



**WEST VIRGINIA SENATE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes for February 26, 2019

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 26, 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 February 25, 2019, were approved.

H.B. 2204 – Prohibiting state licensing boards from hiring lobbyists

Seth Gaskins, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2204 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H.B. 2734 - Relating to reduced rates for low-income residential customers of privately owned sewer and combined water and sewer utilities

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the Committee, Christina Chard, Rate Manager, WV American Water; and Dale W. Steager, Tax Commissioner, WV State Tax Department, addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Senator Swope moved to report H.B. 2734 to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Senator Sypolt moved to lay the bill over and then withdrew his motion. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2734 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.B. 2311 – Exempting short-term license holders to submit information to the State Tax Commission once the term of the permit has expired

Seth Gaskins, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and a proposed strike and insert amendment and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2311 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.B. 2510 - Relating to special funds of boards of examination or registration

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2510 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H.B. 3007 - Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to require background checks

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 3007 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. On motion of Senator Swope, the title amendment was adopted.

H.B. 3093 – Relating to standards for factory-built homes

Seth Gaskins, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 3093 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