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## WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

### Senate Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining

Thursday, February 28, 2019  
1:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Senator Randy Smith (Chair), Senator Dave Sypolt (Vice Chair), Senator Charles Celments, Senator Sue Cline, Senator Bill Hamilton, Senator Chandler Swope, Senator William Ihlenfeld, Senator Glenn Jeffries, Senator Richard Lindsay, Senator Mike Woefel, Senator Doug Facemire, Senator Donna Boley

**Members Absent:** Senator Kenny Mann

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining met at 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019, in Room 208 of the West Wing.

All members being present, apart from Senator Kenny Mann

Chairman Smith recognized Vice Chairman Sypolt who moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting. The motion was adopted by the committee.

Chairman Smith brought the following bills before the committee

**H. B. 2673** - Creating the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund.

Counsel explained the bill.

The committee proposed an amendment, it passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Vice Chairman, the committee recommended HB2673 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, under the original double Committee reference as amended, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H. B. 2779** - Providing that proceeds from certain oil and gas wells to persons whose name or address are unknown are to be kept in a special fund.

Counsel explained the bill.

On the motion of the Vice Chairman, the committee recommended HB2779 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, under the original double Committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Vice Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.