



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for FEBRUARY 18, 2020, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 18, 2020, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Clements, Mann, Maroney, Smith, Sypolt, Tarr, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Woelfel

Members absent: None

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

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

**S.B. 586** – Reorganizing and re-designating Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as Department of Homeland Security

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute 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. 586 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 548** – Relating to occupational licensing or government certification

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. Senator Woelfel moved to lay the bill on the table. The question to lay the bill on the table, was put and adopted. Senator Woelfel, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider the motion to lay the bill on the table. The question to reconsider the prior motion was put, and with the Chair being in doubt, division was demanded, and the demand was sustained. The vote being 6 in favor and 8 opposed, the motion was rejected. S.B. 548 was laid on the table.

**S.B. 491** – Relating to Seed Certification Program

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Jennifer Greenlief, Assistant Commissioner, General Counsel, WV Department of Agriculture, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 491 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Without objection, the Committee recessed until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Committee meetings on The Judiciary and Finance.

Upon expiration of the recess, the Committee reconvened on February 18, 2020, at 5:55 p.m.

Chairman Maynard announced that S.B. 646 would be removed from the agenda to be taken up at a later date.

**S.C.R. 27 – Requesting study on ways to make State Capitol building more handicap accessible**

Abbagail Badley, Herndon Intern, explained the purpose of the resolution and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, S.C.R. 27 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be adopted. It was put and adopted.

**S.B. 739 – Authorizing PSC protect consumers of distressed and failing water and wastewater utilities**

Douglas Crouse, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Charlotte Lane, Chairman, WV Public Service Commission, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) With leave of the committee, Ruth Prezioso, Director, WV Water Development Authority, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 739 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass

**S.B. 649 – Permitting county emergency phone system directors negotiate contracts for mobile phones**

Douglas Crouse, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute 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. 649 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 728 – Exempting all property used for agricultural purposes from county property maintenance codes or ordinances**

Douglas Crouse, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute 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. 728 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 789 – Repealing obsolete sections of WV Code relating to Legislature**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 789 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

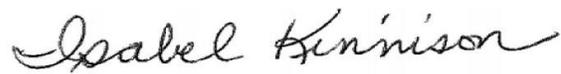
**S.B. 751 – Removing certain requirements of municipality annexing property within urban growth boundary**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute 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. 751 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.



Mark R. Maynard, Chair



Isabel Kinnison, Clerk

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Testimony taken this 18 day of February, 2020, in  
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
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God."

Jennifer S Greulief

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

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