

West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:00 p.m. in room 451-M on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Senator Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the committee clerk took a silent roll call to establish a quorum.

Members present: Senators Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Mann, Maroney, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt for approval of the minutes from the Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m. meeting. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain SB 147 - Shifting funding from Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities, the proposed committee substitute and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman also recognized Robert Rice, Director of Landfill Administration, West Virginia DEP, Jason Weaver, General Counsel, West Virginia DEP, Clint Hogbin, Board Member, Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority, and Eldon Callen, Board Member, Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Swope for an amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized Vice-Chairman Mann, who moved adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 147, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson to explain SB 29 – Creating five-year tax credits for businesses on post-coal mine sites, the proposed committee substitute and to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 29, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain an Originating Bill – Property tax adjustment resulting from regular levy, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of the Originating Bill with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Alan Nichols, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain SB 333 -Exempting automobiles 25 years or older from person property taxes, and to answer questions of the committee

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of SB 333 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chairman recognized Senator Ihlenfeld for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.