



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Banking and Insurance

Minutes for JANUARY 27, 2020, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance met on January 27, 2020, 2:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Azinger, Clements, Hamilton, Rucker, Swope, Tarr, Weld, Jeffries, Palumbo, Prezioso, Romano

Members absent: Senators Blair, Facemire

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Clements, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chair Azinger introduced the committee staff for this session. Returning are Committee Counsel, Marey Casey and Committee Clerk Tina Burs. Attorney Chase Neeley will be assisting Marey with this committee and our intern for this session is Allison "Paige" Carpenter, who prefers to be called Paige.

S. B. 508 - Removing mandate Board of Risk and Insurance Management purchase liability insurance for Division of Corrections

Chair Azinger recognized counsel, Marey Casey to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. Vice Chair Clements moved the bill be reported to the full senate, with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

S. B. 545 - Authorizing transfer of moneys from Insurance Commission Fund to Workers' Compensation Old Fund.

Chair Azinger recognized counsel, Marey Casey to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Counsel stated that West Virginia Insurance Commissioner James A. Dodrill was present to speak to the bill. Chair Azinger swore in Mr. Dodrill, who spoke in favor of the legislation and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Mr. Dodrill asked that Melinda Ashworth Kiss, Assistant Commissioner of Finance, be allowed to clarify some of the requested information. Chair Azinger swore in Assistant Commissioner. Kiss and she responded to questions from the committee, at times in tandem with Commissioner Dodrill. Vice Chair Clements moved the bill be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted; the bill will be reported.

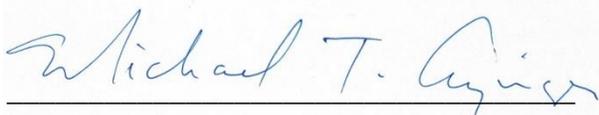
Discussion of S. B. 305 - Exempting certain nonpaid volunteers from workers' comp benefits.

Chair Azinger informed all present that this was an interim bill, which was up for discussion to determine interest in the bill. He recognized counsel Marey Casey to give an overview of the proposed legislation. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee and informed them that there were experts present who may be able to better answer their questions. With leave of the committee, Chair Azinger recognized and swore in Mr. David Benedict with the National Council for Compensation Insurance (NCCI). Mr. Benedict answered questions from the committee. Mr. Benedict offered to do further research into some of the questions asked and to make sure the legislation is consistent with the rules. Senator Romano wanted to offer an amendment if the committee proceeded with this legislation. Counsel Marey Casey stated that she didn't think an amendment was needed and with leave of the committee had Commissioner. Dodrill explain why it was not needed. Mr. Benedict and Commissioner Dodrill answered some questions in tandem. Chair Azinger stated that in the interest of time, this legislation would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, so the last bill on the agenda could be gotten to.

S. B. 279 - Requiring dental insurance plans honor assignment made in writing by person covered.

Chair Azinger recognized counsel Marey Casey to explain the bill. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Azinger recognized and swore in Hallie Mason, Lobbyist (for CAMC, Dental Association) Mason Consulting, to answer questions from the committee. Due to time constraints, Chair Azinger stated that the bill would be laid over until the next meeting.

On Motion of Senator Clements the committee adjourned.



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DAVID E. BENEDICT

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Oath was administered by:

Mike Anderson

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James Dodrill
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