

**WEST VIRGINIA SENATE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes for January 24, 2019

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on January 24, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 208-W.

All members being present, with the exception of Senator Mann, the Chairman declared the presence of a quorum (See attached Roll Call and Agenda).

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes from the previous meeting held January 22, 2019, were approved.

Senator Boso introduced representatives associated with Professional Firefighters from the state.

S.B. 270 - Streamlining process for utilities access to DOH rights-of-way

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the Committee, Rita Pauley, Counsel, WV Division of Highways, Department of Transportation, addressed the Committee and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 270 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 4 - Relating generally to Municipal Home Rule Program

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the Committee, Steve Williams, Mayor of Huntington, WV, addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Senator Palumbo moved to amend the bill. The question on the motion was put and a division was demanded. The vote being 4 in favor and 6 opposed, the motion was rejected. The question on agreeing to the language of the committee substitute was put and adopted. Having voted in the affirmative, Senator Lindsay moved to reconsider agreeing to the language of the committee substitute. The motion to reconsider was put and adopted. Senator Lindsay moved to amend the bill. The question on the motion was put and defeated. Senator Jeffries moved to amend the bill. The question on the motion was put and a division was demanded. The vote being 4 in favor and 6 opposed, the motion was rejected. The question on agreeing to the language of the committee substitute was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 4, was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Swope, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory L. Boso, Chair

Isabel Kinnison, Clerk