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, Relating to payment of expenses of 84th Legislature.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption of

House Concurrent Resolution 1—Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly therefor.

Whereas, His Excellency, the Governor, has advised that he will be pleased to address a Joint Assembly of the Senate and House of Delegates at the convenience of the two houses; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That His Excellency, the Governor, be hereby invited to address a Joint Assembly of the Legislature at 7:00 o'clock postmeridian this day; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoint three members of each of the respective houses of the Legislature as a committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and escort him into the Hall of the House of Delegates at the time herein appointed for hearing the address.

The message further announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the House of Delegates:

Delegates Storch, Harshbarger, and Byrd.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Whereupon, the President appointed as Senate members of such committee, authorized by the foregoing resolution, the following:

Senators Takubo, Boley, and Prezioso.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 1:25 p.m., the Senate recessed until 6:45 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

The hour of 7 p.m. having arrived, that being the time set for the joint assembly to hear the address of His Excellency, the Governor, the Senate recessed until five minutes after adjournment of the joint assembly. Members of the Senate then repaired in a body to the hall of the House of Delegates.

(NOTE: For formal procedure in the joint assembly and the address of His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Jim Justice, see the Journal of the House of Delegates for this day.)

The joint assembly having been dissolved, the Senate returned to its chamber and resumed its regular session.

Executive Communications

Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) presented the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, submitting the executive budget and annual budget bill, which was received and read by the Clerk:



January 9, 2019

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Mitch Carmichael West Virginia Senate State Capitol Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Carmichael:

I herewith submit, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, a budget and budget bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice Governor

JJ/Ic

Subsequently, Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) laid before the Senate the aforementioned annual budget bill,

By Senators Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso (By Request of the Executive): Senate Bill 150—A Bill making appropriations of public money out of the Treasury in accordance with section 51, article VI of the Constitution.

Which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, a leave of absence for the day was granted Senator Maroney.

Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) announced appointment of the standing committees of the Senate for this first session of the eighty-fourth Legislature and, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the complete list was ordered printed in the Journal as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

2019

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Senators Sypolt (Chair), Mann (Vice Chair), Clements, Cline, Maynard, Rucker, Smith, Baldwin, Beach, Ojeda, and Unger.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Senators Azinger (*Chair*), Clements (*Vice Chair*), Blair, Hamilton, Rucker, Swope, Tarr, Weld, Facemire, Jeffries, Palumbo, Prezioso, and Romano.

CONFIRMATIONS

Senators Boley (Chair), Takubo (Vice Chair), Azinger, Blair, Boso, Weld, Palumbo, Plymale, and Prezioso.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senators Maynard *(Chair)*, Swope *(Vice Chair)*, Azinger, Cline, Hamilton, Mann, Roberts, Tarr, Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Romano, Stollings, and Woelfel.

EDUCATION

Senators Rucker (*Chair*), Blair (*Vice Chair*), Azinger, Boley, Cline, Maynard, Roberts, Trump, Baldwin, Beach, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, and Unger.

ENERGY, INDUSTRY, AND MINING

Senators Smith (Chair), Sypolt (Vice Chair), Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Mann, Swope, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Woelfel.

ENROLLED BILLS

Senators Maynard (Chair), Roberts (Vice Chair), Tarr, Lindsay, and Woelfel.

FINANCE

Senators Blair (*Chair*), Mann (*Vice Chair*), Boley, Hamilton, Maroney, Roberts, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Stollings, and Unger.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Senators Boso (Chair), Swope (Vice Chair), Clements, Mann, Maroney, Smith, Sypolt, Tarr, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, and Woelfel.

HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Senators Maroney (Chair), Tarr (Vice Chair), Azinger, Maynard, Roberts, Rucker, Takubo, Weld, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Stollings, and Unger.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Senators Cline (Chair), Maynard (Vice Chair), Boso, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Ojeda, and Unger.

JUDICIARY

Senators Trump (Chair), Weld (Vice Chair), Azinger, Boso, Clements, Cline, Maynard, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Baldwin, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Ojeda, Romano, and Woelfel.

MILITARY

Senators Weld (Chair), Maroney (Vice Chair), Cline, Hamilton, Smith, Sypolt, Facemire, Lindsay, and Ojeda.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Senators Maynard (Chair), Mann (Vice Chair), Cline, Hamilton, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Sypolt, Beach, Facemire, Ojeda, Prezioso, and Stollings.

PENSIONS

Senators Azinger (Chair), Hamilton (Vice Chair), Boso, Trump, Ihlenfeld, Plymale, and Romano.

RULES

Senators Carmichael *(Chair)*, Blair, Boley, Maroney, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, and Stollings.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Senators Clements (*Chair*), Swope (*Vice Chair*), Boley, Boso, Mann, Roberts, Beach, Jeffries, and Plymale.

WORKFORCE

Senators Swope (Chair), Weld (Vice Chair), Boley, Maroney, Rucker, Smith, Tarr, Baldwin, Beach, Jeffries, and Stollings.

The President then announced the appointment of Senator Takubo, of the County of Kanawha, as the majority leader of the Senate;

Senator Prezioso, of the County of Marion, as the minority leader of the Senate;

Senator Weld, of the County of Brooke, as the majority whip of the Senate;

Senator Palumbo, of the County of Kanawha, as the minority whip of the Senate;

And,

Senator Boley, of the County of Pleasants, as President *pro Tempore* of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 8:20 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:00 AM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- S. C. R. 3 Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study practice of requiring payment to hold space by child care facilities
- S. C. R. 4 US Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Ray Blankenship Memorial Road
- S. C. R. 5 Home of Coach Bob Bolen Mountain State University 2004 NAIA Champions sign

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2019

Thursday, January 10, 2019

9:30 a.m. Finance (Room 451M)