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The Senate met at 11:03 a.m.

(Senator Blair, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

Prayer was offered by Jay Eckhart, Senate Fiscal Officer, Hurricane, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Rollan A. Roberts, a senator from the ninth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 23, 2021,

At the request of Senator Plymale, unanimous consent being granted, the Journal was approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

Senator Blair (Mr. President) announced that, under the provisions of Senate Resolution 6 (*Adopting special rule of order relating to proxy voting due to COVID-19 pandemic*) adopted February 22, 2021, Senators Martin and Sybolt had been approved to vote by proxy and that Senator Takubo had been designated to vote on their behalf.

The Senate proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 9, Continuing Licensed Racetrack Modernization Fund.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section ten, line nineteen, following the words "up to", by striking out the words "\$10 million" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "\$9 million";

And,

On page nine, section ten, following line two hundred eighteen, by inserting a new subsection (j) to read as follows:

“(j) If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the provisions of this section as amended and reenacted in 2021 and the provisions of §29-22A-10d of this code conflict and cannot be harmonized, the provisions of §29-22A-10d shall control.”

Senator Takubo moved that the Senate concur in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of the aforesaid motion, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 9, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Beach, Caputo, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Romano, Rucker, Stollings, Swope, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—21.

The nays were: Azinger, Baldwin, Boley, Clements, Grady, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Roberts, Smith, Stover, Sypolt (by proxy), and Takubo—13.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 9) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

Eng. Senate Bill 10, Modifying racetrack licensing due date.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

Eng. Senate Bill 305, Providing exemption from consumers sales and service tax for certain aircraft maintenance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2195—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-4-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to motor vehicle crash reports; requiring the investigating law-enforcement officer, within 48 hours of a motor vehicle crash, to share the

owner/operator and insurance information for all the involved parties with all the other involved parties and/or their insurance agents.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2368—A Bill to repeal §16-39-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §16-39-1 of the code; and to amend said code by adding thereto new sections, designated §61-39-2 and §61-39-8, generally relating to visitation of a patient in a healthcare facility during a declared public health state of emergency for contagious disease, to be known as “Mylissa Smith’s Law”; establishing a short title; providing definitions; establishing that visitation of a patient is allowed at any time if the patient’s death is imminent; further providing that if death is not imminent visitation shall be allowed at any time and frequency; requiring a visitor to comply with applicable facility procedures; and, establishing that the health care entity is not liable for civil damages due to disease exposure to visitors or other patients or residents during visitation unless the facility failed to substantially comply with applicable procedures established by the health care entity.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2630—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-1-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the payment of fines assessed by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection against a political subdivision of the state; and authorizing certain forgiveness of a fine under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2760—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13Q-9, §11-13Q-10, §11-13Q-10a and §11-13Q-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to economic development incentive tax credits; specifying economic opportunity tax credit new jobs percentage of 10 percent corresponding to the creation of 10 new jobs; terminating §11-13Q-10 to prevent conflict with the 10 new jobs language added to the economic opportunity tax credit; specifying changes to §11-13Q-22, to resolve technical conflict with other sections; eliminating superannuated reference to business franchise tax; eliminating superannuated reporting requirement; specifying manufacturing activities that qualify for high technology manufacturing tax credit; providing definitions; proscribing multiple tax credits for the same qualified investment; making stylistic changes pursuant to current drafting conventions; specifying effective dates.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2785—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-8-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requirements for compulsory school attendance; providing that parent and guardian make determination to remove child from kindergarten program; updating references and removing outdated language; prohibiting further placement testing for first grade placement in certain instances; requiring enrollment in same grade level as state or program from which student transferred; and requiring certain transcripts or credentials to be accepted as record of students previous performance for placement and credit assignment.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. House Bill 3010—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6L-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the valuation of new cell towers at salvage value for ad valorem property tax purposes, providing that cell towers not subject to valuation by the Board of Public Works will be valued and assessed according to procedures set forth in §11-3-1 *et seq.* of the West Virginia Code.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Executive Communications

The Clerk then presented the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, regarding bills approved by him:



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

March 24, 2021

The Honorable Stephen J. Harrison, Clerk
West Virginia House of Delegates
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for filing in your office, pursuant to the provisions of law, is the following bill:

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. Two Thousand Eleven (2011), which was presented to me on March 18, 2021.

You will note that I have approved this bill on March 24, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice
Governor

JJ/mh

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 24th day of March, 2021, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 469), Permitting and establishing requirements for appearance by video for purpose of notarial acts.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2009), Relating to limitations on the use of wages and agency shop fees by employers and labor organizations for political activities.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2372), Allow pre-candidacy papers to be filed the day after the general election.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2616), Amend the reporting to the Governor and the Legislature to have information continuously available on the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification's website.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2682), Relating to the issuance of license suspensions to insurance producers and insurance adjusters who have failed to meet continuing education requirements.

(H. B. 2709), Providing that the aggregate liability of a surety on a consumer protection bond under the West Virginia Fintech Regulatory Sandbox Program does not exceed the principal sum of the bond.

And,

(H. B. 2764), Allow the Division of Financial Institutions to enter into reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions that operate similar programs to the West Virginia Fintech Sandbox Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Dean Jeffries,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Bill 419, Redefining "firearm" to match federal code.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 419 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to definitions of dangerous weapons; defining “antique firearm”; and redefining “firearm” so as not to be more restrictive than the federal definition.

And,

Senate Bill 458, Relating to possession of firearms by individuals during state of emergency.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 458 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-5-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying and limiting the power of government entities regarding the possession of firearms and related products by individuals during a declared state of emergency, and allowing prevailing plaintiff to recover actual damages, court costs and fees, and attorney’s fees.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 470, Limiting release of certain personal information maintained by state agencies.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 470 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-8-21 and §5A-8-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-8-24, all relating to clarifying that disclosure of certain information such as home addresses are exempt and disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy; relating to the prohibition of disclosure of home address or unpublished telephone number of certain public officials within the justice system; relating to the creation of a cause of action for intentional or reckless disregard for disclosure of protected information of certain public officials within the justice system; providing a procedure for removal request of certain information for certain public officials within the justice system; and providing a cause of action for failure to comply with a removal request of certain information for certain public officials within the justice system.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but with the further recommendation that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Maynard, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 470) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Government Organization was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Clements, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

Senate Bill 474, Exempting DOH from Purchasing Division procedures.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 474 (originating in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the authority of the Division of Highways to utilize its own purchasing and contracting system and expanding the exemption from requirements of the Purchasing Division within the Department of Administration.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Clements,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 474) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 488, Relating to distributing hotel occupancy tax to convention and visitor's bureaus.

And,

Senate Bill 521, Extending licensure renewal term of certain private investigators, security guards, and associated firms.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

Senator Tarr, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Senate Bill 534, Permitting Economic Development Authority to make working capital loans from revolving loan fund capitalized with federal grant funds.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 534 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §12-6C-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §31-15-6 and §31-15-20 of said code, all relating generally to economic development loans and loan insurance issued by the state; clarifying provision stating that the Board of Treasury Investments has no fiduciary duty with regard to economic development loans administered by the Economic Development Authority; providing that the Board of Treasury Investments may inspect and copy, upon written notice, all records related to loans made available by the board to the Economic Development Authority; increasing the revolving loan capacity from the Board of Treasury Investments to the Economic Development Authority to an amount not to exceed \$250 million; authorizing the Economic Development Authority to make working capital loans from a revolving loan fund capitalized with federal grant funds including those federal grant funds received from the United States Economic Development Administration; and clarifying that the authority is not authorized to enter into contracts or agreements with financial institutions for banking goods or services without the approval of the State Treasurer.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 550, Providing counties with authority to impose county sales and use tax of up to one percent under certain circumstances.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 550 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §7-28-1 and §7-28-2; and to amend and reenact §11-10-11c of said code, all relating generally to the authorization and administration of county sales and use taxes; setting forth legislative intent; providing counties with authority to impose a county sales and use tax of one

percent under certain circumstances; clarifying that a county sales and use tax does not apply to incorporated areas of the county; requiring counties imposing a county sales tax to use the services of the Tax Commissioner to administer the tax; and setting forth administrative procedures for the collection and administration of such taxes.

And,

Senate Bill 613, Adding classification and base salaries of certain civilian employees of State Police Forensic Laboratory.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 613 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2-5 and §15-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to adding the classification and base salaries of certain civilian employees of the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory as Evidence Custodians I-IV, Forensic Technicians I-III, Forensic Scientists I-VI, and Forensic Scientist Supervisors I-IV; and authorizing the inclusion of certain exempt civilian employees in supplemental pay option.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass; but under the original double committee references first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

The bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 550 and 613), under the original double committee references, were then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 585, Requiring BOE create and provide course in family and consumer sciences in secondary schools.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 585 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-7g, allowing the State Board of Education to develop a program of instruction in family and consumer sciences, or specific subjects within family and consumer sciences, that may be integrated into the curriculum for students in secondary schools.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 588, Requiring county boards of education and county superintendents to comply with instructions of State Board of Education.

And,

Senate Bill 680, Allowing State Superintendent of Schools define classroom teachers certified in special education.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 604, Requiring WV State Police follow towing service policies of county.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 604 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—
A Bill to amend and reenact §24-6-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend and reenact §24A-2-2b of said code, all relating to emergency towing services; requiring county commissions to create districts whereby towing services within a district may be dispatched or implement a policy whereby all available towing services within an area currently served by an organization are dispatched on a rotating basis; defining a term; and amending the sunset and legislative review provisions.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

Senator Maroney, from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration

Senate Bill 640, Creating Tobacco Cessation Initiative Program Special Revenue Account within State Treasury.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 640 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-9G-3, relating to the Tobacco Cessation Initiative Program; creating the Tobacco Cessation Initiative Program Special Revenue Account within the State Treasury to be administered by the Director of the Bureau for Public Health; and requiring reporting.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Maroney,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 640), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Smith, from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining has had under consideration

Senate Bill 677, Relating generally to miners' safety, health, and training standards.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy E. Smith,
Chair.

The bill, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 710 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-13a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring an impact statement in certain instances of a school closing or consolidation; requiring State Board of Education rule detailing information that a county board is required to include as part of its impact statement; and setting forth minimum requirements for the rule.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 711 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-9A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the school aid formula and changing the minimum enrollment to 1,200 students in each county.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass; but with the further recommendation that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Rucker, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 711) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Education was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Joint Resolution 1, Protection of the Right to Bear Arms Amendment.

And reports back a committee substitute for same as follows:

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 1 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section 22, article III thereof, relating to the right to keep and bear arms; prohibiting county or municipal governments from enacting ordinances, acts, resolutions, or rules, that are contrary to or more restrictive than state law governing the sale, transfer, possession, use, storage, taxation, registration, licensing, or carrying of firearms, ammunition, or firearm accessories; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute be adopted; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

The resolution (Com. Sub. for S. J. R. 1), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tarr, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 11, Constitutional Officer Term Limit Amendment.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Concurrent Resolution 14, Creating WV Women's Suffrage Memorial.

And reports back a committee substitute for same as follows:

Com. Sub. for Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—Requesting that the Joint Committee on Government and Finance recognize the historical legacy of West Virginia suffragists through the creation of the West Virginia Women's Suffrage Memorial, to be located on the Capitol grounds as a permanent reminder of the impact of the suffragists on West Virginia's past, present, and future.

Whereas, The definition of a suffragist is a person advocating to extend the right to vote to more people and especially women; and

Whereas, West Virginia suffragists worked for decades from the advent of statehood to 1920 to win the vote for women in West Virginia and expand the democratic participation in society of women; and

Whereas, The accomplishments and contributions of women have not been fully recognized in West Virginia; and

Whereas, Their sacrifices for a long, persistent, and heroic struggle are not well-known; and

Whereas, The beautiful grounds of our State Capitol would be a proper place to honor women's struggle for their rights including the right to vote; and

Whereas, It is fitting that a permanent memorial be established to honor the lives and work of West Virginia suffragists; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance recognize the historical legacy of West Virginia suffragists through the creation of the West Virginia Women's Suffrage Memorial, to be located on the Capitol grounds as a permanent reminder of the impact of the suffragists on West Virginia's past, present, and future; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the West Virginia Governor shall establish a nine-member commission called the Suffragist Memorial Committee. The committee shall be composed of: One member of the Senate; one member of the House of Delegates; one representative of the Governor's office; one representative from the Office of the Secretary of State; one representative of the League of Women Voters; one representative of the Kanawha Valley National Organization for Women; one member of the WVU Women's Studies Program; one member of the Marshall University Women's Studies Program; and one representative of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the work of the committee will be staffed by the West Virginia Women's Commission to provide administrative support to organize meetings and record minutes of all meetings; and, be it

Further Resolved, That meetings will begin in July of 2021 and meet monthly until December 31, 2021. During this time, the committee will consult with the public about the project, research the suffragists active in getting the vote ratified in West Virginia, and choose one prominent suffragist to be honored; and, be it

Further Resolved, That beginning in January 2022, the committee shall consult on the cost of the project, begin to solicit funds, and ultimately solicit proposals for creation of a memorial on the Capitol grounds upon approval of the Capitol Grounds Building Authority; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of the resolution to the West Virginia Women's Commission.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair.

Senator Clements, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

Senate Concurrent Resolution 23, USMC CPL Guy Maywood Edwards Memorial Bridge.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Clements,
Chair.

Senator Maroney, from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2260, Relating to procurement of child placing services.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Maroney,
Chair.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

Senators Blair (Mr. President) and Baldwin (By Request of the Executive) offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 52—Providing for the issuance of, not to exceed \$22 million, refunding bonds pursuant to the Safe Roads Amendment of 1996, §13-2G-1 *et seq.*, and §17-26-1 *et seq.* of the Code of West Virginia.

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That safe road refunding bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$22 million are authorized to be issued by the State of West Virginia and sold by the Governor during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 or the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The bonds shall be issued in registered form and may be issued by the Governor in such amounts and in one or more series, in such denominations, at such times during that fiscal year and bearing the date or dates as the Governor may determine; and, be it

Further Resolved, That all bonds shall be payable at the Office of the Treasurer of the State of West Virginia or at a paying agent designated by the Governor. The bonds shall be dated and mature on dates and at times as the Governor shall determine. The bonds shall bear interest at rates not exceeding five percent per annum, payable semiannually or annually. The Treasurer of the State of West Virginia shall issue his or her check for the interest and principal then due on the same dates each year and mail it to the registered owner at the addresses shown by the record of registration or shall provide the requisite funds by electronic means acceptable to the public municipal finance industry. The bonds may be redeemable on a date or dates prior to maturity as determined by the Governor; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the bonds shall be signed on behalf of the State of West Virginia as provided under §17-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Governor shall sell the bonds herein mentioned at a time or times during the fiscal year as he may determine necessary to provide funds for the purposes provided below; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the net proceeds of all sales of bonds herein authorized shall be paid into a special and irrevocable trust fund, separate and apart from other funds of the State of West Virginia, to be held in the custody of an escrow trustee to be designated by the Governor; and, be it

Further Resolved, That an irrevocable deposit of said moneys in trust for, and such moneys and the investments thereof, together with any income or interest earned thereon, shall be applied to the payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on certain issued and

outstanding state road bonds, to be selected by the Governor, as the same become due and payable.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 28—Recognizing the importance of coal-fired power plants and coal resources to West Virginia’s future.

Whereas, West Virginia has a rich history cultivating domestic energy and the continued recovery and utilization of coal resources are important to the state’s economy; and

Whereas, The diversity of fuel used to generate electricity is significant to providing reliable and economical energy to the citizens of West Virginia, and the state can continue to take advantage of opportunities in clean energy while supporting our remaining coal-fired power plants and those who rely on their operation; and

Whereas, West Virginia must continue to fight against unreasonable federal regulations intended to crush coal-fired power plants and coal production even while it accepts the importance of diversifying our energy resources; and

Whereas, Coal is an important fuel source for keeping household energy costs low in the state of West Virginia; and

Whereas, Over 600 coal-fired power plants nationally have been forced to close under unobtainable and unreasonable federal regulations, and 18 coal-fired electrical units within West Virginia’s borders have been forced to close; and

Whereas, West Virginia should take steps to maintain its coal-fired power plants including, but not limited to, requiring that any financial subsidies received by manufacturers of renewable sources of energy, such as wind, solar, and hydro power, be paid to or used for the benefit of the coal-fired power plants still operating in West Virginia; and

Whereas, Coal resources are necessary to maintain a baseload of predictable and sustainable sources of power to avoid disasters like that recently experienced in Texas following a February 2021 ice storm, which caused extended blackouts, a critical fuel supply failure, and compromised homeland security and defense measures; and

Whereas, When emergency weather situations arise, such as ice storms, snow storms, flooding, etc., clean burning West Virginia coal is the only source of reliable power, and other forms of energy production, such as wind, solar, or hydro power, are simply not adequate to meet the needs of West Virginians; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the importance of its coal-fired power plants and coal resources to West Virginia’s future; and, be it

Further Resolved, That coal-fired power plants and coal resources are necessary to sustain and protect the baseload of power generation for West Virginians and to reinforce homeland security and defense measures; and, be it

Further Resolved, That investing in the protection and sustainability of West Virginia's coal-fired power plants and coal resources can help build a stronger economy in the Mountain State.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Takubo offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 29—Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the West Virginia Rural Health Infrastructure Loan Fund.

Whereas, The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc.'s mission is to strengthen West Virginia's health care infrastructure and improve the health of all West Virginians; and

Whereas, Access to an appropriate level of health care is an important factor in maintaining a high quality of life and positively impacting business location decisions; and

Whereas, The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc. (center) created the West Virginia Rural Health Infrastructure Loan Fund (loan fund) in 2001 to strengthen West Virginia's rural health infrastructure by meeting the capital financing needs of West Virginia's health care providers; and

Whereas, The center's loan fund has partnered with 20 West Virginia banks to make capital financing available to health care provider organizations throughout the state; and

Whereas The West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to fund the center's loan fund over several years; and

Whereas, The center's loan fund has made over 145 loans in 39 counties, which has leveraged over \$59 million in capital improvement financing in West Virginia; and

Whereas, Since 2001 the center's loan fund has experienced no losses to date; and

Whereas, The center's loan fund makes loans available to community health centers, hospitals, physician practices, dental practices, independent pharmacies, and other licensed health care provider organizations; and

Whereas, The center's loan fund has helped to ensure the opportunity for health care providers to remain in or open new practices in rural communities throughout our state, subsequently increasing rural West Virginians' access to health care; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the 20th anniversary of the West Virginia Rural Health Infrastructure Loan Fund; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate commends the Center for Rural Health Development, Inc., and the positive impact it has in improving the quality of life for West Virginians through strengthening West Virginia's health care infrastructure; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Sharon L. Lansdale, President and CEO of the Center for Rural Health Development, Inc., and the appropriate representatives of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the West Virginia Health Care Authority.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the Senate returned to the fourth order of business.

Senator Maroney, from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration

Senate Concurrent Resolution 53 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—Encouraging certain facilities to improve or offer access to palliative care programs.

Whereas, Palliative care access remains a challenge across the state of West Virginia and increasing awareness of the availability of this service will align with many of the state's goals to improve a patient's health care experience and quality; and

Whereas, Palliative care empowers people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious, though not necessarily terminal, illness; and

Whereas, Palliative care brings patients and family caregivers the highest quality of care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, advanced practice registered nurses or registered nurses, social workers, counselors, spiritual providers, and consulting pharmacists who make the wishes of each patient and family member a priority; and

Whereas, The interdisciplinary team-based model of care process is designed to relieve suffering and improve quality every day living for patients and families through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support; and

Whereas, This care should be available at any stage of illness from birth to advanced age and offered simultaneously with disease modifying interventions, including attempts for cure and remission; and

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Legislature hereby encourages certain facilities to improve or offer access to palliative care programs; and, be it

Further Resolved, That every long-term care facility or hospital of 50 beds or more offering skilled nursing care should be encouraged to offer a palliative care program to their patients; and, be it

Further Resolved, That every home health and hospice provider should be encouraged to offer palliative care to their patients to complete the continuum of care provided to these patients.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Maroney,
Chair.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Concurrent Resolution 54 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—Urging Congress and the President of the United States to protect the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Whereas, The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, provides that, “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed”; and

Whereas, The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right which is embodied in the constitutions of 44 states, and represents the belief of James Madison that the federal government does not have the authority to disarm citizens; and

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S 570 (2008), ruled that the undue restriction of handguns, which are commonly used for traditionally lawful purposes like self-protection within the home, is a violation of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and declared that the Second Amendment shall be read to, “guarantee the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation”; and

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S 742 (2010), ruled that the “right to keep and bear arms” as protected by the Second Amendment, is incorporated within the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States in *McDonald v. Chicago*, held that the Fourteenth Amendment makes the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense applicable to the states; and

Whereas, Justice Samuel A. Alito gave the opinion of the court in *McDonald v. Chicago* stating that rights that are “fundamental to our scheme of ordered liberty” and are “deeply rooted in the country’s history and tradition” are applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment; and

Whereas, On November 4th, 1986, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Amendment to the West Virginia Constitution was approved by the voters of West Virginia, stating that, “A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home, and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use”; and

Whereas, The Right to Keep and Bear Arms Amendment to the West Virginia Constitution was overwhelmingly approved by voters of this great state, which reflects the importance of not unduly restricting this unalienable right; and

Whereas, The citizenry of West Virginia urges the acknowledgment and protection of the right to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, The natural rights enshrined within the founding of our nation should be protected to the greatest degree possible; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the West Virginia Legislature to respectfully urge Congress and the President of the United States to not unreasonably restrict citizens' right to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, Any efforts made to restrict these rights unreasonably will, within the limits of state and federal law, be met with strong opposition and the utilization of all lawful means in order to protect the citizens of West Virginia; and

Whereas, The West Virginia Legislature honors the U.S Supreme Court precedent affirming the right to keep and bear arms and supports both the United States Constitution and the West Virginia Constitutional provisions which protect this cherished right; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Legislature hereby urges Congress and the President of the United States to protect the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Legislature expresses its unwavering support of the unalienable right to keep and bear arms; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Legislature opposes any executive action by the President of the United States or any act of Congress that unreasonably restricts an individual's right to keep and bear arms, firearm accessories, or ammunition; and, further

Further Resolved, That the Legislature beseeches Congress to forego and refrain from the enactment of any law or laws that would infringe upon the constitutional right to keep and bear arms; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of West Virginia, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, the Honorable Joe Manchin, the Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, the Honorable David McKinley, the Honorable Alex Mooney, and the Honorable Carol Miller.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, Urging Congress call Article V convention to impose fiscal restraints on federal government.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 436, Relating generally to solid waste facilities.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 436) passed.

On motion of Senator Maynard, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 436—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-15-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §22-15A-19 of said code; to amend and reenact §22-16-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §22C-4-30 of said code; and to amend and reenact §24-2-1m of said code, all relating to solid waste facilities; specifying that a mixed waste resource recovery facility is not a solid waste facility; setting processing requirements; providing for exemption of solid mixed waste resource recovery facilities from certain fees; and clarifying that mixed waste resource recovery facilities are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Senate Bill 486, Relating to powers and duties of Chief Technology Officer.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 509, Removing requirement that determination of medical stability be found prior to admission to mental health facility.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with Senator Plymale's amendment to the bill pending, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Plymale, and by unanimous consent, Senator Plymale's amendment to the bill (*shown in the Senate Journal of yesterday, Tuesday, March 23, 2021, page 30*), was withdrawn.

At the request of Senator Plymale, unanimous consent was granted to offer amendments to the bill on third reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Plymale, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page four, section three-a, after line five, by adding a new section, designated section ten, to read as follows:

§27-5-10. Transportation for the mentally ill or persons with substance use disorder.

(a) Whenever transportation of an individual is required under the provisions of §27-4-1 *et seq.* and §27-5-1 *et seq.* of this code, the sheriff, arresting officer, or certified municipal law-enforcement officer shall provide immediate transportation to or from the appropriate mental health facility or state hospital: *Provided*, That, where hospitalization occurs pursuant to §27-4-1 *et seq.* of this code, the sheriff may permit, upon the written request of a person having proper interest in the individual's hospitalization, for the interested person to arrange for the individual's transportation to the mental health facility or state hospital if the sheriff determines that those means are suitable given the individual's condition.

(b) Upon written agreement between the county commission on behalf of the sheriff and the directors of the local community mental health center and emergency medical services, an alternative transportation program may be arranged. The agreement shall clearly define the responsibilities of each of the parties, the requirements for program participation, and the persons bearing ultimate responsibility for the individual's safety and well-being.

(c) *Use of certified municipal law-enforcement officers.* — Sheriffs and municipal governments may enter into written agreements by which certified municipal law-enforcement officers may perform the duties of the sheriff as described in this article. The agreement shall determine jurisdiction, responsibility of costs, and all other necessary requirements, including training related to the performance of these duties, and shall be approved by the county commission and circuit court of the county in which the agreement is made. For purposes of this subsection, "certified municipal law-enforcement officer" means any duly authorized member of a municipal law-enforcement agency who is empowered to maintain public peace and order, make arrests, and enforce the laws of this state or any political subdivision thereof, other than parking ordinances, and who is currently certified as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to §30-29-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(d) In the event an individual requires transportation to a state hospital as defined by §27-1-6 of this code, the sheriff or certified municipal law-enforcement officer shall contact the state hospital in advance of the transportation to determine if the state hospital has suitable bed capacity to place the individual.

(e) Nothing in this section is intended to alter security responsibilities for the patient by the sheriff unless mutually agreed upon as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Plymale's amendment to the bill, the same was put and did not prevail.

On motion of Senator Plymale, the following amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 509) was next reported by the Clerk:

On page four, section three-a, after line five, by adding a new section, designated section ten, to read as follows:

§27-5-10. Transportation for the mentally ill or persons with substance use disorder.

(a) Whenever transportation of an individual is required under the provisions of §27-4-1 *et seq.* and §27-5-1 *et seq.* of this code, the sheriff shall provide immediate transportation to or from the appropriate mental health facility or state hospital: *Provided*, That, where hospitalization occurs pursuant to §27-4-1 *et seq.* of this code, the sheriff may permit, upon the written request of a person having proper interest in the individual's hospitalization, for the interested person to arrange for the individual's transportation to the mental health facility or state hospital if the sheriff determines that those means are suitable given the individual's condition.

(b) Upon written agreement between the county commission on behalf of the sheriff and the directors of the local community mental health center and emergency medical services, an alternative transportation program may be arranged. The agreement shall clearly define the responsibilities of each of the parties, the requirements for program participation, and the persons bearing ultimate responsibility for the individual's safety and well-being.

(c) *Use of certified municipal law-enforcement officers.* — Sheriffs and municipal governments may enter into written agreements by which certified municipal law-enforcement officers may perform the duties of the sheriff as described in this article. The agreement shall determine jurisdiction, responsibility of costs, and all other necessary requirements, including training related to the performance of these duties, and shall be approved by the county commission and circuit court of the county in which the agreement is made. For purposes of this subsection, "certified municipal law-enforcement officer" means any duly authorized member of a municipal law-enforcement agency who is empowered to maintain public peace and order, make arrests, and enforce the laws of this state or any political subdivision thereof, other than parking ordinances, and who is currently certified as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to §30-29-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(d) In the event an individual requires transportation to a state hospital as defined by §27-1-6 of this code, the sheriff or certified municipal law-enforcement officer shall contact the state hospital in advance of the transportation to determine if the state hospital has suitable bed capacity to place the individual. In the event the sheriff, arresting officer, or certified municipal law-enforcement officer is informed by the state hospital that the state hospital lacks suitable bed capacity to place such individual, the sheriff, arresting officer, or certified municipal law-enforcement officer shall transport such individual to a diversion facility in the state as designated by the chief medical officer of the state hospital.

(e) Nothing in this section is intended to alter security responsibilities for the patient by the sheriff unless mutually agreed upon as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Plymale's amendment to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 509) was next reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page two, section three, line fifteen, after the word "court." by striking out the remainder of the subdivision.

The bill, as just amended, was again ordered to engrossment.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 509 was then read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 509 pass?"

At the request of Senator Ihlenfeld, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar, with the right to amend on third reading remaining in effect.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 551, Revising forms of living will, medical power of attorney, and combined medical power of attorney and living will.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 551 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 551) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 565, Relating generally to elections.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Boley, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale,

Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—29.

The nays were: Baldwin, Beach, Caputo, Lindsay, and Romano—5.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 565) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Senate Bill 577, Exempting certain fire departments from licensure requirements for providing rapid response services.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being “Shall Engrossed Senate Bill 577 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 577) passed with its title

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 577) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 590, Removing restriction preventing medical marijuana from being in edible form.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending extended discussion,

The question being “Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 590 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Baldwin, Beach, Caputo, Clements, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maroney, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—26.

The nays were: Azinger, Boley, Grady, Karnes, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Roberts, and Tarr—8.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 590) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2621, Mandating certification for certain members of fire departments, require certain types of training, allow specialized personnel who are not firefighters to be members of a department, and require the postings of fire department evaluations.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2621) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2797, Declaring certain claims to be moral obligations of the State.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard,

Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2797) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2797) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. House Bill 2854, Relating to the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2854) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2855, Relating to the Natural Resources Police Officers Retirement System.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Caputo, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Karnes, Lindsay, Maroney, Martin (by proxy), Maynard, Nelson, Phillips, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Stover, Swope, Sypolt (by proxy), Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2855) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 361, Extending supervision for conviction of soliciting minor and using obscene matter with intent to seduce minor.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 483, Allowing oaths be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 487, Updating Division of Purchasing procurement and spending thresholds.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 610, Providing tuition and fee waivers at state higher education institutions for volunteers who have completed service in AmeriCorps programs in WV.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Senate Bill 644, Exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Senate Bill 651, Allowing county boards of education to publish financial statements on website.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

On motion of Senator Trump, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 9. SCHOOL FINANCES.

§18-9-3a. Preparation, publication, and disposition of financial statements by county boards of education.

(a) The county board of every county, within 90 days after the beginning of each fiscal year, shall prepare on a form to be prescribed by the State Tax Commissioner and the state superintendent of free schools, and cause to be published, a statement ~~revealing~~ providing the following information:

~~(a) (1)~~ (1) The receipts and expenditures of the board during the previous fiscal year arranged under descriptive headings;

~~(b) the (2)~~ (2) The name of each firm, corporation, and person who received more than \$250 in the aggregate from all funds during the previous fiscal year, together with the aggregate amount received from all funds and the purpose for which paid: ~~Provided, That such statement shall not include the name of any person who has entered into a contract with this board pursuant to the provisions of sections two, three, four and five, article two, chapter eighteen-a of this code; and~~

~~(c) all (3)~~ (3) All debts of the board, the purpose for which each debt was contracted, its due date, and to what date the interest thereon has been paid.

Such ~~(b)~~ The financial statement shall be published as ~~a~~ either:

~~(1) As a~~ (1) As a Class I-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the county. The county board shall pay the cost of publishing such statement from the maintenance fund of the board.; or

~~(2) On the county board's website: Provided, That the county board shall, prior to publishing a financial statement on the county board's website for the first time after the effective date of the changes made by the amendments to this section enacted during the 2021 regular session of the Legislature, hold a public hearing at which interested persons may express their views on whether the county board should publish the statement as a Class I-0 legal advertisement or on the county board's website: Provided, however, That upon publishing a financial statement on the county board's website for the first time after the effective date of the changes made by the amendments to this section enacted during the 2021 regular session of the Legislature, public notice of the availability of such website posting shall be published once a week in a qualified newspaper of general circulation for two successive weeks.~~

~~(c) The financial statement, if published as a Class I-0 legal advertisement, shall not include the name of any person who has entered into a contract with the county board pursuant to the provisions of §18A-2-2, §18A-2-3, §18A-2-4, and §18A-2-5 of this code.~~

~~(d) The financial statement, if published on the county board's website, shall remain posted on the county board's website at least until publication of the next annual statement, and shall include:~~

(1) The name of every person who has entered into a contract with the county board pursuant to the provisions of §18A-2-2, §18A-2-3, §18A-2-4, and §18A-2-5 of this code, and amounts paid to each;

(2) Budget estimates; and

(3) A list of the names of each firm, corporation, and person who received less than \$250 from any fund during such fiscal year showing the amount paid to each and the purpose for which paid.

(e) The county board shall pay the cost of publishing the financial statement, if published as a Class I-0 legal advertisement, from the maintenance fund of the board.

(f) As soon as is practicable following the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the published statement herein required shall be filed by the county board with the State Tax Commissioner and with the state superintendent of free schools.

(g) The county board shall transmit to any resident of the county requesting the same a copy of the published statement for the fiscal year designated, supplemented by a list of the names of all school personnel employed by the board during such fiscal year showing the amount paid to each, and a list of the names of each firm, corporation, and person who received less than \$500 \$250 from any fund during such fiscal year showing the amount paid to each and the purpose for which paid.

(h) The changes made by the amendments to this section enacted during the 2021 regular session of the Legislature shall be effective for financial statements for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2023.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Trump's amendment to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

The bill (S. B. 651), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 658, Requiring sheriff's departments to participate and utilize Handle With Care Program for trauma-inflicted children.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2400, Authorizing the Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 8. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**§64-8-1. Division of Highways.**

The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 28, 2020, authorized under the authority of §17-2A-8 of this code, relating to the Division of Highways (traffic and safety rules, 157 CSR 05), is authorized.

§64-8-2. Division of Motor Vehicles.

(a) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 11, 2020, authorized under the authority of §17B-2-15 of this code, modified by the Division of Motor Vehicles to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on September 29, 2020, relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles (examination and issuance of driver's license, 91 CSR 04), is authorized with the following amendment:

On page 4, after subdivision 3.11.e., by adding a new subdivision 3.11.f. to read as follows:

3.11.f. In the Commissioner's discretion, the Division may accept a social security number provided by any applicant for a driver's license or identification card without a document presented as proof of social security number when the United States Social Security Administration verifies the social security number electronically, except for license types where a social security card or document submission is mandated by federal law or regulation.

(b) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 19, 2020, authorized under the authority of §17A-2-9 of this code, relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles (denial, suspension, revocation, disqualification, restriction, non-renewal, cancellation, administrative appeals and reinstatement of driving privileges, 91 CSR 05), is authorized.

(c) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 28, 2020, authorized under the authority of §17A-2-9 of this code, modified by the Division of Motor Vehicles to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on September 29, 2020, relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles (compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance, 91 CSR 13), is authorized.

(d) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 7, 2020, authorized under the authority of §17A-13-1(m) of this code, modified by the Division of Motor Vehicles to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on November 17, 2020, relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles (special purpose vehicles, 91 CSR 25), is authorized.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2400), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

(Senator Woodrum in the Chair.)

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 587, Making contract consummation with state more efficient.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 601, Relating generally to public employees grievance procedure.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 673, Relating to venue for bringing civil action or arbitration proceedings under construction contracts.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 9, Disabled Veterans' Exemption from Ad Valorem Property Taxation Amendment.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 10, Limiting the Terms of Members of the House of Delegates and Senate Amendment.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2094, Relating to the juvenile restorative justice programs.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2382, Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to ambient air quality standards.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2896, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Human Services.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. House Bill 2898, Making a supplementary appropriation to WorkForce West Virginia – Workforce Investment Act.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. House Bill 2901, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Human Services.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. House Bill 2903, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Homeland Security, West Virginia State Police.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. House Bill 2940, Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Education, State Board of Education – State Department of Education.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

Eng. House Bill 2941, Supplementary appropriation decreasing an existing item and adding a new item of appropriation to the Department of Revenue, Insurance Commissioner.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senators Maroney and Baldwin.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senator was removed as a co-sponsor of the following resolution on March 23, 2021:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 33: Senator Jeffries.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills and resolutions on March 23, 2021:

Senate Bill 419: Senator Woodrum;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 445: Senator Unger;

Senate Bill 453: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 455: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 458: Senators Grady, Roberts, Azinger, and Woodrum;

Senate Bill 470: Senator Woodrum;

Senate Bill 474: Senator Plymale;

Senate Bill 488: Senator Woodrum;
Senate Bill 520: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 534: Senator Stollings;
Senate Bill 543: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 550: Senator Lindsay;
Senate Bill 579: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 581: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 583: Senator Unger;
Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 587: Senator Woodrum;
Senate Bill 598: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 599: Senators Grady and Unger;
Senate Bill 612: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 613: Senators Lindsay and Woodrum;
Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 614: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 622: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 627: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 630: Senator Grady;
Senate Bill 640: Senators Unger, Woodrum, and Plymale;
Senate Bill 641: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 659: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 662: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 677: Senator Unger;
Senate Bill 681: Senator Phillips;
Senate Bill 688: Senator Woelfel;
Senate Bill 692: Senator Lindsay;
Senate Bill 696: Senator Lindsay;

Senate Bill 697: Senators Unger and Lindsay;

Senate Bill 705: Senator Unger;

Senate Bill 708: Senator Unger;

Senate Joint Resolution 1: Senators Smith and Woodrum;

Senate Joint Resolution 5: Senator Unger;

Senate Joint Resolution 9: Senators Woodrum and Jeffries;

Senate Joint Resolution 10: Senator Woelfel;

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 11: Senators Unger, Nelson, and Plymale;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 14: Senators Unger, Smith, Trump, and Woodrum;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 18: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 21: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 23: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 24: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 27: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 29: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 30: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 31: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 32: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 33: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 35: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 36: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 37: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 38: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 39: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 42: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 43: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 44: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 45: Senators Unger and Weld;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 46: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 48: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 49: Senators Unger and Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 50: Senator Unger;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 51: Senator Unger;

Senate Resolution 24: Senators Woelfel and Unger;

Senate Resolution 25: Senators Unger and Baldwin;

Senate Resolution 26: Senator Unger;

And,

Senate Resolution 27: Senators Caputo, Lindsay, Hamilton, Rucker, Stollings, and Baldwin.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate, including majority and minority party caucuses,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 1:07 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 25, 2021
11:00 AM**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Com. Sub. for S. C. R. 14 - Creating WV Women's Suffrage Memorial
- S. C. R. 23 - USMC CPL Guy Maywood Edwards Memorial Bridge
- S. C. R. 52 - Providing for issuance of refunding bonds not to exceed \$22 million
- S. C. R. 53 - Encouraging certain facilities improve palliative care programs
- S. C. R. 54 - Urging Congress and President to protect Second Amendment of US Constitution
- S. R. 28 - Recognizing importance of coal-fired power plants and coal resources to WV's future
- S. R. 29 - Recognizing 20th anniversary of WV Rural Health Infrastructure Loan Fund

THIRD READING

- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 361 - Extending supervision for conviction of soliciting minor and using obscene matter with intent to seduce minor
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 483 - Allowing oaths be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 487 - Updating Division of Purchasing procurement and spending thresholds
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 509 - Removing requirement that determination of medical stability be found prior to admission to mental health facility - (With right to amend)
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 610 - Providing tuition and fee waivers at state higher education institutions for volunteers who have completed service in AmeriCorps programs in WV
- Eng. S. B. 644 - Exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements
- Eng. S. B. 651 - Allowing county boards of education to publish financial statements on website
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 658 - Requiring sheriff's departments to participate and utilize Handle With Care Program for trauma-inflicted children
- Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2400 - Authorizing the Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules - (Com. title amend. pending)

SECOND READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 474 - Exempting DOH from Purchasing Division procedures

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FIRST READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 419 - Redefining “firearm” to match federal code
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 458 - Relating to possession of firearms by individuals during state of emergency
- S. B. 488 - Relating to distributing hotel occupancy tax to convention and visitor’s bureaus
- S. B. 521 - Extending licensure renewal term of certain private investigators, security guards, and associated firms
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 534 - Permitting Economic Development Authority to make working capital loans from revolving loan fund capitalized with federal grant funds
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 585 - Requiring BOE create and provide course in family and consumer sciences in secondary schools
- S. B. 588 - Requiring county boards of education and county superintendents to comply with instructions of State Board of Education
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 604 - Requiring county commissions create districts for towing services

S. B. 680 - Allowing State Superintendent of Schools define classroom teachers certified in special education

S. B. 710 - Requiring impact statement in certain instances of school closing or consolidation

Com. Sub. for S. J. R. 11 - Constitutional Officer Term Limit Amendment

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2260 - Relating to procurement of child placing services

NO COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS