# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE SENATE JOURNAL EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

# REGULAR SESSION, 2020 SECOND DAY

Charleston, West Virginia, Thursday, January 9, 2020

The Senate met at 11:13 a.m.

(Senator Carmichael, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

Prayer was offered by Roger Leatherman, President of the Mineral County Commission, Keyser, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Patricia Puertas Rucker, a senator from the sixteenth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Wednesday, January 8, 2020,

At the request of Senator Hardesty, unanimous consent being granted, the Journal was approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate then proceeded to the sixth order of business.

The following bills were introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 151**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-4-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assist inmates, prior to release, obtain a certified copy of their certificate, a Social Security card, and a driver's license or a state-issued identification card; and requiring the commissioner to provide those inmates instruction in basic life skills, including, but not limited to, managing personal finances, writing a check, balancing a checkbook, writing a resume, and being interviewed for employment.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 152**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-5A-1, relating to creating the Taxation with Representation

Act; and providing for nonresidents of a municipality who work in that municipality and who pay user fees pursuant to a municipal ordinance may vote in municipal elections.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 153**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-15-44 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting persons who are 21 years of age or older to operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet if they have held a license valid for the operation of a motorcycle for a minimum of two years; and making a technical correction.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 154**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-15-44 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing out-of-state residents to ride a motorcycle without a helmet if they are allowed to do so in their state of residence.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 155**—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-112 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the payment of attorney fees in subsidized adoptions or guardianships directly to the attorney.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 156**—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-27-802 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-27-803, all relating to victims of domestic violence and their right to know the place of employment and residence of their assailant; and requiring that the West Virginia State Police shall maintain a registry of this information.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 157**—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-27-207 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a licensed program for victims of domestic violence to provide specific services to aid victims of domestic violence and their children; and requiring that the Family Protection Services Board propose rules to implement program.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 158**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the State Police to visit the homes of registered sex offenders at regular intervals.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 159**—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-11B-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §8-12-5 of said code, all relating to allowing municipalities to contract, without bidding, projects up to \$50,000.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 160**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-2D-1, §20-2D-2, and §20-2D-3, all relating to creating a Voluntary WVU Rifle Team Check-off Program on the cost of hunting and fishing licenses; creating a special fund for this purpose; and providing how funds are to be used.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 161**—A Bill to amend and reenact §6-7-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-1A-6, all relating to salaries for members of the Division of Forestry.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 162—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-2A-6b; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-3-11; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §17-30-1, §17-30-2, §17-30-3, §17-30-4, and §17-30-5, all relating generally to enhancing maintenance and repair of the state's roads and highways; establishing roads accountability and transparency; directing the State Auditor to develop and maintain a searchable website of funding actions and expenditures relating to state and public roads; setting forth the minimum content to be contained in the website; directing the Commissioner of Highways to provide information and data to the State Auditor; requiring an annual update to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance: creating the Special Road Repair Fund as a sub-account of the State Road Fund: authorizing the commissioner to transfer certain funds into the sub-account for certain purposes; creating the Enhanced Road Repair and Maintenance Program; stating legislative finding and purpose of program; requiring Division of Highways county supervisors consult with county commissions and legislators to submit project requests to the Division of Highways; setting forth a funding formula; setting forth requirements concerning bidding, vendors, and contracts with private vendors; specifying uses of Special Road Repair Fund; defining terms; providing requirements for Commissioner of Highways and districts; requiring rulemaking; and requiring reporting by Division of Highways and Legislative Auditor.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 163**—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-18-3 and §7-18-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to municipal or county taxation of hotel rooms booked through a marketplace facilitator; defining terms; providing for collection and remittance of the tax imposed by any municipality or county; requiring the marketplace facilitator separately state the tax on all bills, invoices, accounts, books of account, and records relating to occupancy or use of

a hotel room; and deeming all taxes collected be held in trust by the marketplace facilitator until remitted.

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

#### By Senator Trump:

**Senate Bill 164**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44-3A-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the administrative closing of stale or unprogressed estates.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 165**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-8-6e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the effect on regular levy rate when appraisal results in tax increase; and allowing an increase of not more than 10 percent in the total projected property tax revenues realized when current levy rates are imposed by the county commission and the municipalities before requiring a reduction in levy rate or holding public hearing.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 166**—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; requiring boards to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades five through 12 to female students not otherwise having access to the products; and defining terms.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 167**—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-7-6e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the Coyote Control Program by providing for an assessment on breeding cows; providing an option for owners of breeding cows not to participate in the program; requiring notice; and setting forth a purpose.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 168**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-10-14a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing certain deductions to be made from individual personal income tax refunds; providing check-off for nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in the West Virginia Veterans Home; and providing check-off for purposes of operating and maintaining the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

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

#### By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 169—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to stalking and harassment; creating the offense of harassment with the intent to cause another to physically injure himself or herself or to take his or her own life; creating the offense of continuing to harass another knowing, or having reason to know, that such harassment is likely to cause another to physically injure himself or herself or take his or her own

life due, in whole or part, to the harassment; removing the time limit within which a second or subsequent violation constitutes a felony; and creating criminal penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 170**—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 2069.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 171**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-3-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting from personal property taxation private passenger automobiles that are 25 years old or older.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 172**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to licenses to carry deadly weapons; and exempting honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States from payment of fees and costs otherwise required to obtain a license to carry concealed deadly weapons.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 173**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-38-1, §19-38-2, §19-38-3, and §19-38-4, 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 Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 174**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-10-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to federal funding for West Virginia University and West Virginia State University.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 175**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5F-1-7; to amend and reenact §7-1-3rr of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-39-1, all relating to governmental websites; requiring executive branch agencies maintain a website that contains specific information; authorizing county commissions to maintain websites with specific information; requiring county commissions to provide certain information to the Secretary of State; authorizing municipalities to maintain websites with specific information available to the public at no charge;

requiring information to be updated; and requiring updated information be provided to the Office of Technology.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 176**—A Bill to amend and reenact §4-2A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to limiting the number of days members of the Legislature may receive compensation during an extended and extraordinary session if the budget bill has not been enacted.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 177**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the expiration of driver's licenses for active military members' spouses.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 178**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing an 11-month window to permit members of the Public Employees Retirement System to purchase credited service that had been previously forfeited.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 179**—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, 2020, 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 Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 180**—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 a 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 Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

# By Senator Blair:

Senate Bill 181—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; setting forth legislative findings and intent; creating special revenue account designated the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Fund; identifying source of funds; providing terms for expenditures; requesting additional moneys to be added to the fund; and directing that balance funds at the end of the fiscal year remain in the fund.

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

# By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 182**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-38-1, §19-38-2, §19-38-3, §19-38-4, §19-38-5, §19-38-6, and §19-38-7, all relating to creating West Virginia Healthy Food Crop Block Grant Program; stating findings; defining terms; creating fund; partnering with nonprofit food and farm organizations; establishing grant selection committee and membership; providing method for allocating grants; limiting grants; providing for rulemaking; and establishing program review reports.

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

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 183**—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22A-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the requirement that a racetrack must have participated in the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund since, on, or before January 1, 1999, in order for counties to receive two percent of the net terminal income where the video lottery terminals are located.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 184**—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 Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 185**—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 Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 186**—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 Weld:

Senate Bill 187—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 nonresident members of a reserve unit in West Virginia qualify as residents for purposes of determining tuition rates; removing 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 who reside in West Virginia qualify as residents for purposes of determining tuition rates.

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

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 188**—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 189**—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 Weld:

**Senate Bill 190**—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22A-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the requirement that a racetrack must have participated in the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund since, on, or before January 1, 1999, in order for counties to receive two percent of the net terminal income where the video lottery terminals are located.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 191**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to cruelty to animals; creating the felony offense of aggravated cruelty to animals; providing a criminal penalty for the offense; and defining a term.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Tarr:

**Senate Bill 192**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; and requiring Legislative Auditor to perform financial and performance audits of commission.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### By Senator Tarr:

**Senate Bill 193**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing deadlines for spending units to submit procurements to the Purchasing Division when a continuing procurement for goods and services exceeds \$1 million.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 194**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-5-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the requirement that schools be closed on election days.

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

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 195**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44-1-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorization for a personal representative, trustee, administrator, or executor of a deceased person's estate to transfer or amend conservation or preservation easements; defining the duty of the personal representative, trustee, administrator, or executor; and establishing conditions for the exercise of the authority to transfer or amend.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 196**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-27-313, relating to staying civil actions resulting from domestic violence for 60 days from the date of entry of a final domestic violence protective order.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Sypolt:

**Senate Bill 197**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-59-1, §16-59-2, §16-59-3, §16-59-4, §16-59-5, §16-59-6, §16-59-7, §16-59-8, §16-59-9, §16-59-10, §16-59-11, §16-59-12, §16-59-13, §16-59-14, and §16-59-15, all relating to enacting the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact; entering into the compact with all jurisdictions also enacting the compact; stating purpose of compact; defining terms; identifying member states as home states; retaining authority of member state to require license under circumstances not covered by compact; setting conditions for home state's license to authorize practice in a remote state under the compact; requiring member states to recognize licenses issued by another member state under certain conditions; setting requirements for individuals to exercise privilege to practice; setting scope of practice; making individuals practicing in remote states subject to that state's laws; authorizing remote states to take action against individual's privilege to practice within that state under certain circumstances; providing effect of restrictions on license on compact

privileges; setting conditions of practicing in remote state under compact terms; defining relationship of compact with Emergency Management Assistance Compact; setting terms and requirements for certification of veterans, certain service members, and their spouses; recognizing exclusive power of home states to impose adverse action against license issued by home state: providing consequences for compact participation if individual's license is subject to adverse action by home state; requiring member states to report adverse actions against licenses; authorizing states to take action against individual's privilege to practice within that state; requiring home state EMS authority investigate and take appropriate action based on reported conduct in remote state; authorizing alternative programs in lieu of adverse action; authorizing member state's EMS authority to issue subpoenas; authorizing member state's EMS authority to issue certain cease and desist orders; establishing Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; providing venue; maintaining state sovereign immunity; providing for membership; providing for voting; requiring annual meetings; requiring meetings to be public; providing exceptions; authorizing commission prescribe bylaws and/or rules to govern conduct; granting certain powers to commission; providing for financing for the commission; making validity of annual assessment against state contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available; providing for gualified immunity of certain persons; requiring commission defend certain persons for actions arising out of actions occurring within the scope of duties related to the commission; requiring commission indemnify and hold harmless certain persons under certain circumstances; providing for development and maintenance of coordinated database and reporting system; requiring member states provide certain information to coordinated database; requiring notification by coordinated database administrator of adverse action taken against individual in member state; authorizing member state to designate information not to be shared with the public without express permission of contributing state; providing for removal of information from database when required to be expunded; authorizing rule-making commission; providing scope of rulemaking; providing procedures for rulemaking; authorizing emergency rulemaking by the commission; providing that commission rules are not binding on the State of West Virginia until they have been authorized as legislative rules; providing timeline and procedure for proposing legislative rules; authorizing emergency rulemaking; directing state government to enforce compact and take necessary actions to effectuate its purposes and intent; directing courts take judicial notice of compact and rules promulgated pursuant to compact; providing procedures for the commission to follow if member state has defaulted; authorizing member state be terminated from the compact under certain conditions; setting terms of termination: authorizing appeal: authorizing mediation and binding dispute resolution between commission and member state; authorizing enforcement of the compact by the commission; authorizing legal action; establishing venue; providing for venue in West Virginia; providing implementation date for the compact; making any state joining after implementation subject to rules as they exist when the compact is adopted; authorizing member state withdraw from the compact; maintaining member state authority to enter into licensure or cooperative agreements with nonmember state; authorizing amendment of the compact; providing for liberal construction; providing for severability of the compact if it is found to violate constitution of member state; directing Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council review decisions of the commission; and authorizing Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council make recommendation to Legislature for withdrawal from the compact.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Blair:

**Senate Bill 198**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §22-6-29a, all relating to creating the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund for use by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to plug abandoned oil and gas wells without a

responsible operator; providing for administration of the fund; requiring severance tax to be deposited in the fund; providing specific purposes and limitations for use of the fund; modifying imposition of the tax on the privilege of severing natural gas or oil by marginal oil and gas wells; providing exemptions from the severance tax; deleting a subsection of the code which expired by its own terms; providing reporting requirements for the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund and the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund; providing rule-making authority; and providing a short title.

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

#### By Senator Weld:

Senate Bill 199—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-42-1, §30-42-2, §30-42-3, §30-42-4, §30-42-5, §30-42-6, §30-42-7, §30-42-8, §30-42-9, §30-42-10, §30-42-11, §30-42-12, §30-42-13, §30-42-14, and §30-42-15, all relating to creating the Court Reporter Act of 2020; and providing for the administration and certification of court reporters, including application, fees, criteria for approval or denial of certification, resolution of complaints concerning certified reporters, and the discipline and administrative hearing process.

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

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 200**—A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to certain diseases for which rebuttable presumption of injury arising out of and in the course of employment exists for firefighters, including bladder cancer, mesothelioma, and testicular cancer.

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

# By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 201**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to the criminal offenses of stalking and harassment; clarifying essential elements of harassment; defining terms; and continuing criminal penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 202**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-13A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing one member of a public district service board to be a county commissioner of the county commission with authority to appoint the members of the board, regardless of whether the commissioner resides within the district.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 203**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-10-14a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing certain deductions to be made from individual personal income tax refunds; providing check-off for nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in the West Virginia Veterans Home; and providing check-off for purposes of operating and maintaining the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

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

# By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 204**—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §3-10-8 of said code, all relating to providing for the nonpartisan elections of county prosecuting attorneys; requiring that nonpartisan elections of prosecuting attorneys commence in 2020; and providing that after that, appointments to fill vacancies in office shall be nonpartisan.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 205**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §44-1-6a, relating to the administration of estates and trusts; creating a limited letter of administration that may be issued for estates that do not exceed the value of \$2,000; establishing procedures and responsibilities relating to a limited letter of administration; providing for a cause of action for parties affected by an applicant's failure to carry out distribution as stated in the application; and providing for a \$50 fee for each application regardless of whether the clerk issues a limited letter of administration.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 206**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to appraisement of a decedents' estate and proceedings which determine if reference to fiduciary commissioner is to be made; and adding language to be contained in an appraisement showing nonprobate assets that are not to be sold by the personal representative of the estate.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 207**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §7-4A-1, §7-4A-2, §7-4A-3, §7-4A-4, §7-4A-5, §7-4A-6, §7-4A-7, §7-4A-8, and §7-4A-9, all relating to creating the Prosecuting Attorney's Detectives Act; providing a short title; making legislative findings; providing for law-enforcement titles; setting forth the duties and powers of prosecuting attorney's detectives; providing for compensation of prosecuting attorney's detectives; permitting prosecuting attorneys to hire detectives; establishing arrest power of prosecuting attorney's detectives; setting forth requirements; limiting off-duty employment; and providing miscellaneous provisions.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Tarr:

**Senate Bill 208**—A Bill to amend and reenact §46A-6J-2 and §46A-6J-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the protection of consumers from price gouging and unfair pricing practices during and shortly after a state of emergency; amending definition of "state of emergency"; and modifying the time period for which prices for certain goods may not be changed following a state of emergency.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Rucker:

**Senate Bill 209**—A Bill to repeal §8-6-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to annexation by minor boundary adjustment.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

# By Senator Tarr:

**Senate Bill 210**—A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting registered lobbyists from holding any appointed position in the state legislative, executive, or judicial branches of government for at least five years; and providing time frame to calculate exclusion.

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

#### By Senator Palumbo:

**Senate Bill 211**—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 Palumbo:

**Senate Bill 212**—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 Angel's Law.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Trump:

Senate Bill 213—A Bill to amend and reenact §44D-1-103, §44D-1-105, and §44D-1-108 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §44D-6-602 of said code; to amend and reenact §44D-8-808 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §44D-8A-801, §44D-8A-802, §44D-8A-803, §44D-8A-804, §44D-8A-805, §44D-8A-806, §44D-8A-807, §44D-8A-808, §44D-8A-809, §44D-8A-810, §44D-8A-811, §44D-8A-812, §44D-8A-813, §44D-8A-814, §44D-8A-815, §44D-8A-816, and §44D-8A-817, all relating to the administration of trusts; definitions; default and mandatory rules; principal place of administration; grantor's powers and powers of withdrawal; cotrustees; powers to direct; and enacting the West Virginia Uniform Directed Trust Act which specifies how trust directors can act concerning trusts in this state.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Trump:

**Senate Bill 214**—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 Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

# By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 215**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §33-15D-1, §33-15D-2, §33-15D-3, §33-15D-4, §33-15D-5, and §33-15D-6, all relating to creating the Health Care Choice Act; stating legislative findings and purpose; and authorizing insurers from other states to engage in the business of health insurance in West Virginia only with the written approval of the Insurance Commissioner and subject to qualifications and other requirements determined by the Insurance Commissioner.

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

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 216**—A Bill to amend and reenact §24-6-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring emergency service organizations to create districts whereby towing services within a district may be dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services within an area currently served by an organization are dispatched on a rotating basis; requiring the West Virginia State Police to create districts whereby towing services within a district may be dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services within a district may be dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services are dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services, to create districts whereby towing services are dispatched on a rotating basis; requiring a municipality, when handling towing services, to create districts whereby towing services within a district may be dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services are dispatched on a rotating basis; continuing the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction over the towing service providers themselves; prohibiting the State Police and municipalities from imposing their own rules, policies, or ordinances; and defining a term.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 217**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-8a, relating to requiring the Department of Health and Human Resources to collaborate with the Workforce Development Board and the West Virginia Division of Personnel for purposes of job placement.

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

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 218**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-24, relating to permitting unlicensed persons to be hired by consumers; providing for a short title; providing for definitions; providing for disclosure information; providing for an example disclosure form; providing for working without a license; providing for defense and relief; providing for remedies; providing for applicability; providing for limitations; providing for preemption of state statutes; and providing for an effective date.

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

# By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 219**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §22-30-27, relating to requiring the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to prepare guidelines for small gas stations that have small volume aboveground storage tanks; and requiring rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 220**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-1-12; and to amend and reenact §21-1A-3 of said code, all relating to exemptions from mandated immunizations.

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

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 221**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-10-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §5A-11-3 of said code, all relating to the disposition of vacated school buildings or other state-owned buildings; requiring Real Estate Division to develop minimum standards for use, renovation, or disposition of vacated buildings; maintaining certain legal responsibilities of the previous owner; and authorizing the Public Land Corporation to acquire vacated buildings through legal transactions and conveyances.

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

#### By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 222—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-1-8c, relating to the West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2020; prohibiting the removal, renaming, alteration, or relocation of any statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, plaque, school, street, bridge, building, park, preserve, or reserve recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and which is located on public property and has been erected for, or named or dedicated in honor of, certain historical, military, labor, civil rights, and Native-American events, figures, and organizations; prohibiting any person from preventing the governmental entity having responsibility for maintaining the items, structures, or areas from taking proper measures to protect, preserve, care for, repair, or restore the items, structures, or areas recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to grant waivers under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 223**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-12j, relating to exempting senior citizens from personal income tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 224**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-7e, relating to requiring the State Board of Education to develop a program of instruction on home maintenance for the elderly and the disabled.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

# By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 225**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-12-21, relating to empowering municipalities to enact Adopt-A-Street programs; and establishing eligibility criteria.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

# By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 226**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-17A-8, relating to providing for special obligation notes to finance construction of completion of Interstate 73 and Interstate 74 through West Virginia; and providing for the repayment of the bonds by unmanned toll booth collections.

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

# By Senator Maynard:

Senate Bill 227—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter, designated §8B-1-1, §8B-1-2, §8B-1-3, §8B-1-4, §8B-1-5, and §8B-1-6, all relating to creating the Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act; prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, local resolutions, or other legal requirements; providing a short title; setting forth legislative findings and declarations; 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 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 or the state; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates work stoppages, 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 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 for certain professions; providing for civil relief; establishing a civil cause of action which, if proven in a court of competent jurisdiction, may permit a person to recover damages, including compensatory and punitive damages, costs and attorney's fees, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate equitable relief against any political subdivision violating the Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act; providing exceptions; 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 of chapter 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 Judiciary.

# By Senator Maynard:

**Senate Bill 228**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-25-2a, relating to eliminating the liability of owners of active mine lands, abandoned mine lands, and active or inactive railway lines to any person who may enter upon those premises.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 229**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to powers and duties of the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health; and requiring the commissioner to create a pilot program to provide reimbursement of dental care for adults at free and charitable clinics.

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

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 230**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-40 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to require the State Board of Education to provide for the routine education of all professional educators, including principals and administrators, and those service personnel having direct contact with students on warning signs and resources to assist in suicide prevention under guidelines established by the state board.

Referred to the Select Committee on Children and Families; and then to the Committee on Education.

#### By Senators Rucker, Carmichael (Mr. President), Maynard, Sypolt, and Tarr:

**Senate Bill 231**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-20-1, §16-20-2, §16-20-3, §16-20-4, §16-20-5, §16-20-6, §16-20-7, §16-20-8, and §16-20-9, all relating to creating the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; and establishing penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Weld:

**Senate Bill 232**—A Bill to amend and reenact §47-21-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to charitable raffles; and removing outdated prohibitions against electronic or mechanical ticket dispensers and readers and associated digital fundraising platforms.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Weld:

Senate Bill 233—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §5-10D-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §7-14D-5 of said code; to amend and reenact §8-22A-6 of said code; to amend and reenact §16-5V-6 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-17-1, §20-17-2, §20-17-3, §20-17-4, §20-17-5, §20-17-6, §20-17-7, §20-17-8, §20-17-9, §20-17-10, §20-17-11,

§20-17-12, §20-17-13, §20-17-14, §20-17-15, §20-17-16, §20-17-17, §20-17-18, §20-17-19, §20-17-20, §20-17-21, §20-17-22, §20-17-23, §20-17-24, §20-17-25, §20-17-26, §20-17-27, §20-17-28, §20-17-29, §20-17-30, §20-17-31, §20-17-32, §20-17-33, §20-17-34, §20-17-35, and §20-17-36, all relating to establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System; providing for additional members of the Consolidated Public Retirement Board; and providing for criminal offense of defrauding the system and penalties therefor.

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

# By Senator Romano:

**Senate Bill 234**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-10-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to acknowledging the transfer of the Federal Protection Service from the U.S. General Services Administration to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by the enactment of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Ihlenfeld:

**Senate Bill 235**—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 the battery of a law-enforcement officer.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Ihlenfeld:

**Senate Bill 236**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §61-3F-1, §61-3F-2, and §61-3F-3, all relating to online privacy protection for children; prohibiting the marketing or advertising of certain products or services to minors; and requiring operators of website, online services or applications.

Referred to the Select Committee on Children and Families; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

# By Senator Baldwin:

**Senate Bill 237**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-16A-31, relating to exempting emergency vehicles and private ambulances from paying tolls or other charges.

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

# By Senator Lindsay:

**Senate Bill 238**—A Bill to amend and reenact §6C-1-2, §6C-1-3, and §6C-1-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to making the state's whistleblower law also be applicable to the private employment sector; prohibiting an employer from discharging, threatening, or otherwise discriminating against an employee because the employee reports, or is about to report, a violation or a suspected violation of a law or a governmental regulation to a public body; and modifying, deleting, and defining terms.

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

# By Senator Ihlenfeld:

**Senate Bill 239**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §21-11-6a; and to amend and reenact §21-11-15 of said code, all relating to requiring general contractors to have and maintain general liability insurance; setting policy minimums; and permitting the Insurance Commissioner to increase those policy minimums.

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

#### By Senator Jeffries:

**Senate Bill 240**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-22b; and to amend and reenact §16-6-23 of said code, all relating to food service establishments securing covers of grease traps; and increasing the civil penalty for noncompliance with the requirements of the article.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### By Senator Baldwin:

**Senate Bill 241**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-9A-7a, relating to requiring the State Board of Education to develop a method for funding student transportation costs as a stand-alone consideration separate from the current total state basic foundation program; requiring consideration of cost factors in addition to population density or number of students on a particular bus route; and requiring a report to the Legislature.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

# By Senator Palumbo:

**Senate Bill 242**—A Bill to amend and reenact §9-8-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to work requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; and removing a provision making all counties ineligible for a federal waiver effective October 1, 2022.

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

#### By Senator Baldwin:

**Senate Bill 243**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting firearm safe storage products from the consumers sales tax.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### By Senator Baldwin:

**Senate Bill 244**—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-12E-3 and §19-12E-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-12E-12, all relating to modifying the Industrial Hemp Development Act; conforming the definition of "hemp" to federal law; clarifying the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture related to testing; authorizing independent laboratories certified by the commissioner to test hemp produced by a licensee; and requiring the commissioner to propose emergency rules.

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

# By Senator Baldwin:

**Senate Bill 245**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-3-4b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the placement of traffic control devices before and after street or highway construction or maintenance.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills:

Senate Bill 1 (Creating felony offense of cruelty to animals): Senators Baldwin and Cline;

**Senate Bill 2** (*Providing for automated license plate reader systems*): Senators Cline and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 3** (*Relating to registration fees for certain military-related license plates*): Senators Baldwin, Cline, and Roberts;

**Senate Bill 4** (*Providing that persons 16 years or older may carry pepper spray for self-defense*): Senators Cline, Roberts, Stollings, and Tarr;

**Senate Bill 5** (*Presuming shared legal and physical custody of child in divorce is in best interest of child*): Senator Roberts;

**Senate Bill 6** (Increasing weight limits for vehicles on certain state highways): Senator Roberts;

**Senate Bill 7** (*Raising age of children who are victims of certain sex offenses to 16*): Senator Roberts;

**Senate Bill 8** (*Exempting certain armed forces veterans from payment of fees for license to carry deadly weapon*): Senators Cline and Tarr;

**Senate Bill 10** (Allowing use or nonuse of safety belt as admissible evidence in civil actions): Senators Cline and Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 12** (*Prohibiting lobbying by counsel of state boards and commissions*): Senators Cline and Tarr;

**Senate Bill 13** (Increasing burglary penalty if crime against another person committed during burglary): Senator Tarr;

Senate Bill 14 (Creating felony offense of attempting to kill another person): Senator Tarr;

**Senate Bill 15** (*Removing municipalities' authority to restrict firearm possession without carry concealed permit during brief temporary events.*): Senator Tarr;

**Senate Bill 18** (*Creating WV Healthy Food Crop Block Grant Program*): Senators Baldwin and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 19** (*Prohibiting State Board of Education from accepting federal education plans without legislative approval*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 21** (*Prohibiting certain misleading pharmaceutical advertising practices*): Senators Jeffries and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 22** (*Requiring county boards of education to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades six through 12*): Senators Jeffries, Lindsay, and Stollings;

Senate Bill 25 (Relating to adoption records): Senator Baldwin;

**Senate Bill 27** (*Requiring political action committees disclose contributors' names and addresses to Secretary of State*): Senator Baldwin;

**Senate Bill 30** (*Extending expiration of driver's licenses for active military members' spouses*): Senator Baldwin;

**Senate Bill 37** (*Providing long-term care and substance abuse treatment*): Senators Baldwin, Cline, Hamilton, and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 38** (*Requiring schools provide elective course on Hebrew Scriptures or Bible*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 39** (*Requiring patients be provided estimate of health care provider's standard charges*): Senators Baldwin and Cline;

**Senate Bill 41** (*Encouraging landowners make land available for recreation purposes by limiting landowner liability*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 42** (*Permitting faith-based electives in classroom drug prevention programs*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 45** (*Requiring teaching of agricultural science education course*): Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 51** (Specifying forms of grandparent visitation): Senator Baldwin;

**Senate Bill 52** (Supplementary appropriation of public moneys to DHHR, Center for End of Life): Senators Jeffries and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 53** (*Supplementary appropriation of public moneys to DHHR, CARDIAC Project*): Senators Jeffries and Lindsay;

Senate Bill 54 (Relating generally to occupational pneumoconiosis): Senator Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 55** (*Ensuring insurance coverage for residents with preexisting conditions*): Senators Baldwin, Jeffries, and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 56** (*Prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancer*): Senators Baldwin and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 61** (*Relating to safety of tow trucks, wreckers, and tilt-bed vehicles*): Senator Baldwin;

Senate Bill 62 (Creating Katherine Johnson Fair Pay Act of 2020): Senator Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 65** (*Establishing Family and Medical Leave Insurance Benefits Act*): Senator Baldwin;

**Senate Bill 70** (*Requiring any newly constructed building to meet minimum standards for universal design for disabled persons*): Senators Lindsay and Stollings;

**Senate Bill 77** (*Establishing tax credit for certain physicians who locate to practice in WV*): Senators Cline, Hamilton, and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 79** (*Relating generally to proceeds from certain oil and gas wells*): Senators Baldwin and Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 82** (*Creating Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act*): Senators Baldwin, Hamilton, and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 84** (Allowing for expedited oil and gas well permitting and permit modifications upon payment of fee): Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 85** (*Providing up to \$500 credit for teachers against personal income tax for nonreimbursed costs of supplies*): Senator Jeffries;

Senate Bill 87 (Drug testing of legislators): Senators Hamilton and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 92** (*Exempting first \$150,000 of assessed value of primary residence for certain veterans*): Senators Cline, Jeffries, and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 94** (*Providing persons with physical disabilities ability to vote by electronic absentee ballot*): Senators Hamilton and Stollings;

**Senate Bill 96** (*Prohibiting municipalities from limiting persons' rights to possess certain weapons*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 97** (Allowing senior judge to continue receiving per diem compensation beyond annual salary of sitting judge due to delay by Governor in filling vacancy): Senators Hamilton and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 99** (Allowing voters who register in person with county clerk to vote during early in-person voting): Senator Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 101** (Allowing workers' compensation for first responders diagnosed with PTSD due to event during employment): Senators Baldwin, Jeffries, and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 102** (*Requiring certain state office vacancies be filled with person affiliated with same party as vacating person was affiliated at time of election*): Senators Jeffries and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 106** (*Making daylight saving time official time year round in WV*): Senators Baldwin and Stollings;

**Senate Bill 107** (*Requiring satisfactory completion of class in personal finance to graduate high school*): Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 109** (*Relating to incentives for consolidating local governments*): Senator Stollings;

**Senate Bill 110** (*Creating Independent Redistricting Commission*): Senators Baldwin and Stollings;

**Senate Bill 113** (*Requiring certain disclosures of election expenditures*): Senators Baldwin and Lindsay;

**Senate Bill 115** (*Relating to surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies for funding volunteer fire departments*): Senator Stollings;

**Senate Bill 126** (*Relating generally to WV Appellate Reorganization Act of 2020*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 127** (Authorizing governing board of higher education institution to eliminate tenure for its faculty): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 128** (Increasing penalties for malicious assault, unlawful assault, and assault on law-enforcement officer): Senator Hamilton;

Senate Bill 132 (Providing wind power projects be taxed at real property rate): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 134** (*Transferring child welfare enforcement responsibilities to State Police*): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 137** (*Requiring Legislature provide funds to DHHR for local boards of health pay raises in certain circumstances*): Senators Baldwin and Cline;

**Senate Bill 140** (*Changing rate at which certain judges are paid for mileage when traveling within state*): Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 142** (*Expanding Coyote Control Program through voluntary assessment on breeding cows*): Senators Hamilton and Jeffries;

**Senate Bill 143** (Changing qualifier for low income to 300 percent or less of federal poverty guideline for senior citizens' homestead tax credit): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 144** (*Creating misdemeanor penalty for making materially false statement in course of misdemeanor investigation*): Senator Cline;

Senate Bill 145 (Permitting photo identification on voter registration cards): Senator Cline;

**Senate Bill 147** (*Providing next of kin criminally responsible for relative's death may not be involved in burial arrangements*): Senator Cline;

Senate Bill 148 (Creating Road Maintenance Program): Senator Cline;

And,

**Senate Bill 149** (*Including emergency response vehicles in single fee EZ Pass transponder program*): Senator Baldwin.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following resolutions:

**Senate Joint Resolution 2** (*Disabled Veteran Exemption From Ad Valorem Property Taxation Amendment*): Senator Cline;

And,

Senate Joint Resolution 3 (Protection of the Right to Bear Arms Amendment): Senator Cline.

Pending announcement of a meeting of a standing committee of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 11:19 a.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 10, 2020, at 11 a.m.