



West Virginia Senate

Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for JANUARY 23, 2020, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on January 23, 2020, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Clements, Cline, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Baldwin, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Hardesty

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

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

S. B. 136 - Prohibiting certain misleading lawsuit advertising practices.

Chris Alder, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Elie Gharib, MD, President, American College of Cardiology West Virginia Chapter, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Senator Weld raised point of order, that the debate was not in order.

The Chairman ruled that the point was well taken.

Senator Romano moved to refer the bill to a subcommittee.

Chairman Trump referred **S. B. 136** to a subcommittee consisting of Senators Takubo, Romano, and Azinger.

S. B. 261 - Creating criminal penalties for introducing ransomware into computer with intent to extort.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Weld the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump IV
Chair



Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 23rd day of January, 2020, in
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Eric Gharrh

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Charles S. Trump

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name