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West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Saturday, March 2, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 10:30 a.m. in room 451-M on Saturday, March 2, 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, Palumbo, Plymale, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt to approve the minutes from the Friday, March 1, 2019, 9:30 a.m. meeting. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair announced that HB 3144 – North Central Appalachian Coal Severance Tax Rebate Act, was removed from the agenda.

The Chairman then recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain HB 2515 – Exempting the sale and installation of mobility enhancing equipment from the sales and use tax, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt, who moved adoption of HB 2515 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 Committee Substitute for HB 2967 – Permitting a county to retain the excise taxes for the privilege of transferring title of real estate, and to answer questions of the committee. Mark Muchow, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2967, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion failed.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who moved to reconsider Committee Substitute for HB 2703 – Relating to refunds of excise taxes collected from dealers of petroleum products. The Chairman put the question on the motion declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman then recognized Counsel Nichols to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2703 – Relating to refunds of excise taxes collected from dealers of petroleum products and to answer questions of the committee. Daniel Hall, Director, Government Affairs, West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association (OMEGA), and Matt Irby, West Virginia State Tax Department, were also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

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

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2703, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

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