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[DELEGATE HANSHAW, MR. SPEAKER, IN THE CHAIR]

The House of Delegates met at 10:00 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable Roger Hanshaw, Speaker.

Prayer was offered and the House was led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Tuesday, March 30, 2021, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Reordering of the Calendar

Pursuant to the action of the Committee on Rules, Delegate Summers announced that Com. Sub. for H. B. 2224, on Third reading, Special Calendar, had been transferred to the House Calendar; and S. C. R. 20, on Unfinished Business, House Calendar, had been transferred to the Special Calendar; Com. Sub. for S. B. 439, on Second reading, House Calendar, had been transferred to the Special Calendar; and Com. Sub. for H. B. 2017, on Third reading, Special Calendar, had been placed at the foot of all bills on Third reading, Special Calendar.

Committee Reports

Delegate J. Pack, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

S. C. R. 53, Encouraging certain facilities improve palliative care programs,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (S. C. R. 53) was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Delegate J. Pack, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

S. B. 437, Extending contingent increase of tax rate on certain eligible acute care hospitals,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.
Delegate D. Jeffries, Chair of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled and, on the 30th day of March, 2021, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2797**, Declaring certain claims to be moral obligations of the State,

**H. B. 2854**, Relating to the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2855**, Relating to the Natural Resources Police Officers Retirement System,

And,

**H. B. 2905**, Relating to repealing the prohibition against the use of certain words.

Delegate D. Jeffries, Chair of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled and, on the 30th day of March, 2021, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bill, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2621**, Mandating certification for certain members of fire departments, require certain types of training, allow specialized personnel who are not firefighters to be members of a department, and require the postings of fire department evaluations.

Delegate J. Pack, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

**S. B. 644**, Exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements,

And reports the same back, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Delegate J. Pack, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 551**, Revising forms of living will, medical power of attorney, and combined medical power of attorney and living will,

And reports the same back, with amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 551) was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Delegate Capito, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration:

S. B. 78, Relating to rehabilitative spousal support,

S. B. 359, Informing landowners when fencing that may contain livestock is damaged due to accident,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 377, Relating to extension for boil water advisories by water utility or public service district,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 514, Providing criteria for Natural Resource Commission appointment and compensation,

And,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 518, Relating to grounds for administrative dissolution of certain companies, corporations, and partnerships,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each do pass.

Messages from the Executive


Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced concurrence by the Senate in the amendment of the House of Delegates to the amendment of the Senate, as amended, of

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2024, Expand use of telemedicine to all medical personnel.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2026, Relating to the modernization of the collection of income taxes by adopting uniform provisions relating to the mobile workforce.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:
Com. Sub. for H. B. 2260, Relating to procurement of child placing services.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption of the report of the Committee of Conference on and the passage, as amended by said report, of

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2263, Update the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had concurred in the changed effective date, to take effect from passage, of

S. B. 67, Relating to authority of Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

S. B. 307 - “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”; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 360 - “A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-30 and §3-1-44 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to authorizing poll clerks to work and be compensated for both full and half days worked during an election”; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had concurred in the changed effective date, to take effect from passage, of

S. B. 390, Reorganizing Health Care Authority under DHHR and clarifying responsibilities for all-payer claims database.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 470 - “A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-8-21 and §5A-8-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-8-24, all relating to clarifying that disclosure of certain information such as home addresses are exempt and disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy; providing prohibition of disclosure of home address or unpublished telephone number of certain
public officials within the justice system; creating a cause of action for intentional or reckless
disregard for disclosure of protected information of certain public officials within the justice system;
providing a procedure for removal request of certain information for certain public officials within
the justice system; and providing a cause of action for failure to comply with a removal request of
certain information for certain public officials within the justice system”; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the
concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

S. B. 486 - “A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-6-2, §5A-6-3, §5A-6-4, §5A-6-4b, §5A-6-4c, §5A-
6-5, §5A-6-6, §5A-6-7, and §5A-6-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating
to the Office of Technology; renaming the Chief Technology Officer; updating definitions; updating
authority of the Chief Technology Officer; continuing special fund; providing an information
technology governance structure for executive agencies; authorizing the Chief Technology Officer
to provide training; authorizing the Project Management Office to review agency proposals for
technology investment; providing criteria to evaluate proposals; authorizing the Project
Management Office to maintain an enterprise technology portfolio; authorizing the Project
Management Office to collect necessary data to develop a technology portfolio; authorizing the
Chief Technology Officer to establish an advisory committee; and authorizing the Chief
Technology Officer to request resources and support from the federal government for
cybersecurity and technology initiatives”; which was referred to the Committee on Government
Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the
concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 492 - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new article, designated §22-32-1, §22-32-2, §22-32-3, §22-32-4, §22-32-5, §22-
32-6, and §22-32-7, all relating generally to establishing and implementing a program to
decommission and reclaim wind and solar electrical generation facilities upon closure; making
legislative findings; stating legislative purpose; providing a short title; defining terms; requiring the
owners of wind generation facilities and solar generation facilities to notify and provide certain
information to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), including dates when
operations began and plans with cost estimates for decommissioning facilities; establishing fees
for new and modified applications; requiring DEP to determine and assess a reclamation bond
based on a facility’s total disturbed acreage; establishing a minimum bond value; requiring the
owners of said facilities to submit bonds payable to the state in a form and in a sum determined
by the DEP, conditioned on the satisfactory decommissioning; providing that owners of said
facilities may enter into alternative reclamation agreements after approval by the DEP; providing
that the DEP may modify said plans after proper notification and appeals; providing exemptions
from bond requirements for facilities with nameplate capacities of less than 0.5 megawatts and
facilities operated by regulated public utilities who can successfully demonstrate to the Public
Service Commission and DEP financial integrity and long-term stability; providing for
administrative penalties for failure to submit decommissioning bonds; providing appellate rights
to the Environmental Quality Board; providing transfer of ownership provisions; providing for
amended plans for allowing reductions in bond amounts; providing that bond submission does
not absolve owners from complying with other applicable regulations and requirements;
establishing a Wind and Solar Decommissioning Account within the Office of the West Virginia Treasurer in to which assessed penalties and accrued interest must be paid and held; providing that the account may only be used by the DEP to implement this article and adopted rules; providing that DEP shall administer this act using existing resources and the account; requiring the DEP to maintain and hold bonds or other surety received; providing for the release of bonds after the DEP is satisfied property has been properly decommissioned in accordance with the plan; providing for bond forfeiture when a facility is not properly decommissioned, if the deficiencies are not rectified; providing that the Office of Environmental Remediation or a private entity by contract may decommission facilities; providing that DEP may file suit to enforce permit and plan conditions and to recoup costs of reclamation; authorizing rulemaking; and providing effective dates”; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Manufacturing.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 508** - “A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-8-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to public records management and preservation; and increasing available funds in the Public Records and Preservation Revenue Account for grants to counties for records management, access, and preservation purposes”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect July 1, 2021, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 530** - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-12-5b, relating to specifying additional grounds for revocation, cancellation, or suspension of business registration certificates; directing means of notice and opportunity for cure; providing procedures therefor; and specifying effective date”; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect July 1, 2021, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 543** - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §10-3-3, relating to establishing a medal of excellence in honor of Chuck Yeager, known as the Chuck Yeager Mountain State Medal of Excellence; providing a process by which to annually provide this award to a West Virginian who demonstrates exceptional leadership or innovation; and establishing other related criteria”; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect July 1, 2021, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of
Com. Sub. for S. B. 641 - “A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-6a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to coal severance tax; and providing for the use of severance funds for litter programs”; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 655 - “A Bill to amend and reenact §24A-2-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to rescheduling a review of Public Service Commission rules regarding recovering, hauling, and storing wrecked or disabled vehicles; and changing a sunset requirement on those rules”; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 657 - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-20-1, §18B-20-2, §18B-20-3, §18B-20-4, §18B-20-5, §18B-20-6, §18B-20-7, §18B-20-8, and §18B-20-9, all relating to free expression on state institution of higher education campuses; providing for definitions; defining protected expressive activities; defining public forums and prohibiting ‘free speech zones’; permitting expressive activity on campus under certain conditions; allowing state institutions of higher education to maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions under certain parameters; requiring state institutions of higher education to treat student organizations which are open to all students equally; encouraging state institutions of higher education to develop materials to educate the campus community on its policies relating to protected speech and expression activities; requiring posting of policies on website; allowing a person or student organization who believes a violation of this article has occurred to bring an action for relief against the state institution of higher education; establishing the relief available for a violation of the article and enacting a one-year statute of limitations for alleged violations under the article”; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 668 - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-21A-1, §30-21A-2, §30-21A-3, §30-21A-4, §30-21A-5, §30-21A-6, §30-21A-7, §30-21A-8, §30-21A-9, §30-21A-10, §30-21A-11, §30-21A-12, and §30-21A-13, all relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for definitions; providing for increased public access to professional psychological services by permitted psychologists to practice across state lines; providing for temporary psychological services; providing for the state’s ability to protect the health and welfare of its citizens; providing for the cooperation and exchange of information in compact states; providing for cooperation of compact states in licensure and regulation; providing for adverse actions; providing for enforcement mechanisms for compliance with the compact; providing for coordinated efforts between compact states of holding psychologists accountable to the compact; providing for effective dates of rules upon induction to the compact; providing for duties and authority of the commission; providing for election procedures for commission members; providing for alternative dispute resolution methods; providing for venue for legal action taken against the commission; providing for
withdrawal from the compact; and providing for construction and severability of the terms of the compact”; which was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 671** - “A Bill to amend and reenact §16-4C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for the appointment of a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services; and requiring that the Office of Emergency Medical Services director be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources”; which was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**S. B. 674** - “A Bill to amend and reenact §8-10-2a and §8-10-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §50-3-2a of said code; and to amend and reenact §62-4-17 of said code, all relating generally to court-ordered costs, fines, forfeitures, restitution, and penalties; clarifying that unpaid restitution need not preclude a person from obtaining a valid driver’s license; establishing procedures to obtain a lien against a person who owes restitution; and providing procedures for removing a lien”; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 684** - “A Bill to amend and reenact §10-1-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Library Commission; adding the Curator of the West Virginia Division of Arts, Culture, and History as an ex officio voting member; and updating other language”; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

**S. B. 714** - “A Bill to repeal §30-3E-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §30-3E-1, §30-3E-2, §30-3E-3, §30-3E-4, §30-3E-9, §30-3E-10a, §30-3E-11, §30-3E-12, §30-3E-13, and §30-3E-17 of said code, all relating to Physician Assistants Practice Act; defining terms; limiting rule-making authority; revising licensure requirements; revising practice requirements; eliminating practice agreement requirement; revising practice notification requirement; revising collaboration requirements; expanding scope of practice for physician’s assistant; and revising complaint process”; which was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of
S. B. 715 - “A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §29-33-1, §29-33-2, §29-33-3, §29-33-4, all relating to the Recovery and Hope Act; creating the State Recovery and Hope Office, and providing powers thereof; providing for the appointment of the State Recovery and Hope Officer; and authorizing the State Recovery and Hope Officer to act”; which was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

Resolutions Introduced

Delegate Boggs offered the following resolution, which was read by its title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then Rules:

H. C. R. 83 - “Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 04-019/00-027.48 (04A061) locally known as the Bulltown Bridge, carrying US Route 19 over Little Kanawha River in Braxton County, the ‘John Calvin “J.C.” Baker Memorial Bridge’.”

Whereas, J.C. Baker was born on July 29, 1903, near Gassaway, in Braxton County, West Virginia, and in his lifetime was a small farmer, coal miner, wildcat driller for natural gas and oil, Texaco Distributor for fuel and lubricants, car dealer and hotel owner; and

Whereas, J.C. quit school in the 5th grade and started riding a horse throughout Braxton and surrounding counties buying and shipping cattle by steam train to Baltimore, Maryland; and

Whereas, J.C. had several coal mines on Little Otter mined, and then hauled coal to almost every home and business in Gassaway by horse and wagon, and started drilling for natural gas and oil in 1962; his company, J.C. Baker and Sons, Inc. holds the state record for drilling a natural gas well for over 50 continuous years; and

Whereas, While drilling a gas well on Little Otter several years ago, J.C. discovered a sand that was not named, and when given the opportunity to name it by the state of West Virginia, he named it “Braxton”; and

Whereas, J.C. Baker owned numerous farms, businesses, and car dealerships in his lifetime, continuing to support and give back to the communities in the state that he so dearly loved, including Webster Springs where owned and operated three gas stations; and

Whereas, Another of J.C.’s examples of philanthropy, the Baker’s Island Recreation area, is made available to the town of Webster Springs through a lease agreement of $1 per year; and

Whereas, John Calvin Baker passed away at the age of 95, surrounded by his loved ones, on August 28, 1998; and

Whereas, It is fitting that an enduring memorial be established to John Calvin ‘J.C.’ Baker and his contributions to our state and country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name number 04-019/00-027.48 (04A061) locally known as the Bulltown Bridge, carrying US Route 19 over Little Kanawha River in Braxton County, the “John Calvin ‘J.C.’ Baker Memorial Bridge”; and, be it
Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge as the “John Calvin ‘J.C.’ Baker Memorial Bridge”; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the House forward a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

Bills Introduced

On motions for leave, bills were introduced, read by their titles, and severally referred as follows:

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Skaff
[By Request of the Executive]:
H. B. 3313 - “A Bill supplementing, amending and increasing items of existing appropriation from the State Road Fund to the Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, fund 9007, fiscal year 2021, organization 0802, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021”; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Skaff
[By Request of the Executive]:
H. B. 3314 - “A Bill supplementing and amending Chapter eleven, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 2020, known as the budget bill, in Title II from the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Homeland Security, West Virginia State Police, fund 0453, fiscal year 2021, organization 0612, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 by adding new language; therefore”; to the Committee on Finance.

And,

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Skaff
[By Request of the Executive]:
H. B. 3315 - “A Bill making a supplementary appropriation of public monies out of the Treasury from the balance of monies remaining unappropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Environmental Protection - Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund, fund 3322, fiscal year 2021, organization 0313, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021”; to the Committee on Finance.

Special Calendar

Unfinished Business

S. C. R. 20, Supporting and celebrating centennial anniversary of Jones Act; coming up in regular order, as unfinished business, was reported by the Clerk and adopted.

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

H. C. R. 21, SP4 Dennis Harvey Roberts Bridge, McDowell County; coming up in regular order, as unfinished business, was reported by the Clerk and adopted.
Ordered, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 55, Studying the viability of creating a veterinary school in West Virginia; coming up in regular order, as unfinished business, was reported by the Clerk and adopted.

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

H. C. R. 78, Requesting an examination of juvenile proceedings; coming up in regular order, as unfinished business, was reported by the Clerk and adopted.

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

Third Reading

Com. Sub. for H. J. R. 3, Property Tax Modernization Amendment; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 346), and there were—yeas 84, nays 16, absent and not voting none, with the yeas, nays, and absent and not voting being as follows:


Absent and Not Voting: None.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the resolution (Com. Sub. for H. J. R. 3) adopted, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. J. R. 3 – “Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one, article X thereof, relating to authorizing the Legislature to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity from ad valorem property taxation by general law; providing that the question of ratification or rejection of the amendment be submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election to be held in the year 2022; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.”
Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia, two thirds of the members elected to each house agreeing thereto:

That the question of ratification or rejection of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia be submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election to be held in 2022, which proposed amendment is that Section 1 article X thereof be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE X.

§ 1. Taxation and finance.

Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

Resolved further, That in accordance with the provisions of article eleven, chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, such amendment is hereby numbered “Amendment No. 1” and designated as the “Property Tax Modernization Amendment” and the purpose of the proposed amendment is summarized as follows: “To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property
directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.”

On motion of Delegate Capito, the title of the resolution was amended to read as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. J. R. 3 - “Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one, article X thereof, relating to authorizing the Legislature to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity from ad valorem property taxation by general law; providing that the question of ratification or rejection of the amendment be submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election to be held in the year 2022; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.”

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2095, Providing increased protections for the welfare of domestic animals; on third reading, coming up in regular order, with amendments pending and the right to amend, was reported by the Clerk.

On motion of Delegate Graves, the bill was amended on page 24, section 19, line 14, by inserting a new paragraph (H) to read as follows:

“(H) Allow the use of cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, methadone, methamphetamine, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, or any anabolic steroid on any animal participating in any contest;”

And,

By renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

On motion of Delegates Zukoff, Kessinger and Griffith, the bill was amended on page 26, section 19d, line 3, following the words “reasonable length”, by inserting the words “or not attached to a collar that is designed to reduce the risk of harm to the animal”.

On motion of Delegate Graves, the bill was amended on page 27, section 61-8-19d, line 14, by inserting a comma after the word “provided”, and adding the following language: “based on the breed, age, general health of the dog and its ability to handle the environment”.

And,

On page 21, section 19-20-27(3), line 24, after “…dog in an amount not to exceed”, by striking out 150 and adding “100”.

There being no further amendments, and having been engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 347), and there were—yeas 91, nays 9, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2095) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2370, Provide that Public Service Districts cannot charge sewer rates for filling a swimming pool; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 348), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2370) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 349), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2370) takes effect from its passage.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2488, Relating to an occupational limited license; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 350), and there were—yeas 96, nays 3, absent and not voting 1, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Burkhammer, Fast and Martin.

Absent and Not Voting: Storch.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2488) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2592, Require Counties and Municipalities to hold all local elections during statewide elections; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 351), and there were—yeas 75, nays 25, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:
Nays: Barach, Boggs, Brown, Capito, Dean, Diserio, Doyle, Evans, Fleischauer, Fluharty, Griffith, Hansen, Hornbuckle, Kessinger, Lovejoy, Paynter, Pethtel, Rowe, Skaff, Thompson, Toney, Walker, Williams, Young and Zukoff.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2592) passed.

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

H. B. 2730, Relating to persons filing federal bankruptcy petition to exempt certain property of the estate; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 352), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Longanacre.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2730) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2751, Modernize the process for dissolution of municipal corporations in this State; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 353), and there were—yeas 99, nays 1, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Kimes.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2751) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2876, Modify the five-year waiting period and 100-person minimum for an association health plan, and to allow new flexibility granted under federal rules; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

Delegate Rohrbach asked and obtained unanimous consent to amend the bill on third reading and the rule was suspended to permit the offering and consideration of such.

On motion of Delegate Rohrbach, the bill was amended on page 2, section 1a, line 27, by striking out, “25” and inserting “26” and striking out the remainder of the sentence.

Having been engrossed, the bill was read a third time.
Delegate Pushkin requested to be excused from voting under the provisions of House Rule 49.

The Speaker replied that the Delegate was a member of a class of persons possibly to be affected and directed the Member to vote.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 354), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2876) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2884, To make changes to the FOIA law to protect public utility customer databases from disclosure, with exceptions; on third reading, coming up in regular order, with the right to amend, was reported by the Clerk.

There being no amendments, and having been engrossed, the bill was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 355), and there were—yeas 98, nays 2, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Pushkin and Young.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2884) passed.

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

H. B. 2908, Relating to disclosure of information by online marketplaces to inform consumers; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegates G. Ward, J. Kelly, Hamrick and Steele requested to be excused from voting under the provisions of House Rule 49.

The Speaker replied that the Delegates were members of a class of persons possibly to be affected and directed the Members to vote.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 356), and there were—yeas 75, nays 25, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:


So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2908) passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

**H. B. 2918**, Relating to Family Drug Treatment Court; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 357), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2918) passed.

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

**Messages from the Senate**

A message from the Clerk of the Senate requests the return of

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2260**, Relating to procurement of child placing services.

There being no objection, the House acceded to the request.

**Special Calendar**

**Third Reading**

- continued -

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2927**, Adding Caregiving expenses to campaign finance expense; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 358), and there were—yeas 80, nays 16, absent and not voting 4, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:


So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2927) passed.

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

**H. B. 2997**, Adding a defense to the civil penalty imposed for a result of delivery of fuel to a state other than the destination state printed on the shipping document for fuel; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.
The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken *(Roll No. 359)*, and there were—yeas 91, nays 7, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Ferrell, Fluharty, Hardy, Reynolds, Storch, Thompson and Wamsley.

Absent and Not Voting: Linville and L. Pack.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (*H. B. 2997*) passed.

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

**H. B. 3030.** Relating to gross weight limitations and road restrictions in Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken *(Roll No. 360)*, and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Williams.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (*H. B. 3030*) passed.

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

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 3036,** Sunsetting the Board of Sanitarians; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken *(Roll No. 361)*, and there were—yeas 71, nays 29, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:


So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3036) passed.

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

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 3072,** Sunset the Board of Forestry; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken *(Roll No. 362)*, and there were—yeas 56, nays 44, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3072) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3074, Relating to information on organ and tissue donations; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 363), and there were—yeas 94, nays 6, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Fast, Gearheart, Jennings, Longanacre, Paynter and Pritt.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3074) passed.

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

H. B. 3089, Make utility workers essential employees during a state of emergency; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 364), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3089) passed.

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

H. B. 3286, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Division of Human Services – Child Care and Development; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 365), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Queen.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3286) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.
On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 366), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Queen.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3286) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3287, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Homeland Security; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 367), and there were—yeas 96, nays 2, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.

Absent and Not Voting: Dean and Linville.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3287) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 368), and there were—yeas 96, nays 2, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.

Absent and Not Voting: Dean and Linville.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3287) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3288, Supplementing and amending appropriations by decreasing and increasing existing items of appropriation in the DHHR; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 369), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3288) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.
On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 370), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3288) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3289, Supplementary appropriation to the Department of Commerce, Geological and Economic Survey; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 371), and there were—yeas 98, nays 2, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3289) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 372), and there were—yeas 98, nays 2, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3289) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3291, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Homeland Security, Division of Administrative Services; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 373), and there were—yeas 98, nays 2, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3291) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 374), and there were—yeas 98, nays 2, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan and Paynter.
So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3291) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3292, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 375), and there were—yeas 99, nays 1, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: McGeehan.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3292) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 376), and there were—yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3292) takes effect from its passage.

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

Delegate Maynard arose to inquire regarding Rule 49 in relation to the previous bill.

The Speaker replied that it would have been the ruling of the Chair that the Gentleman belongs to a class similarly situated and therefore would have been directed to vote on the bill.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3295, Making a supplemental appropriation to Division of Human Services and Division of Health Central Office; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 377), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Hardy.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3295) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 378), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Hardy.
So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3295) takes effect from its passage.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297, Making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Veterans’ Assistance - Veterans Home; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 379), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Hardy.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 380), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Hardy.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297) takes effect from its passage.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3307, Social Media Integrity and Anti-Corruption in Elections Act; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 381), and there were—yeas 72, nays 28, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:


So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3307) passed.

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

H. B. 3308, Relating to increasing number of limited video lottery terminals; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegate Martin requested to be excused from voting under the provisions of House Rule 49.
The Speaker replied that the Delegate was a member of a class of persons possibly to be affected and directed the Member to vote.

Delegate Worrell arose to inquire and ask a ruling of the Chair regarding committee jurisdictions and the origination of the bill in the Committee on Finance.

The Speaker replied, indicating that a motion to refer would be in order.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 382), and there were—yeas 65, nays 33, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:


Absent and Not Voting: Linville and Pritt.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3308) passed.

On motion of Delegate Householder, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

**H. B. 3308** - “A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22B-1101 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to increasing number of limited video lottery terminals allowed at certain licensed limited video lottery retailer locations; providing a bidding process for permits for additional terminals; and establishing an effective date.”

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

**H. B. 3310**, Relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 383), and there were—yeas 83, nays 16, absent and not voting 1, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:


Absent and Not Voting: Linville.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3310) passed.

On motion of Delegate Capito, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

**H. B. 3310** - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-1-1c; to amend and reenact §24-1-2 of said code; and to amend and reenact §24-2-1 of said code; all generally relating to jurisdiction of the Public Service
Commission; making legislative findings; modifying definition of public utility; providing limits to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; and providing for rulemaking.”

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

H. B. 3311, Relating to the cost of medical records; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 384), and there were—yeas 99, nays 1, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Gearheart.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3311) passed.

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

H. B. 3312, Establishing a memorial to child labor and child workers who died in the course of employment in this state; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 385), and there were—yeas 99, nays 1, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Kimes.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3312) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2017, Rewriting the Criminal Code; on third read reading, was reported by the Clerk.

Delegate Linville asked and obtained unanimous consent to amend the bill on third reading, and the rule was suspended to permit the offering and consideration of such.

On motion of Delegates Linville and Steele, the bill was amended on page 197, section 7, line 1, by striking out the word “cryptocurrency”.

On page 197, section 7, line 6, by striking out the word “cryptocurrency”.

And,

On lines 10 and 11, by striking subsection (b) in its entirety.

Having been engrossed, the bill was read a third time.
Delegate Summers moved that debate on the bill be limited to thirty minutes, which question prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 386), and there were—yeas 76, nays 22, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:


Absent and Not Voting: Bates and Nestor.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2017) passed.

On motion of Delegate Capito, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

the same; provisions for asset forfeiture; venue for the trial of such crimes; defining the crime of providing false documentation to workers' compensation, to the Insurance Commissioner or a private carrier of workers' compensation insurance; criminalizing altering documents or certificates from workers' compensation; criminal penalties for such offenses; venue for the trial of such crimes; the required reporting of gunshot and other wounds; the required reporting of burns; penalty for aiding and abetting; railroad employees being conservators of the peace; special railroad policemen; and the powers and duties of the same; relating to shooting ranges, limitations on nuisance actions, and noise ordinances; relating generally to criminal activity and the punishment thereof; wanton endangerment involving the use of fire, and the criminal penalty for the same; relating to crimes against the government; defining treason, the crime of treason, and penalties therefor, the crime of failure to give information of treason and its penalty; the crime of desecration of the flag, and its penalty; relating to crimes against the person, first and second degree murder defined, and punishment for the same; delineating provisions for allegations in indictment for homicide; defining voluntary manslaughter and the penalty thereof; defining involuntary manslaughter, and specifying the penalty for the same; defining concealment of a deceased human body, and specifying the penalty for the same; clarifying that Homicide is punishable within the state if injury occurs within and death without, or vice versa; defining an attempt to kill or injure by poison, and specifying the penalty for the same; defining the crime of abortion and the penalty for the same; defining malicious or unlawful assault, assault, and battery, and specifying the penalties for each and aggravated factors and enhanced penalties; explaining provisions of sentencing for such acts committed by incarcerated persons; defining assault during the commission of or attempt to commit a felony, and specifying the penalty for the same; delineating that for violent crimes against the elderly a sentence is not subject to suspension or probation; defining harassment, and providing penalties, and certain definitions for the same; defining strangulation, suffocation, and asphyxiation and providing definitions and penalties for the same; defining robbery or attempted robbery and specifying the penalties for the same; defining extortion, and attempted extortion by threat, and specifying the penalty for these; defining kidnapping and specifying penalties for the same; defining concealment or removal of a minor child from custodian or from person entitled to visitation; and setting forth penalties and defenses for the same; providing that one aiding or abetting in kidnapping or in concealing or removing a minor child is guilty as a principal, and explaining venue for those offenses; defining unlawful restraint and providing penalties for the same; prohibiting the purchase or sale of a child, setting the criminal penalty for the same, and providing definitions and exceptions; the failure to remove doors from abandoned refrigerators, freezers and other appliances, and providing penalties for the same; providing definitions for various forms of domestic violence and criminal penalties; providing definitions and criminal penalties for the abuse or neglect of an incapacitated adult; recognizing an embryo or fetus as a distinct unborn victim of certain crimes of violence against the person; relating to crimes against property; arson; the degrees of arson, and definitions and criminal penalties for the same; burning, or attempting to burn, insured property and the criminal penalty for the same; causing injuries during an arson-related crime, and the criminal penalties for the same; recovery of costs incurred in fighting fires caused by arson; defining burglary, the entry of dwelling house or outbuilding, and providing criminal penalties for the same; defining entry of a house, building, vehicle, or enclosed property, the criminal penalties for the same, and specifying counts in indictment for the same; manufacture or possession of burglary tools, and the criminal penalties for the same; setting forth criminal offenses involving theft detection shielding devices, their criminal penalties and providing for detention of persons suspected of this offense; grand larceny, aggravated grand larceny, and petit larceny distinguished, setting forth the criminal penalties for each, defining larceny of bank notes, checks, writings of value and book accounts, and delineating the determination of value in larceny;
explaining receiving or transferring stolen goods and providing a criminal penalty; providing a
criminal penalty for bringing into this state, receiving or disposing of property stolen in another
state; embezzlement, and the criminal penalties for the same; falsifying accounts, and the criminal
penalties for the same; Possession or use of automated sales suppression devices, and the
criminal penalties for the same; the offenses of destroying or concealing a will, and embezzlement
by fiduciary, and the criminal penalties for the same; obtaining money, property and services by
false pretenses, disposing of property to defraud creditors, and the criminal penalties for each of
these; the offenses of attempted or fraudulent use, forgery, traffic of credit cards, possession and
transfer of credit cards and credit card making equipment, the false or fraudulent use of telephonic
services, and the criminal penalties for these offenses; intercepting or monitoring customer
telephone calls, and the criminal penalties for the same; requirements for finding fraudulent
schemes and provisions for the cumulation of amounts where a common scheme exists, and the
criminal penalties for the same; the casting away, destroying, or interfering with floating craft or
material, and the criminal penalties for the same; interference with or destruction of buoys, signal
lights or other aids to navigation, and the criminal penalties for the same; the offense of malicious
killing of animals by poison or otherwise, and the criminal penalties for the same; the removal out
of a county of property securing a claim, and the criminal penalties for such offense; the fraudulent
disposition of personal property in possession by virtue of lease, notice to return, failure to return,
and penalties where such property is not returned; noting a right to immediate possession in such
instances; making a false statement as to financial condition of person, firm or corporation, and
the criminal penalty for the same; publication of false advertisements, and the criminal penalty for
the same; fraudulently obtaining food or lodging, and the criminal penalty for the same;
intoxication of a person in charge of locomotive engine or car, and the criminal penalty for the same;
the offenses of jumping on or off car or train in motion; driving vehicle upon track or bridge except
at crossings, and the criminal penalty for the same; procuring gas, water or electricity, by
device, with intent to defraud, and the criminal penalty for the same; placing a dam or obstructions
in watercourses, and the criminal penalty for the same; setting forth requirements for the purchase
of scrap metal by scrap metal purchasing businesses, salvage yards, or recycling facilities;
requiring certificates, records, and reports of such purchases; providing criminal penalties for
violations of these provisions; setting forth requirements for the purchase of items by precious
metals and gem dealers, records to be kept by them, and delineating prohibited acts, and the
criminal penalty for the same; criminalizing the unauthorized use of dumpsters and setting forth
penalties; defining the offense of identity theft and providing a penalty; criminalizing the failure to
pay for gasoline and providing a penalty; the offense of scanning device or re-encoder fraud,
delineating when it is a felony; providing definitions; and setting forth criminal penalties for the
same; the offense of possession of bogus receipts or universal product codes with intent to
defraud, and the criminal penalties for the same; the offense of misrepresentation of past or
present military status or military awards to obtain anything of value, and delineating criminal
penalties for the same; relating to shoplifting; prescribing penalties; defining the crime of
organized retail theft, and providing penalties for that offence, all relating to trespass; trespass in
a structure or conveyance and penalties for the same; trespass on property other than a structure
or conveyance, removal, injury to or destruction of property, monuments designating land
boundaries and of certain no trespassing signs and penalties for the same; trespass on student
residence premises or student facility premises of an institution of higher education and penalties
for the same; trespass on state government property; aiding and abetting; penalties for each of
those offenses; defining the offense of mine trespass, and penalties for the same; defining animal
or crop facilities trespass; providing penalties for the same; allowing for injunctive relief in such
instances; offenses involving damage to shrubbery, flowers, trees and timber; providing for a
limitation of application of the relevant subsection, and providing penalties; prohibiting cutting,
damaging, or carrying away without written permission, any timber, trees, growing plants or the
products thereof; treble damages provided for the same; creating the Critical Infrastructure
Protection Act; defining terms relevant to the same; prohibiting certain acts, including trespass
and conspiracy to trespass against property designated a critical infrastructure facility; providing
criminal penalties; and, allowing for certain forms of civil action in such instances; relating to the
West Virginia Computer Crime And Abuse Act, defining terms; computer fraud; access to
legislative or state-owned computer; criminal penalties for the same; unauthorized access to
computer services and criminal penalties for the same; unauthorized possession of computer data
or programs and criminal penalties for the same; unauthorized possession of computer data or
programs and criminal penalties for the same; alteration, destruction, etc., of computer equipment,
and criminal penalties for the same; unauthorized possession of computer information, and
criminal penalties for the same; disclosure of computer security information and criminal penalties
for the same; computer invasion of privacy and criminal penalties for the same; fraud and related
activity in connection with access devices, and criminal penalties for the same; endangering public
safety, and criminal penalties for the same; obscene, anonymous, harassing and threatening
communications by computer, cell phones and electronic communication devices, and criminal
penalties for the same; soliciting, etc. a minor via computer; soliciting a minor and traveling to
engage the minor in prohibited sexual activity; cyberbullying or specific acts of electronic
harassment of minors; definitions; criminal penalties for the same; exceptions; use of a computer
as an instrument of forgery; civil relief and damages available; defenses to criminal prosecution;
venue; prosecution under other criminal statutes not prohibited; personal jurisdiction; and,
severability; relating to the theft of cable television services, the acquisition of cable television
services, and penalties for wrongfully acquiring the same; sale or transfer of a device or plan
intended for acquisition or diversion, and criminal penalties for the same; Illegal possession of
destructive devices, explosive materials or incendiary devices; and the criminal penalty for the
same; criminal use of destructive device, explosive material or incendiary device; and the criminal
penalty for the same; causing accidental or intentional death or injury; penalties; causing death
or injury to an explosives detection animal; and the penalty for the same; manufacture, purchase,
sale, advertising for sale, transporting or possession or use of a hoax bomb; possession or use
in commission of a felony; and the penalty for the same; theft of explosive material from storage
magazines or buildings; and the penalty for the same; receipt, possession, storage, sale or
transportation of stolen explosive material; and the criminal penalty; wanton endangerment
involving destructive devices, explosive materials or incendiary devices; and the criminal penalty;
contraband, seizure, forfeiture of explosive devices; relating to crimes involving worthless checks;
obtaining property in return for worthless check, and the criminal penalties for the same; making,
issuing, etc., worthless checks on a preexisting debt, and the criminal penalties for the same;
payment as a defense to such offenses; requiring making a statement for the reason for dishonor
a duty of the drawee; defining what constitutes prima facie evidence of knowledge, setting forth
requirements for identity, and providing a criminal penalty for providing false information;
requiring a notice of dishonor by payee, and providing for a service charge; prescribing manner
of filing complaint for warrant and the form thereof; providing guidance for a complaint, what
constitutes notice of complaint, and the issuance of a warrant; delineating payment procedures,
and imposing costs; providing for the payment of costs in worthless check cases, and the
disposition of certain costs; requiring the preparation of a list of worthless check warrants; the use
of that worthless check list upon receipt of complaint for warrant; delineating the duties of a
prosecuting attorney upon receipt of notice of multiple worthless check warrants; requiring the
magistrate court clerk to advise complainant; providing for the creation and operation of a program
for worthless check offenders, and requirements for acceptance of a person in that program;
requiring certain notice to persons accepted to the worthless check restitution program;
agreement to suspend prosecution of a person accepted into the restitution program; providing
for fees for participation in the worthless check restitution program; and, providing that statements
by individuals referred to or participating in the worthless check restitution program are criminally
inadmissible; relating to forgery, crimes against the currency, the forgery of public records,
certificates, returns or attestation of a court or officer; and the criminal penalty for the same; forgery of official seals; keeping or concealing instrument for forging same; and the criminal penalty for the same; counterfeiting, and the criminal penalty for the same; making plates, etc., for forgery; possession of same; and the criminal penalty for that offense; forging or uttering other writing and the criminal penalty for the same; creation of unauthorized demand draft; possession of counterfeit currency with intent to utter; and the criminal penalty for the same; unauthorized currency, and the criminal penalty for the same; passing or receiving unauthorized currency knowingly, and the criminal penalty for the same; and, the unauthorized use, transfer, acquisition, alteration or possession of certain benefits and the criminal penalty for the same; payment cards and falsely making or lading the same, and the criminal penalty therefore; relating to crimes against public justice generally; perjury and subornation of perjury defined; false swearing defined, and the criminal penalties for perjury, subornation of perjury, and false swearing; aiding escape and other offenses relating to adults and juveniles in custody or confinement; and criminal penalties for the same; permitting escape; refusal of custody of prisoner; and criminal penalties for the same; persons in custody of institutions or officers; escapes and aiding in escapes; and criminal penalties for the same; terms of confinement in addition to previous sentence; escapes from, and other offenses relating to, state benevolent and correctional institution, or private prison or mental health facilities and criminal penalties for the same; escape from custody of the commissioner of corrections and criminal penalties for the same; escape from custody of the director of juvenile services; refusal of officer to make, or delay in making, arrest; and criminal penalties for the same; refusal of person to aid officer and criminal penalties for the same; refusal of officer to execute act or process of legislature or order of governor; and criminal penalty for the same; obstructing officer; fleeing from officer; making false statements to officer; interfering with emergency communications; criminal penalties for the same; definition; officer not liable for act done under statute or executive order afterward declared unconstitutional; compounding offenses and misprision and criminal penalties for the same; exacting excessive fees and criminal penalties for the same; issuing fraudulent fee bills and criminal penalties for the same; alteration, concealment or destruction of public record by officer and criminal penalty for the same; larceny, concealment or destruction of public record by person not officer; and criminal penalty for the same; corrupt summoning of jurors to find biased verdict; and criminal penalty for the same; procuring the summoning of biased juror by party other than officer; and criminal penalty for the same; discrimination against employee summoned for jury duty; and criminal penalty for the same; contempt of court; what constitutes contempt; jury trial; presence of defendant; criminal penalty for the same; fraudulent official proceedings; causing a public employee or official to file a fraudulent legal process and criminal penalty for the same; impersonation of a public official, employee or tribunal; and criminal penalties for the same; impersonation of a public official or tribunal; impersonation of a law-enforcement officer; and criminal penalties for the same; subsequent offense; failure to perform official duties and criminal penalty for the same; the failure to meet an obligation to pay support to a minor and criminal penalties for the same; relating to bribery and corrupt practices, and the criminal penalties for such offenses; relating to crimes against the peace generally; mobs and lynching, and the criminal penalties for the same; liability of county or city in such instances; disturbance of religious worship and the criminal penalty for the same; disturbance of schools, societies, and other assemblies and the criminal penalty for the same; loitering on school property and the criminal penalty for the same; exceptions; camping upon governmental grounds or lawns and the criminal penalty for the same; public nuisance; false reports concerning bombs or other explosive devices and the criminal penalty for the same; falsely reporting an emergency incident and the criminal penalty for the same. willful disruption of governmental processes; offenses occurring at State Capitol Complex; and the criminal penalties for the same; threats of terrorist acts, conveying false information concerning terrorist acts and committing terrorist hoaxes prohibited, and the criminal penalties for the same; prohibiting violations of an individual's civil rights; and the criminal penalties for the same; wearing masks,
hoods or face coverings and the criminal penalty for the same; falsely reporting child abuse and
the criminal penalty for the same; classifying criminal penalties for failing to register as a sex
offender, failure to provide information change, and providing false information to the sex offender
registry; deleting requirement that a person be deemed a rioter if they failed to provide required
assistance at a riot; classify the penalty for crime of failure to obey an order given at a riot or
unlawful assembly; providing that the crime of disorderly conduct is a petty offense; defining
the crime of bigamy; providing a misdemeanor penalty for bigamy; providing definitions related to the
crimes of pimping, prostitution and pandering; defining the crime of prostitution; providing
the penalty for prostitution; providing that a medical report certifying no sexually transmitted disease
reduces penalty for prostitution; providing criminal penalty for solicitation of prostitute; providing
enhanced criminal penalty for solicitation of an individual for prostitution who is less than 18 years
of age, mentally defective or incapacitated; providing fines for soliciting prostitution be paid to the
Crime Victims Compensation Fund in designated circumstances; clarifying the crime pandering;
providing that a second offense of pandering, recruitment involving coercion or force, and
recruitment of persons under the age of 18 are felony offenses; establishing that parents
consenting to using a minor or mentally defective person for prostitution is guilty of a felony;
establishing that causing a person to engage in prostitution because of debt or to receive value
is subject to misdemeanor penalty; establishing that a person who forces, intimidates or threatens
a spouse to engage in prostitution commits a felony offense; providing respective criminal
penalties; establishing the criminal offense of abducting, enticing or harboring a child for
prostitution; providing a criminal penalty; establishing the crime of promoting and advancing
prostitution; defining a house of prostitution in context of promoting prostitution; permitting
crime evidence; providing criminal penalty, including additional fine; establishing the offense
of sexual solicitation; providing a criminal penalty including additional fine; providing an affirmative
defense to sexual solicitation for victims of trafficking; providing affirmative defenses to prostitution
relating to human trafficking, abduction and mental defect or incapacitation; establishing
aggravating circumstances, restitution and eligibility for Compensation Award to Victims of
Crimes; providing that law enforcement notify DHHR of child victims; providing that any property
used for or derived from prostitution is subject to forfeiture; providing that persons convicted be
debarred from state or local contracts; clarifying that criminal indecent exposure cannot occur if
victim grants permission; classifying criminal penalties for indecent exposure; classifying criminal
penalties for inhaling or drinking certain intoxicating compounds; defines ‘step-relative’ in context
of the crime of incest; establishing that intercourse between two consenting adult step-relatives
is not incest; classifying criminal penalty for incest; defining desecration and classifies criminal
penalties for unlawful disinterment, desecration, injury to a grave marker or damage to cemetery;
prohibiting certain demonstrations at a funeral; classifying criminal penalty for prohibited funeral
demonstrations; classifying criminal penalty for obscene, anonymous and threatening phone
calls; classifying criminal penalties for cruelty to animals; classifies criminal penalty for animal
fighting; classifying criminal penalty for attending an animal fighting venture; classifying criminal
penalty for wagering at an animal fighting venture; establishing circumstances, sufficiency and
application of a search warrant related to animal cruelty; extending search warrant authority for
birds or animals kept for fighting to natural resources police; clarifying extent of searches without
a warrant for fighting animals or birds; classifying criminal penalty for unlawful admission of
children to places injurious to health or morals; classifying criminal penalty for under age false
identification; classifying criminal penalty for criminal invasion of privacy; classifying criminal
penalty for nonconsensual public disclosure of private intimate images; classifying criminal
penalty for criminal loitering within certain distances of minor victims of sexually violent offenses
or offenses; classifying penalties for disclosing or making photographs of accident or emergent
situations public; classifying penalties for therapeutic deception; classifying penalties for
therapeutic deception; expanding definition of computer applied to obscene matter and minors;
classifying criminal penalties for distribution and display to minor of obscene matter; classifying
criminal penalties for use of obscene matter with intent to seduce minor; classifying criminal
penalties for use of minor to produce obscene matter or assist in doing sexually explicit conduct;
classifying criminal penalties for sexual assault in the first degree; classifying criminal penalties
for sexual assault in the second degree; providing definitions of terms related to the criminal
offense of sexual extortion; establishing the elements of the crime of sexual extortion; classifying
criminal penalties for sexual assault in the third degree; classifying criminal penalties for sexual
abuse in the first degree; classifying criminal penalties for sexual abuse in the second degree;
classifying criminal penalties for sexual abuse in the third degree; classifying criminal penalties
for imposition of sexual acts on persons incarcerated or under supervision; providing a definitions
of 'coerce' and 'visually portray' in the context of the crime of filming sexually explicit conduct of
minors; classifying criminal penalty for producing a visual portrayal of a minor in sexually explicit
conduct; providing for enhanced penalty when parent distributes material displaying a child under
their care in sexually explicit conduct; classifying penalties when any person distributes or exhibits
material displaying a minor in sexually explicit conduct; classifying penalties for production,
display or distribution of visual portrayals of partially clothed minors; defining 'visual portrayal' in
context of prohibited possession, manufacture or distribution of inappropriate sexual portrayals
by a minor; clarifying the definition of 'parent' in context of child abuse to include step or foster
parent; classifying criminal penalties for murder of custodial child for failure or refusal to supply
necessities; clarifying definition of 'recognized method of religious healing' in context of murder of
custodial child for failure or refusal to supply necessities; classifying criminal penalties for death
of a child by child abuse; classifying criminal penalties for child abuse causing or creating a risk
of injury; classifying the criminal penalty for female genital mutilation; classifying the criminal
penalty for child neglect resulting in death; in context of the crime of child neglect resulting in
death, clarifying that care through recognized method of religious healing in lieu of medical
treatment may not constitute neglect; defining recognized method of religious healing; classifying
the criminal penalty for sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian or person in a position of
trust to a child; classifying the criminal penalty for procuring, authorizing or inducing another to
engage in sexual acts with a child under their care or custody; sexual abuse by a parent, guardian,
custodian or person in a position of trust to a child; parent, guardian, custodian, or person in a
position of trust procuring, authorizing, inducing a to a child sixteen or older; definition of terms
related to nuisances; designated elements for maintaining a nuisance; providing standing to bring
an action to abate a nuisance; venue for a nuisance action; evidence and proof related to an
action to abate nuisance; provisions and procedures related to an action to enjoin a nuisance;
prima facie evidence of a nuisance; prosecution of a nuisance complaint; provisions for dismissal
of a nuisance action; award of costs related to a nuisance action; when existence of nuisance
established permanent injunction required; order of abatement for a nuisance; elements of a
nuisance abatement order; removal and sale of movable property from a nuisance; liability of
officers disposing of property from a nuisance proceeding; criminal offense of contempt related to
nuisance proceedings; definitions related to gaming and gambling; criminal offense for
possessing or dealing in unlicensed gaming devices; seizure of unlicensed gaming or gambling
deVICES; criminal offense for permitting a gambling device on premises under unauthorized
ownership, leasehold, occupation or possession; criminal offense of acting as a guard or
interfering with lawful intervention for gambling premises; criminal offense of unauthorized
wagering on outcomes of uncertain events or prohibited games; criminal offense for an
unauthorized commercial gambling at a hotel or tavern; criminal offense for cheating at gambling;
criminal offense of unauthorized dealing in gambling device; criminal offense of unauthorized
installation of a gambling device; criminal offense for unauthorized sale of a voucher or certificate
for gambling on outcome of sporting events, games of skill or other sport or contest; declaring
premises for unauthorized commercial gambling a nuisance; defining lottery and raffle; criminal
offense for unauthorized operation of a lottery or raffle; criminal offense of keeping policy or
numbers slips; seizure of designated gambling devices and equipment; providing seizure
authority for gambling articles or apparatuses; classifying criminal penalties for crime of certain public officials with pecuniary interest in certain public contracts; classifying the criminal offense of unlawful showing of pictures, advertisement or theatrical productions calculated to arouse prejudicial ire or feelings; classifying the criminal offense of lobbying on the floor of the legislature; classifying the crime of employers who fail or refuse to pay contracted employment benefits or contributions; classifying the crime of unlawful use of the prefix of Doctor; classifying the criminal penalty for bribery; clarifying the elements of the crime of bribery; classifying the criminal penalty for debt pooling; clarifying the elements of the crime of debt pooling; classifying the criminal penalty for failure to maintain and affix a cover for a water well; classifying the penalty for the crime of conspiracy; classifying the penalty for the crime of unlawful contact with a corrections employee or a member of the parole board; classifying the penalty for prohibited sale of certain caffeine products; classifying the criminal penalties in the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act; classifying the criminal penalties for punishment of principals in the second degree and designated accessories; classifying the criminal penalties for attempted crimes; classifying the criminal penalties for solicitation to commit certain crimes; classifying the criminal penalties for crimes related to post mortem examinations; classifying the criminal penalties for failing to secure a cremation permit; clarifying evidentiary admissibility of autopsy reports an investigations; classifying the penalties for organized criminal enterprise offenses; classifying the criminal penalties for the offense of human trafficking; classify the criminal penalties for the offense of prohibited use of unmanned aircraft systems; classifying criminal offenses and respective sentencing dispositions; establishing that felonies are classified into six categories and misdemeanors are classified into three categories; providing that petty offenses are not classified; establishing that criminal classification is derived from the defining criminal section or chapter; establishing that petty offenses are specifically designated to include any crime without specified designation or classification; providing that offenses noted outside Chapter 61 which are not designated as a felony, misdemeanor or petty offense, are punished under the prescribed statutory penalty; unless provided otherwise felony imprisonment sentence is a term of definite years; establishing respective range of felony terms of imprisonment into six classifications; establishing respective range of misdemeanor terms of imprisonment within three classifications; providing discretion to the sentencing court to treat a Class 6 felony as a Class 1 misdemeanor with noted exceptions; providing the trial court impose its sentence within designated range of maximum and minimum terms; requiring the court to consider aggravating and mitigating circumstances as well as the pre-sentence report; providing potential increased sentence for crimes near a school which may exceed maximum sentencing limits; provides that a felony sentence must be a definite term of years served in the state department of corrections; establishing requirements for transfer of custody; providing a range of imprisonment term for all six felony classes; providing that misdemeanor sentences are for a definite term to be served at somewhere other than the state department of corrections; establishing respective limitations of imprisonment for the three classes of misdemeanors; providing discretion to the court, in certain circumstances, to treat a Class 6 felony as a Class 1 misdemeanor; providing for reimbursement of incarceration costs for misdemeanor offenses; providing court with discretion to increase sentence by one year for offenses near a school; establishing that school vicinity sentence enhancement may exceed statutory limit; further providing that if the victim offense is a child but is not within the designated range of a school the court may consider relevant circumstances and increase the sentence two years; establishing fines for felony offenses; establishing fines for misdemeanor offenses; for purposes of sentencing,
defining an ‘enterprise’ as any entity other than a person; providing graduated penalty of fines imposed upon enterprise for criminal offenses; establishing that a judgment of fine against an enterprise constitutes a lien; establishing relevant factors for the court to consider when sentencing an enterprise for criminal conduct; requiring the court to order a person incarcerated for a criminal offense to pay incarceration costs; and, establishing factors for the court to consider when assessing payment of incarceration costs."

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

Second Reading

Com. Sub. for S. B. 439, Allowing use or nonuse of safety belt as admissible evidence in civil actions; second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

At the request of Delegate Summers, and by unanimous consent, the bill was advanced to third reading, with the amendment pending and right to amend, and the rule was suspended to permit the offering and consideration of amendments on that reading.

First Reading

The following bills on first reading, coming up in regular order, were each read a first time and ordered to second reading:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 80, Allowing for administration of certain small estates by affidavit and without appointment of personal representative,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 81, Relating generally to WV Uniform Trust Code,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 346, Authorizing DMV use electronic means when providing notice for licensees and vehicle owners,

S. B. 374, Increasing threshold for bid requirement to $10,000 to be consistent with other state agencies,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 375, Relating to county boards of education policies for open enrollment,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 389, Relating to State Resiliency Office responsibility to plan for emergency and disaster response, recovery, and resiliency,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 421, Authorizing Workforce West Virginia to hire at-will employees,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 429, Exempting Division of Emergency Management from Purchasing Division requirements for certain contracts,

S. B. 463, Consolidating position of Inspector General of former Workers’ Compensation Fraud and Abuse Unit and position of Director of Insurance Fraud Unit,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 472, Updating criteria for regulating certain occupations and professions,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 587, Making contract consummation with state more efficient,
And,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2022**, Budget Bill, making appropriations of public money out of the treasury in accordance with section fifty-one, article six of the Constitution.

**Messages from the Senate**

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, with amendment, to take effect from passage, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 2003**, Relating to the authority and obligations of the Governor and Legislature when in declared states of preparedness and emergency.

On motion of Delegate Summers, the House refused to concur in the following amendment of the bill by the Senate, and requested the Senate to recede therefrom:

On page one, by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"**ARTICLE 5. DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.**

**§15-5-2. Definitions.**

As used in this article:

(1) ‘Board’ means the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Board created by this article;

(2) ‘Code’ means the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended;

(3) ‘Community facilities’ means a specific work, or improvement within this state or a specific item of equipment or tangible personal property owned or operated by any political subdivision or nonprofit corporation and used within this state to provide any essential service to the general public;

(4) ‘Disaster’ means the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural, or terrorist or man-made cause, including weapons of mass destruction, fire, flood, earthquake, wind, snow, storm, chemical or oil spill or other water or soil contamination, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, or other public calamity requiring emergency action;

(5) ‘Disaster recovery activities’ means activities undertaken prior to, during, or following a disaster to provide, or to participate in the provision of, emergency services, temporary housing, residential housing, essential business activities, and community facilities;

(6) ‘Emergency services’ means the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to protect, respond, and recover, to prevent, detect, deter, and mitigate, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters or other event caused by flooding, terrorism, enemy attack, sabotage, or other natural or other man-made causes. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services, police services, medical and health services, communications, emergency
telecommunications, radiological, chemical, and other special weapons defense, evacuation of persons from stricken areas, emergency welfare services, emergency transportation, existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services and other functions related to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of these functions. Disaster includes the imminent threat of disaster as well as its occurrence and any power or authority exercisable on account of a disaster that may be exercised during the period when there is an imminent threat;

(7) ‘Essential business activities’ means a specific work or improvement within this state or a specific item of equipment or tangible personal property used within this state by any person to provide any essential goods or service determined by the authority to be necessary for recovery from a disaster;

(8) ‘Local organization for emergency services’ means an organization created in accordance with the provisions of this article by state or local authority to perform local emergency services function;

(9) ‘Mobile support unit’ means an organization for emergency services created in accordance with the provisions of this article by state or local authority to be dispatched by the Governor to supplement local organizations for emergency services in a stricken area;

(10) ‘Person’ means any individual, corporation, voluntary organization or entity, partnership, firm, or other association, organization, or entity organized or existing under the laws of this or any other state or country;

(11) ‘Political subdivision’ means any county or municipal corporation in this state;

(12) ‘Recovery fund’ means the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Trust Fund created by this article;

(13) ‘Residential housing’ means a specific work or improvement within this state undertaken primarily to provide dwelling accommodations, including the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of land, buildings and improvements thereto, for residential housing, including, but not limited to, facilities for temporary housing and emergency housing, and any other nonhousing facilities that are incidental or appurtenant thereto;

(14) ‘State of emergency’ means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or other serious threat to the health or safety of persons and property within West Virginia, or a specific geographic area thereof, including but not limited to an attack upon the state or the United States, a natural or man-made disaster of major proportions, a pandemic, or other large-scale threat beyond the capacity of local control.

(15) ‘State of preparedness’ means the duly proclaimed authorization for:

(A) Specialized planning and preparation activities intended to minimize any anticipated impact of conditions of a state of emergency, as defined in this section, which, in the judgment of the Governor, are expected to commence within the next 30 days, or within a period of longer than 30 days if necessary to obtain funding or maintain compliance with federal or interjurisdictional requirements; Provided, That a state of preparedness which is duly proclaimed under such circumstances shall be referred to as a ‘Class I state of preparedness’; or
(B) Specialized planning and preparation activities intended to minimize, by use of any available and appropriate federal or state governmental resources, any anticipated impact of or anticipated threats with respect to a planned or anticipated event of such large size or scope or both that it is beyond the capacity of local control, and which is scheduled to commence within the next 30 days, or longer if necessary to obtain funding or maintain compliance with federal or interjurisdictional requirements: Provided, That a state of preparedness which is duly proclaimed under such circumstances shall be referred to as a 'Class II state of preparedness'.

(16) ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety Homeland Security; and

(17) ‘Temporary housing’ means a specific work or improvement within this state undertaken primarily to provide dwelling accommodations, including the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of land, buildings and improvements thereto, for temporary residential shelters or housing for victims of a disaster and such other nonhousing facilities that are incidental or appurtenant thereto.

§15-5-6. Emergency powers of Proclamation of a state of emergency or state of preparedness by the Governor and or the Legislature; additional powers of the Governor during a state of emergency or state of preparedness.

(a) The Legislature finds that:

(1) The global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic of 2020, which is continuing at the time of the enactment of the amendments to this article in the regular session of the Legislature in 2021, has presented unprecedented challenges for the citizens of West Virginia, which have required response of the government of the State of West Virginia;

(2) Exercising the authority and power provided by the Act, the Governor of West Virginia has marshalled the resources of the state and the full authority and response of the government of West Virginia to address the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3) West Virginia has been recognized nationally for its success in many aspects of its response, including vaccination rates and lower infection rates than exist in many other states; and

(4) It is the intent of the Legislature to codify some of the decisions that have been made by the Governor of West Virginia during the current COVID-19 pandemic, protecting individual liberties of the citizens of West Virginia, so that they have application to future states of preparedness or states of emergency in the State of West Virginia or any part thereof.

(b) The provisions of this section, and any executive order issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, are operative only during the existence of a state of emergency or state of preparedness; Provided, That nothing in this section may be construed to suspend or supersede any provision of the Constitution.

(c) The existence of a state of emergency or state of preparedness may be proclaimed by the Governor by executive order or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature if the Governor in the proclamation, or the Legislature in the resolution, finds that an attack upon the United States has occurred or is anticipated in the immediate future, or that a natural or man-made disaster of major proportions has actually occurred or is imminent within the state, or that an emergency exists or
may be imminent due to a large-scale threat beyond local control conditions warranting the proclamation of a state of emergency, as defined in this article, exist, and that the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require an invocation of the provisions of this section; Provided, That a gubernatorially proclaimed state of emergency expires after 60 days from issuance of the executive order, unless prior to the 60th day the Governor provides written notice to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance that in his or her opinion it is necessary to extend the state of emergency. If the Governor extends the state of emergency beyond 60 days, he or she shall thereafter, no less frequently than every 30 days, provide the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance with a written statement of his or her reasons to believe that the conditions warrant any continuation of the state of emergency. The Governor shall provide a timely written response to any written inquiry from the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Joint Committee on Government and Finance regarding the need for continuing the state of emergency and the facts supporting the continuation. A state of emergency, whether proclaimed by the Governor or by the Legislature, terminates upon the issuance of a proclamation of termination by the Governor, or the passage by the Legislature of a concurrent resolution terminating the state of emergency.

(b) Any state of emergency or state of preparedness, whether proclaimed by the Governor or by the Legislature, terminates upon the proclamation of the termination by the Governor, or the passage by the Legislature of a concurrent resolution terminating the state of emergency or state of preparedness: Provided, That in no case shall a state of preparedness last longer than thirty days.

(d) The existence of a state of preparedness may be proclaimed by the Governor by executive order or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature, if the Governor in the proclamation or the Legislature in the resolution, finds that conditions warranting the proclamation of a state of preparedness, as defined in this article, exist, and that the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require the invocation of the provisions of this section: Provided, That the Governor or the Legislature shall proclaim a state of preparedness as a ‘Class I state of preparedness’ or a ‘Class II state of preparedness’, as defined in this article by law: Provided however, That a gubernatorially proclaimed declared state of preparedness expires after 30 days unless, prior to the 30th day, following the issuance of the executive order the Governor provides written notice to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance that, in his or her opinion, it is necessary to extend the state of preparedness. If the Governor extends the state of preparedness beyond 30 days he or she shall thereafter, no less frequently than every 30 days, provide the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance with a written statement of his or her reasons to believe that the conditions warrant any continuation of the state of preparedness. The Governor shall provide a timely written response to any written inquiry from the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates or the Joint Committee on Government and Finance regarding the need for continuing the state of preparedness and the circumstances and facts supporting the continuation. A state of preparedness, whether proclaimed by the Governor or by the Legislature, terminates upon the issuance of a proclamation of termination by the Governor, or the passage by the Legislature of a concurrent resolution terminating the state of preparedness.

(e) When a state of emergency follows a state of preparedness involving the same or substantially similar circumstances, the total time allotted for the duration of the two combined shall be no more than 90 days, unless the Governor follows the requirements for extending the state of emergency under subsection (c) of this section.
(f) Any proclamation or resolution issued under this section must include, in general terms:

(1) A description of the facts and circumstances warranting the proclamation or resolution;

and

(2) A designation of the geographic area threatened:

Provided, That any proclamation or resolution shall be disseminated as soon as practicable to the media and any other means which are calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public: Provided however, That for a gubernatorial proclamation of a state of emergency or state of preparedness, the Governor shall provide a copy of the executive order to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

(e) (g) So long as a duly proclaimed state of emergency or state of preparedness exists, the Governor has and may exercise the following additional emergency powers which are intended to be construed to authorize actions which are consistent with constitutional or statutory law, or with final orders of those courts of competent jurisdiction to which the Governor is subject:

(1) To enforce all laws and rules relating to the provision of emergency services and to assume direct operational control of any or all emergency service forces and helpers in the state;

(2) To sell, lend, lease, give, or transfer property, to make purchases, or deliver materials or perform functions relating to emergency services on terms and conditions he or she prescribes and without regard to the limitations of any existing law and to account to the State Treasurer for any funds received for the property;

(3) To procure materials and facilities for emergency services by purchase, condemnation under the provisions of §54-1-1 et seq. of this code, or seizure pending institution of condemnation proceedings within 30 days from the seizing thereof and to construct, lease, transport, store, maintain, renovate, or distribute the materials and facilities. Compensation for the procured property so procured shall be made in the manner provided in §54-1-1 et seq. of this code;

(4) To obtain the services of necessary personnel, required during the emergency or to prepare for the emergency, and to compensate them for their services from his or her contingent funds or other funds available to him or her;

(5) To provide and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area within the state and to take steps that are necessary for the receipt and care of the evacuees;

(6) To control ingress and egress to and from into or out of a disaster area or an area where large-scale threat exists, other area subject to a state of emergency or state of preparedness, as well as the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein;

(7) To suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business or the orders, or rules of any state agency, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;
(8) To use available resources of the state and of its political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or to prepare for the emergency;

(9) To suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, explosives, and combustibles: Provided, That explosives and combustibles do not include firearms, ammunition, components of ammunition, or ammunition-reloading equipment and supplies;

(10) To make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing; and

(11) To perform and exercise other functions, powers and duties that are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population.

(d) The declaration of a state of preparedness has the same effect as a declaration of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact established in §15-5-22 of this code, and the Statewide Mutual Aid Systems set forth in §15-5-28 of this code.

(e) The powers granted under this section do not authorize any action that would violate the prohibitions of §15-5-19a of this code.

(i) During any state of preparedness or state of emergency proclaimed at any time, an executive order of the Governor may not:

(1) Close churches or other houses of worship or prevent their operation in any manner that is more restrictive than the least restrictive rules in place for the operation of the most essential facilities of government or private enterprise;

(2) Suspend or limit the sale, lawful transfer, or transportation of firearms, ammunition, components of ammunition, or ammunition-reloading equipment and supplies; or

(3) Interfere with or impair the operation of the news media.

(j) Unless expressly authorized by an executive order of the Governor, a municipal, county, or state health officer shall not take any enforcement action which is not authorized by statute under color of a duly proclaimed state of emergency or state of preparedness.

(k) Any suit filed challenging an executive order issued relating to a state of preparedness or emergency pursuant to the authority granted in this section shall be limited to a petition for prohibition or mandamus pursuant to Rule 16 of the Rules of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. The provisions of §55-17-3 of this code are not applicable to any suit filed challenging an executive order issued pursuant to this section.

(l) The amendments to this section and §15-5-2 of this code enacted during the 2021 regular session of the legislature are applicable to circumstances constituting a state of emergency or state of preparedness initially proclaimed after the effective date of the amendments. It is the express intention of the Legislature not to interfere with the executive branch’s handling of the COVID-19 caused state of emergency originally proclaimed on March 16, 2020, and executive orders entered under the proclamation. Provided, That nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit the authority of the Governor as to the state of emergency caused by COVID-19 in effect as of April 1, 2021."
Ordered, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by
The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, with amendment, to take effect from passage, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:


On motion of Delegate Summers, the House of Delegates concurred in the following amendment of the bill by the Senate:

On page one, by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“CHAPTER 4. THE LEGISLATURE.

ARTICLE 11. LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

§4-11-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

The Legislature finds and declares that in order to carry out its responsibility for the enactment of all appropriations needed for the operation of state government, the Legislature needs continuous and accurate accounts of the amounts and purposes of all federal funds being requested, received or expended by the various agencies and departments of the state. The Legislature further finds and declares that the increased availability of and reliance on federal financial assistance has a substantial impact upon the programs, priorities and fiscal affairs of the state. “It is the purpose of this article to clarify and specify the role of the Legislature in appropriating federal funds received by the state in all events, including public emergencies, and in prescribing, by general law, the required form and detail of the itemization and classification of proposed appropriations to assure that state purposes are served and legislative priorities are adhered to by the acceptance and use of such funds.

§4-11-2. Definitions.

As used in this article:

41 ‘Federal funds’ means any financial assistance made to a spending unit by the United States government, whether a loan, grant, block grant, subsidy, augmentation, reimbursement or any other form of such assistance, including ‘federal-matching funds’;

42 ‘Federal-matching funds’ means federal funds of a specified amount or proportion for which a specified outlay of state contributions, including funds, property or services, are required as a condition for receipt or expenditure;

43 ‘Spending unit’ means the State of West Virginia and all agencies, offices, departments, divisions, boards, commissions, councils, committees or other entities of the state government for which an appropriation is requested or to which an appropriation is made by the Legislature. ‘Spending unit’ does not mean any county, city, township, public service district or other political subdivision of the state; and
(4) ‘State-matching funds’ means state contributions, including funds, property or services that are required by the federal government, by law or regulation, as a condition for receipt or expenditure of federal funds.

§4-11-3. Receipt of federal funds and required deposit in state treasury.

Unless contrary to federal law, all federal funds received by a spending unit shall be deposited in and credited to special fund accounts as provided by section two, article two, chapter twelve §12-2-2 of this code and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature as part of the state budget in accordance with Article X of the Constitution of this state.

§4-11-4. Inclusion of federal funds in state budget and the budget bill.

Pursuant to article one-a, chapter five §5-1A-1 et seq., and chapter five-a §11B-2-1 et seq. of this code, the Governor shall itemize in the state budget and in the budget bill, on a line-item basis, separately, for each spending unit, the amount and purpose of all federal funds received or anticipated for expenditure, with a reference to the account number, line item and amount of any state funds required for such purpose: Provided, That all federal revenue sharing block grant funds shall be so itemized in a separate section of the state budget and the budget bill devoted exclusively to proposed appropriations from the revenue sharing trust fund block grant funds.

§4-11-5. Legislative appropriation authority.

(a) No spending unit may make expenditures of any federal funds, whether such funds are advanced prior to expenditure or as reimbursement, unless such expenditures are made pursuant to specific appropriations by the Legislature, except as may be hereinafter provided.

(b) To the extent not precluded by the terms and conditions under which federal funds are made available to the spending unit by the United States government, the spending unit shall use federal funds in accordance with any purposes, policies or priorities the Legislature may have established for the activity being assisted or for the use of state, federal and other fiscal resources in a particular fiscal year.

(c) If the federal funds received by a spending unit for a specific purpose are greater than the amount of such funds contained in the appropriation by the Legislature for such purpose, the total appropriation of federal funds and any state matching funds for such purpose shall remain at the level appropriated, except as hereinafter provided.

(d) If federal funds become available to the spending unit for expenditure while the Legislature is not in session and the availability of such funds could not reasonably have been anticipated and included in the budget approved by the Legislature for the next fiscal year, the treasurer may accept such funds on behalf of the spending unit and the Governor may authorize, in writing, the expenditure of such funds during that fiscal year as authorized by federal law and pursuant to the provisions of article two, chapter five-a of the code §11B-2-1 et seq. of this code and, which permits expenditure of amounts in excess of the appropriation upon the filing of a proper expenditure schedule: Provided, That the Governor may not authorize the expenditure of such funds received for the creation of a new program or for a significant alteration of an existing program. For purposes of this article, a mere new source of funding of federal moneys for a program which has been prior approved by legislative appropriation will not be deemed to be is not a ‘new program’ or a ‘significant alteration of an existing program’ and the Governor may authorize the expenditure of such funds as herein provided, subject to the limitations under
subsection (e) of this section. Should a question arise concerning whether such expenditures would constitute a new program or significant alteration of an existing program, while the Legislature is not in session, the Governor shall seek the recommendation of the council of finance and administration, as created and existing pursuant to the provisions of section three, article one, chapter five-a of the code §5A-1-4 of this code. Upon application to the federal government for such funds and upon receipt of such funds, the Governor shall submit to the Legislative Auditor two copies of a statement:

(1) Describing the proposed expenditure of such funds in the same manner as it would be described in the state budget; and

(2) Explaining why the availability of such federal funds and why the necessity of their expenditure could not have been anticipated in time for such expenditures to have been approved as part of the adopted budget for that particular fiscal year.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, no amount of such unanticipated federal funds for an existing program, for a significant alteration of an existing program, or for the creation of a new program made available to the state for costs and damages resulting from an emergency including, but not limited to, flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms or similar natural disasters, civil disobedience, human-caused disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, or similar public health or safety emergencies that occur and are received while the Legislature is not in session and that are declared by the Governor as a state of emergency in excess of $150 million for any part or the whole of the declared emergency may be expended without appropriation by the Legislature enacted following receipt of the funds. No provision of this code or any appropriations act in effect upon the receipt of unanticipated federal funds made available to the state for costs and damages resulting from an emergency including, but not limited to, flooding, forest fires, earthquakes, storms or similar natural disasters, civil disobedience, human-caused disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, or similar public health or safety emergencies that occur and are received while the Legislature is not in session and that are declared by the Governor as a state of emergency may be construed to authorize the appropriation of those funds, except as provided in this subsection.

(f)(1) If federal funds become available to a spending unit and the funds were not included in the budget approved by the Legislature for the next fiscal year but are authorized to be expended while the Legislature is not in session under subsection (d) of this section, the Governor shall submit reports in writing to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the chairs of the respective committees on finance of the two houses of the Legislature, and the Legislative Auditor as follows:

(A) On or before the first day of each month following the receipt of the funds until the funds are expended in their entirety, the reports shall include the following:

(i) The purposes for which funds were made available, the identification of any federal and state laws governing the expenditure of the funds and a general itemization of the Governor’s plan of expenditure for the whole of the funds;

(ii) A detailed schedule setting forth the Governor’s proposed expenditures of the funds for the month, including, but not limited to, as to each proposed expenditure, the amount and purpose of the expenditure; the spending unit responsible for making the expenditure; and the anticipated recipient or recipients of the expenditure; and
(iii) An explanation of any changes made from the prior month’s general itemization of the Governor’s plan of expenditure for the whole of the funds and of any changes the prior month’s schedule of proposed expenditures made by the actual expenditures made during that month;

(B) On or before the 15th day of the month following month in which the funds were expended in their entirety, the report shall set forth a complete itemized report of each expenditure of the funds; and

(C) The Governor shall also include in each report such additional information as may be requested the Legislative Auditor.

(2) The Legislative Auditor shall provide a copy of each report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

§4-11-6. Exclusions.

The following are excluded from the provisions of this article:

(1) Federal funds received by state institutions of higher education or by students or faculty members of such institutions for instructional or research purposes and federal funds received for student scholarships or grants-in-aid;

(2) Federal nondiscretionary pass-through funds which are earmarked in specified amounts or proportions for transmittal to local political subdivisions or to designated classes of organizations and individuals which do not require state-matching funds and do not permit discretion in their distribution by the receiving state spending unit;

(3) Federal funds made available to the state for costs and damages resulting from natural disasters, civil disobedience or other occurrences declared by the Governor as a state of emergency; and

(4) All federal funds received by the West Virginia department of highways or the West Virginia commissioner of highways.

§4-11-7. Conflict with other statutory provisions.

If there is any conflict between the provisions of this article and any other provision of law, including this code, relating to receiving or expending federal funds, the provisions of this article shall govern and control.

CHAPTER 5. GENERAL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, OFFICES, PROGRAMS, ETC.

ARTICLE 1A. ITEMIZATION OF PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGET BILL SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR TO LEGISLATURE.

§5-1A-1. Legislative findings and purposes.

The Legislature finds and declares that section fifty-one, article six of the Constitution, known as the ‘modern budget amendment’, authorizes the Legislature to prescribe by law the form and detail of the itemization and classification of the proposed appropriations of the budget bill
submitted to it by the Governor, and that said section further authorizes the Legislature to enact such laws, not inconsistent with said section, as may be necessary and proper to carry out its provisions. The Legislature further finds and declares that said section makes the Legislature solely responsible for enacting all appropriations needed for the operation of state government, and that in carrying out such responsibility, the Legislature requires a continuous and timely flow of accurate information relative to the financial condition of the state, the needs and operations of the various agencies and departments of the state, and the amounts and purposes of all funds, including federal funds, being requested, received or expended by such agencies and departments from sources other than the revenues of the state.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this article to implement the aforementioned provisions of the Constitution, to enable the Legislature to carry out its Constitutional responsibility by prescribing the form and detail of the itemization and classification of the proposed appropriations of the budget bill submitted to the Legislature by the Governor, and in conjunction with the provisions of this act amending certain sections of articles one and two, chapter five-a, §5-1A-1 et seq. and §11B-2-1 et seq. of this code and section three, article four, chapter twelve §12-4-3 of this code, to ensure that the Legislature will be furnished the information needed to discharge such responsibility.

CHAPTER 11B. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

§11B-1-1. Department of tax and revenue renamed Department of Revenue; office of secretary of tax and revenue renamed Office of Secretary of Revenue; Director of Budget; federal funds.

(a) The Department of Tax and Revenue and the office of secretary of tax and revenue are hereby renamed, respectively, the Department of Revenue and the office of secretary of revenue and are continued in the executive branch of state government. Wherever in this code the words ‘office of secretary of tax and revenue’ or ‘secretary of tax and revenue’ are used, such words shall now mean the office of secretary of revenue or the secretary of revenue. Wherever in this code the words ‘department of tax and revenue’ are used, such words shall mean the Department of Revenue.

(b) The secretary of revenue shall be the chief executive officer of the department and director of the budget. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term not exceeding the term of the Governor.

(c) The Department of Revenue is hereby authorized to receive federal funds for deposit in compliance with §12-2-2 of this code and for expenditure only upon appropriation by the Legislature of this state and in accordance with §4-11-1 et seq. of this code.

(d) The secretary shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The annual compensation of the secretary shall be as specified in section two-a, article seven, chapter six §6-7-2a of this code.

§11B-1-4. Reports by secretary.

The secretary shall make an annual report to the Governor concerning the conduct of the department and the administration of the budget. The secretary shall also make other reports as the Governor may require. Copies of any such reports shall be submitted to the Legislature in the manner required by §5-1-20 of this code.
ARTICLE 2. STATE BUDGET OFFICE.

§11B-2-11. Estimates of revenue; reports on revenue collections; withholding department funds on noncompliance.

(a) Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the secretary shall estimate the revenue to be collected month by month by each classification of tax for that fiscal year as it relates to the official estimate of revenue for each tax for that fiscal year and the secretary shall certify this estimate to the Governor and the Legislative Auditor and the West Virginia Investment Management Board by July 1, for that fiscal year.

(1) The secretary shall ascertain the collection of the revenue of the state and shall determine for each month of the fiscal year the proportion which the amount actually collected during a month bears to the collection estimated by him or her for that month. The secretary shall certify to the Governor, the Legislative Auditor and the Investment Management Board, as soon as possible after the close of each month, and not later than the 15th day of each month, and at other times as the Governor, the Legislative Auditor or the Investment Management Board may request, the condition of the state revenues and of the several funds of the state and the proportion which the amount actually collected during the preceding month bears to the collection estimated by him or her for that month. The secretary shall include in this certification the same information previously certified for prior months in each fiscal year. The certification for the final month of a fiscal year shall also include the proportion which the amount actually collected during the preceding fiscal year bears to the appropriations made for that year. For the purposes of this section, the secretary shall have the authority to require all necessary estimates and reports from any spending unit of the state government.

(2) If the secretary fails to certify to the Governor, the Legislative Auditor and the Investment Management Board the information required by this subsection within the time specified herein, the Legislative Auditor shall notify the Auditor and Treasurer of the failure and thereafter no funds appropriated to the Department of Revenue may be expended until the secretary has certified the information required by this subsection.

(b) Prior to July 1, of each fiscal year, the secretary shall estimate daily revenue flows for the General Revenue Fund for the next fiscal year as it relates to the official estimate of revenue. Subsequent to the end of each fiscal year, the secretary shall compare the projected daily revenue flows with the actual daily revenue flows from the previous year. The secretary may for any month or months, at his or her discretion, revise the annual projections of the daily revenue flows. The secretary shall certify to the Governor, the Legislative Auditor and the Investment Management Board, as soon as possible after the close of each month and not later than the 15th day of each month, and at other times as the Governor, the Legislative Auditor or the Investment Management Board may request, the condition of the General Revenue Fund and the comparison of the projected daily revenue flows with the actual daily revenue flows. If the secretary fails to certify to the Governor, the Legislative Auditor and the Investment Management Board the information required by this subsection within the time specified herein, the Legislative Auditor shall notify the Auditor and treasurer of the failure and thereafter no funds appropriated to the Department of Revenue may be expended until the secretary has certified the information required by this subsection.


If the Governor determines that the amounts, or parts thereof, appropriated from the general revenue cannot be expended without creating an overdraft or deficit in the General Fund, he or
she may, before the end of the fiscal year, instruct the secretary to reduce all appropriations out
of general revenue in a degree as necessary to prevent an overdraft or a deficit in the General
Fund. No reduction of appropriations may be made after June 30 of the fiscal year.

§11B-2-23. Approval of secretary of requests for changes and receipt and expenditure of
federal funds by state agencies; copies or sufficient summary information to be
furnished to secretary; and consolidated report of federal funds; central agency for
receipt of federal funds; unlawful acts.

(a) Every agency of the state government when making requests or preparing budgets to be
submitted to the federal government for funds, equipment, material or services, the grant or
allocation of which is conditioned upon the use of state matching funds, shall have the request or
budget approved in writing by the secretary before submitting it to the proper federal authority.
When the federal authority has approved the request or budget, the agency of the state
government shall resubmit it to the secretary for recording before any allotment or encumbrance
of the federal funds can be made. Whenever any agency of the state government receives from
any agency of the federal government a grant or allocation of funds which do not require state
matching, the state agency shall report to the secretary the amount of the federal funds granted
or allocated.

(b) Unless contrary to federal law, any agency of state government, when making requests or
preparing budgets to be submitted to the federal government for funds for personal services, shall
include in the request or budget the amount of funds necessary to pay for the costs of any fringe
benefits related to the personal service. For the purposes of this section, ‘fringe benefits’ means
any employment benefit granted by the state which involves state funds, including, but not limited
to, contributions to insurance, retirement and social security and which does not affect the basic
rate of pay of an employee.

(c) In addition to the other requirements of this section, the secretary shall, as soon as possible
after the end of each fiscal year but no later than December 31, of each year, submit to the
Governor a consolidated report which shall contain a detailed itemization of all federal funds
received by the state during the preceding and current fiscal years, as well as those scheduled or
anticipated to be received during the remainder of the current fiscal year and the next ensuing
fiscal year. The itemization shall show:

(1) Each spending unit which has received or is scheduled or expected to receive federal
funds in either of the fiscal years;

(2) The amount of each separate grant or distribution received or to be received; and

(3) A brief description of the purpose of every grant or other distribution, with the name of the
federal agency, bureau or department making the grant or distribution: Provided, That it is not
necessary to include in the report an itemization of federal revenue sharing funds deposited in
and appropriated from the revenue sharing trust fund block grants, or federal funds received for
the benefit of the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation.

(d) The secretary may obtain from the spending units any and all information necessary to
prepare a report.

(e) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section and in supplementation of the
provisions of this section, the Legislature hereby determines that the Department of Revenue and
its secretary need to be the single and central agency for receipt of information and documents in respect of applications for, and changes, receipt and expenditure of, federal funds by state agencies. Every agency of state government, when making application for federal funds in the nature of a grant, allocation or otherwise; when amending the applications or requests; when in receipt of federal funds; or when undertaking any expenditure of federal funds, in all respective instances, shall provide to the secretary of revenue document copies or sufficient summary information in respect of the federal funds to enable the secretary to provide approval in writing for any activity in respect to the federal funds.

CHAPTER 12. PUBLIC MONEYS AND SECURITIES.

ARTICLE 2. PAYMENT AND DEPOSIT OF TAXES AND OTHER AMOUNTS DUE THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

§12-2-2. Itemized record of moneys received for deposit; regulations governing deposits; credit to state fund; exceptions.

(a) All officials and employees of the state authorized by statute to accept moneys on behalf of the State of West Virginia shall keep a daily itemized record of moneys received for deposit in the State Treasury and shall deposit within one business day with the State Treasurer all moneys received or collected by them for or on behalf of the state for any purpose whatsoever. The State Treasurer may grant an exception to the one business day rule when circumstances make compliance difficult or expensive. The State Treasurer may review the procedures and methods used by officials and employees authorized to accept moneys due the state and change the procedures and methods if he or she determines it is in the best interest of the state: Provided, That the State Treasurer may not review or amend the procedures by which the Department of Revenue accepts moneys due the state. The State Treasurer shall propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code governing the procedure for deposits. The official or employee making deposits with the State Treasurer shall prepare deposit lists in the manner and upon report forms prescribed by the State Treasurer in the state accounting system. The State Treasurer shall review the deposits in the state accounting system and forward the information to the State Auditor and to the Secretary of Revenue.

(b) All moneys received by the state from appropriations made by the Congress of the United States shall be recorded in special fund accounts, in the State Treasury apart from the general revenues of the state, and shall be expended only upon appropriation of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of article eleven, chapter four §4-11-1 et seq. of this code. All moneys, other than federal funds, defined in section two, article eleven, chapter four §4-11-2 of this code, shall be credited to the state fund and treated by the State Auditor and State Treasurer as part of the general revenue of the state except the following funds which shall be recorded in separate accounts:

(1) All funds excluded by the provisions of section six, article eleven, chapter four §4-11-6 of this code;

(2) All funds derived from the sale of farm and dairy products from farms operated by any spending unit of the state;

(3) All endowment funds, bequests, donations, executive emergency funds and death and disability funds;
(4) All fees and funds collected at state educational institutions for student activities;

(5) All funds derived from collections from dormitories, boardinghouses, cafeterias and road camps;

(6) All moneys received from counties by institutions for the deaf and blind on account of clothing for indigent pupils;

(7) All insurance collected on account of losses by fire and refunds;

(8) All funds derived from bookstores and sales of blank paper and stationery, and collections by the chief inspector of public offices;

(9) All moneys collected and belonging to the capitol building fund, state road fund, state road sinking fund, general school fund, school fund, state fund (moneys belonging to counties, districts and municipalities), state interest and sinking funds, state compensation funds, the fund maintained by the Public Service Commission for the investigation and supervision of applications and all fees, money, interest or funds arising from the sales of all permits and licenses to hunt, trap, fish or otherwise hold or capture fish and wildlife resources and money reimbursed and granted by the federal government for fish and wildlife conservation; and

(10) All moneys collected or received under any act of the Legislature providing that funds collected or received under the act shall be used for specific purposes.

(c) All moneys, except as provided in subdivisions (1) through (9), inclusive, subsection (b) of this section, shall be paid into the State Treasury in the same manner as collections not excepted and recorded in separate accounts for receipt and expenditure for the purposes for which the moneys are authorized to be collected by law: Provided, That amounts collected pursuant to subdivisions (1) through (10), subsection (b) of this section, which are found, from time to time, to exceed funds needed for the purposes set forth in general law may be transferred to other accounts or funds and redesignated for other purposes by appropriation of the Legislature. The gross amount collected in all cases shall be paid into the State Treasury. Commissions, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, amounts charged for use of bank, charge, credit or debit cards, incurred in the collection process shall be paid from the gross amount collected in the same manner as other payments are made from the State Treasury.

(d) The State Treasurer may establish an imprest fund or funds in the office of any state spending unit upon receipt of a proper application. To implement this authority, the State Treasurer shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code. The State Treasurer or his or her designee shall annually audit all imprest funds and prepare a list of the funds showing the location and amount as of fiscal year end, retaining the list as a permanent record of the State Treasurer until the Legislative Auditor has completed an audit of the imprest funds of all agencies and institutions involved.

(e) The State Treasurer may develop and implement a centralized receipts processing center. The State Treasurer may request the transfer of equipment and personnel from appropriate state agencies to the centralized receipts processing center in order to implement the provisions of this section: Provided, That the Governor or appropriate constitutional officer has authority to authorize the transfer of equipment or personnel to the centralized receipts processing center from the respective agency.
ARTICLE 3. APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND DEDUCTIONS.

§12-3-12. Expiration of unexpended appropriations; reappropriations.

(a) Every appropriation which is payable out of the general revenue, or so much thereof as may remain undrawn at the end of the year for which made, shall be deemed to have expired at the end of the year for which it is made, and no warrant shall thereafter be issued upon it: Provided, That warrants may be drawn through the 31st day of July after the end of the year for which the appropriation is made if the warrants are in payment of bills for such year and have been encumbered by the budget office prior to July first: but appropriations for buildings and land or capital outlay shall remain in effect, and shall not be deemed to have expired until the end of three years after the passage of the act by which such appropriations are made: Provided, however, That if such 31st day of July is on Saturday, then warrants may only be drawn through the Friday immediately preceding such Saturday, but if such 31st day of July is on Sunday, the warrants may be drawn through the Monday immediately following such Sunday.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section to the contrary:

(1) Appropriations that are payable out of the general revenue, or so much thereof as may remain undrawn at the end of the year for which made, for buildings and land or capital outlay shall remain in effect, and shall not be deemed to have expired until the end of three years after the passage of the act by which such appropriations are made; and

(2) Appropriations that are payable out of the general revenue, or so much thereof as may remain undrawn at the end of the fiscal year for which made, that are reappropriated by the budget act for the ensuing fiscal year shall not be deemed to have expired unless, at the end of the fiscal year just ended, the total general revenue collections for the fiscal year just ended did not equal or exceed total general revenue appropriations for that fiscal year. If the total general revenue collections for the fiscal year just ended did not equal or exceed total general revenue appropriations for that fiscal year, all such reappropriations shall be deemed to have expired at the end of the fiscal year as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Legislature may expire or provide for the expiration of any appropriation prior to the end of the fiscal year for which it is made.

§12-3-17. Liabilities incurred by state boards, commissions, officers or employees which cannot be paid out of current appropriations.

Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any state board, commission, officer or employee: (1) To incur any liability during any fiscal year which cannot be paid out of the then current appropriation for such year or out of funds received from an emergency appropriation; or (2) to authorize or to pay any account or bill incurred during any fiscal year out of the appropriation for the following year: Provided, That nothing contained herein shall prohibit entering into a contract or lease for buildings, land and space, the cost of which exceeds the current year's appropriation, even though the amount is not available during the then current year, if the aggregate cost does not exceed the amount then authorized by the Legislature. Nothing contained herein shall repeal abrogate the provisions of the general law relating to the expiration of appropriations for buildings and land.
Any member of a state board or commission or any officer or employee violating any provision of this section shall be personally liable for any debt unlawfully incurred or for any payment unlawfully made.

ARTICLE 4. ACCOUNTS, REPORTS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS.

§12-4-2. Accounts of Treasurer and Auditor; Auditor to certify condition of revenues and funds of the state.

The Treasurer shall keep in his or her office separate accounts with each depository, and also a summary account for the state, and when money is paid into the treasury, it shall be charged to the proper depository and credited to a summary account. The Auditor shall keep in his or her office separate accounts of the particular heads or sources of revenue, and a summary account with the Treasurer, beside such individual accounts with officers and persons as may be necessary, and shall charge every sum of money received for the state as aforesaid to the Treasurer’s account, and credit it under the particular head of revenue to which it properly belongs, distinguishing especially in distinct accounts the receipts on account of the capital of the school fund and those on account of the income of said fund subject to annual distribution. The Auditor shall certify annually to the commissioner of finance and administration Secretary of Revenue the condition of the state revenues and the several funds of the state. The certification shall be used by the commissioner Secretary in the preparation of a tentative state budget as required of him or her by article two, chapter five-a §5-1A-1 et seq., and §11B-2-1 et seq. of this code.

§12-4-3. Accounts of appropriations.

The Auditor and Secretary of administration Revenue shall each keep an account of every appropriation made by law, and of the several sums drawn thereon, so that the accounts may show at all times the balance undrawn on each appropriation. The account so kept shall be compared every month and errors, if any, corrected."

And,

By amending the title of the bill to read as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014 – “A Bill to amend and reenact §4-11-1, §4-11-2, §4-11-3, §4-11-4, §4-11-5, §4-11-6, and §4-11-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §5-1A-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §11B-1-1 and §11B-1-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §11B-2-11, §11B-2-21, and §11B-2-23 of said code; to amend and reenact §12-2-2 of said code; to amend and reenact §12-3-12 and §12-3-17 of said code; and to amend and reenact §12-4-2 and §12-4-3 of said code, all relating to disposition of moneys received by the state generally; specifying the role of the Legislature in appropriating federal funds; updating references to types of federal funds; providing for appropriation of federal funds in accordance with the state constitution; updating and clarifying statutory cross-references; limiting gubernatorial authority to spend federal funds without appropriation of the Legislature; continuing and limiting spending of certain emergency funds for certain emergencies without additional enactment; requiring reports to the Legislature on proposed and actual spending of those funds; removing certain emergency federal fund exclusion language from the provisions governing appropriations of federal funds; establishing controlling provisions in case of conflict of law; clarifying statutes applicable to preparation of state budget; clarifying meaning of certain terms;
conditioning the Secretary of Revenue’s receipt and expenditure of federal funds; providing copy of certain reports to the Legislature; enlarging matters to be reported to the Legislature regarding revenue estimates, collections and appropriations; requiring any budget reductions be made before end of fiscal year; enlarging matters to be reported in the annual Consolidated Federal Funds report; authorizing funds to be reappropriated from one fiscal year to the next, and providing circumstances under which those funds expire to the general revenue fund instead of being reappropriated; modifying certain terms; and updating references to public officers."

The bill, as amended by the Senate, was then put on passage.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 387), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Bates.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) passed.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 388), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Bates.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) takes effect from its passage.

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

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate announced, reconsideration of the effective date and requested concurrence of the House, in the changed effective date, to take effect from passage, of

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2260, Relating to procurement of child placing services.

Delegate Summers moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 389), and there were—yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Bates.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2260) takes effect from its passage.

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

Delegate Hornbuckle asked and obtained unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of Com. Sub. for H. B. 3074.

Delegate Fluharty asked that the remarks of Delegate Longanacre regarding Com. Sub. for H. B. 3307 be printed in the Appendix to the Journal, which consent was not granted, objection being heard.

Pursuant to House Rule 132, unanimous consent was requested and obtained to print the remarks of the following Members in the Appendix to the Journal:

- Delegates Capito and Boggs regarding Com. Sub. for H. J. R. 3
- Delegate Barnhart regarding the death of Ritchie County Coach Kenny Wright

Delegate Howell noted to the Clerk that he be recorded in the Journal as having voted “Nay” on S. C. R. 20.

At 2:17 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 1, 2021.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
STEPHEN J. HARRISON, Clerk
Building 1, Room M-212
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25305-0470
SPECIAL CALENDAR
Thursday, April 1, 2021
51st Day
11:00 A. M.

THIRD READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 439 - Allowing use or nonuse of safety belt as admissible evidence in civil actions (CAPITO) (REGULAR) [AMENDMENTS PENDING] [RIGHT TO AMEND]

SECOND READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 80 - Allowing for administration of certain small estates by affidavit and without appointment of personal representative (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 81 - Relating generally to WV Uniform Trust Code (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 346 - Authorizing DMV use electronic means when providing notice for licensees and vehicle owners (LINVILLE) (REGULAR)

S. B. 374 - Increasing threshold for bid requirement to $10,000 to be consistent with other state agencies (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 375 - Relating to county boards of education policies for open enrollment (EDUCATION) (REGULAR) [EDUCATION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT PENDING]

Com. Sub. for S. B. 389 - Relating to State Resiliency Office responsibility to plan for emergency and disaster response, recovery, and resiliency (STEELE) (REGULAR)
Com. Sub. for S. B. 421 - Authorizing Workforce West Virginia to hire at-will employees (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 429 - Exempting Division of Emergency Management from Purchasing Division requirements for certain contracts (STEELE) (REGULAR)

S. B. 463 - Consolidating position of Inspector General of former Workers’ Compensation Fraud and Abuse Unit and position of Director of Insurance Fraud Unit (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 472 - Updating criteria for regulating certain occupations and professions (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 587 - Making contract consummation with state more efficient (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2022 - Budget Bill, making appropriations of public money out of the treasury in accordance with section fifty-one, article six of the Constitution (HOUSEHOLDER) (EFFECTIVE FROM PASSAGE)

FIRST READING

S. B. 78 - Relating to rehabilitative spousal support (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

S. B. 359 - Informing landowners when fencing that may contain livestock is damaged due to accident (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 377 - Relating to extension for boil water advisories by water utility or public service district (CAPITO) (REGULAR)
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THIRD READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2224 - Relating to complaints against public agencies to obtain records through the Freedom of Information Act (CAPITO) (REGULAR) [RIGHT TO AMEND]

H. B. 2741 - Relating to expansion of the alcohol test and lock program to offenders with a drug related offense (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

H. B. 3306 - Relating to virtual instruction (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)

SECOND READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2004 - Permit a licensed health care professional from another state to practice in this state through telehealth when registered with the appropriate West Virginia board (J. PACK) (EFFECTIVE FROM PASSAGE)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2015 - Requiring rules of local boards of health to be approved by the county commission except in cases of a public health emergency (J. PACK) (EFFECTIVE FROM PASSAGE)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2177 - Permitting the issuance of a state issued identification card without a photo on the card under certain conditions (STEELE) (REGULAR)

H. B. 2536 - Relating to expressions of legislative intent regarding equivalent instruction time (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2628 - Relating to the removal of the prohibition on having ATMs in the area where racetrack video lottery machines are located (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

H. B. 2721 - Providing electronic notice of school attendance and satisfactory progress to the Division of Motor Vehicles in lieu of requiring each student to provide a paper notice (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2959 - Relating to the financing of environmental pollution control equipment for coal-fired power plants (ANDERSON) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3009 - Relating to the publication of county board financial statements (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)
H. B. 3079 - Relating to exempting recovery residences from certain standards (J. PACK) (REGULAR)

H. B. 3131 - Relating to correcting internal code references and citations (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

H. B. 3305 - Relating to required course of study (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)

H. B. 3309 - Creating and funding a Video Lottery Terminals Modernization Fund (HOUSEHOLDER) (REGULAR)

FIRST READING

H. B. 2582 - Relating to creating a third set of conditions for the professional teaching certificate (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)

H. B. 2590 - Relating to the West Virginia Employment Law Worker Classification Act (CAPITO) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2620 - Relating to a departmental study of the child protective services and foster care workforce (J. PACK) (REGULAR)

H. B. 2719 - Relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles use of electronic means and other alternate means to provide notice (STEELE) (REGULAR)

H. B. 3059 - Making contract consummation with state more efficient (STEELE) (REGULAR)

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3102 - Requiring Director of transportation to have experience in transportation department (ELLINGTON) (REGULAR)
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
8:00 A.M. – HOUSE CHAMBER

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
9:00 A.M. – ROOM 418 M

COMMITTEE ON RULES
10:45 A.M. – ROOM 434 M

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
12:30 P.M. (OR 15 MIN. FOLLOWING FLOOR SESSION) – HOUSE CHAMBER

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
1:00 P.M. – ROOM 434 M

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
3:00 P.M. (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GOV. ORG.) – HOUSE CHAMBER

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MANUFACTURING
4:00 P.M. – HOUSE CHAMBER

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
8:00 A.M. – VIRTUAL
COM. SUB. FOR S. B. 569, RELATING TO DAMAGES FOR MEDICAL MONITORING.