



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Economic Development

Minutes for January 17, 2024, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Economic Development met on January 17, 2024, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Jeffries, Martin, Chapman, Hamilton, Hunt, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Tarr

Members absent: None

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

Senator Jeffries opened the meeting by welcoming back the members of the committee and welcoming Senator Phillips, as a new addition to the committee. He then introduced the staff for this session.

S. B. 354 - Relating to the WV Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority.

Senator Jeffries recognized counsel, Jay Lazelle to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Senator Plymale spoke to the bill and yielded to questions from committee members. With leave of the committee, Chair Jeffries recognized Mr. Jim Spencer, Executive Director of the City of Bluefield Economic Development Authority. Mr. Spencer spoke to the bill and answered questions from the committee. After much discussion, Senator Plymale offered an amendment. Senator Tarr spoke in favor of the amendment. Upon voice vote the amendment was adopted. Senator Martin moved the committee substitute, as amended be reported to the full senate, with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted, the amended committee substitute will be reported.

S. B. 400 - Creating limited waiver from certificate of public convenience and necessity requirement for certain water or sewer services projects.

Senator Jeffries recognized counsel, Jay Lazelle to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute. Counsel explained. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute. Senator Martin moved the bill be reported to the full senate, with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The committee substitute will be reported.

On Motion of Senator Martin the committee adjourned.



Glenn D. Jeffries

Chair



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Clerk