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The Senate met at 11:01 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Dianna Vinscavich, Chaplain, Lakin Correctional Center and Jail, West Columbia, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Tom Takubo, a senator from the seventeenth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 23, 2023,

At the request of Senator Queen, 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.

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

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 2538—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-1-203 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend and reenact §49-2-111c of said code, all relating to the creation of a child welfare information technology systems; requiring the Bureau of Social Services to implement of a child welfare information technology system; providing access to the system; setting forth the requirements of the system.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then 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. House Bill 2607—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the transportation of students and passengers for school-sponsored activities.

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 2827—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-48 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to safety and security measures for school facilities and the Safe Schools Fund; making public charter schools eligible for Safe Schools Funds; providing that Safe Schools Funds shall be distributed first to meet the special education video requirements, then safe school entry way needs, and when met, on the basis of need; providing that any moneys distributed from the Safe Schools Fund for facility improvements shall only be expended on facilities owned by a county board of education, public charter school or multicounty vocational center, unless the improvements to such facilities may be removed with minimal effort; and, providing that the West Virginia Board of Education shall promulgate rules to govern the process by which county boards of education, public charter schools and multicounty vocational centers may apply for needs-based funding from the Safe Schools Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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 2917—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-48 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing certain retired state employees to render certain post-retirement employment with the Department of Health and Human Resources under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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 3005—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-22-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to accelerating the conversion of the state excise tax on the privilege of transferring real property into a county excise tax.

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. Rev. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3110—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend and reenact §22-6-2, §22-6-29, and §22-6A-7 of said code; all relating to funding the Office of Oil and Gas in the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for the apportionment of three fourths of one percent of oil and gas severance taxes to Office of Oil and Gas; establishing two tiers of annual oversight fees for wells producing more than 60,000 cubic feet of gas per day; increasing the expedited permit

modification fee by \$2500 over the current level; eliminating the one million dollar cap on deposits to the Oil and Gas Operating Permit and Processing Fund from collections of fees for expedited permits and expedited permit modifications; providing that those fees, if not used for other purposes, may be moved to the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund; and making technical corrections.

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 3148—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-22-16 and §8-22-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to financing options for municipal policemen's and firemen's pensions and relief funds; prohibiting municipalities from using the conservation method of financing for their municipal policemen's and firemen's pension and relief funds; and providing that certain municipalities may convert to either the optional method or optional II method of financing under certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions; and then to the Committee on Finance.

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 3337—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2D-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting a certificate of need; prohibiting licensed substance abuse treatment beds in certain counties; and making recent purchases exempt.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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. House Bill 3340—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-11B-3, §7-11B-7, §7-11B-8, §7-11B-9, and §7-11B-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating generally to property tax increment financing; amending definition of tax increment financing; modifying the existing authorization for a county commission or municipality to extend the termination time of certain districts; providing for certain notice to other levying bodies prior to a new project plan or project plan amendment for certain property tax districts being considered for approval; and eliminating certain approval of other levying bodies prior to amendment of an existing district by the county commission or governing body of the municipality making the amendment.

Senator Takubo requested unanimous consent that the bill be taken up for immediate consideration.

Which consent was not granted, Senator Martin objecting.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, ordered to second reading, and then 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. House Bill 3353—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-3-3d; to amend and reenact §5F-2-2 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §31-15-6d; all relating to the limitations on the financial relationships with foreign entities that have values antithetical to those of the State of West Virginia.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; 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. House Bill 3376—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-3-1c and §18A-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the term teacher in residence to clinical teacher of record.

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 3387—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-18-13a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the moratorium on the authorization of new convention and visitors bureaus for an additional two years and clarifying when and how a new convention and visitors bureau can qualify for a distribution of the hotel occupancy tax proceeds.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

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. House Bill 3391—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-3-25b; and to amend and reenact §11-10A-19 of said code, all relating to appeals to the Office of Tax Appeals; establishing filing deadlines for appeals of property tax valuations and issues involving property tax classification and taxability to the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals, providing that appeal petitions of property tax issues to the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals shall be heard de novo, providing a time frame for hearings before the Office of Tax Appeals regarding property tax matters, clarifying that the Intermediate Court of Appeals has jurisdiction to hear appeals from a final decision of a property tax matter by the Office of Tax Appeals, and clarifying that further appeals are to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

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. House Bill 3431—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13W-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the tax credit for apprenticeship training; eliminating the requirement that the credit base be limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades, specifying effective date; and making stylistic changes.

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. House Bill 3441—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-1D-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to revising the training requirements for members of the Higher Education Policy Commission, the Council for Community and Technical College Education, and the institutional governing boards; requiring that the chancellor of the commission and the chancellor of the council develop a comprehensive orientation and training program for members of the commission, council and the institutional governing boards and ongoing educational opportunities for the ongoing members of those governing bodies; setting forth requirements for new member training; clarifying ongoing member training requirements; allowing for alternative training under certain circumstances; removing reporting requirement to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability; and making technical changes.

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 3547—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing number of personal leave days an employee may use without regard to the cause for the absence; and providing for use on consecutive days.

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 3548—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring state board rule providing uniform procedure, prohibition, form and benefit regarding a teacher's voluntary exchange of duty-free lunch recess to perform duties at the school.

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 3549—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-20-1c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting regular classroom teachers and special education classroom teachers required to participate an individualized education program committee from being required to prepare or reduce to writing the individualized education program plan unless no other knowledgeable professional is available.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption of the following resolutions:

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 2—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 32-023/03-000.17 () (32A097), locally known as Cooks Fort Bridge, carrying CR 23/3 over Indian Creek in Monroe County, the "U. S. Army CPL Billy F. Mann Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 14— Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 16-020/01-000.18 () (16A044), (38.87673, -78.86634) locally known as Stanley See Bridge, carrying CR 20/1 over Lost River in Hardy County the "Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 16—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 28-077/00-002.95 (SB & NB) (28A113, 28A176), (37.30200, -81.09395), locally known as the Southbound and Northbound East River Bridge, carrying Interstate 77 over the East River, NS RR,CO 38/5 in Mercer County, the "U. S. Army Staff Sgt. James Ira "Junior" Spurrier Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 21—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 18-015/01-000.29 () 18A193, (38.80947 -81.70504)), locally known as the Ripley Jr. High Bridge (CSWB), carrying CR 15/01 over Mill Creek, in Jackson County, the "Michael Lee "Rube" Ruben Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 22—Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of Rt. 16, otherwise known as the "Clay Highway" starting at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Fola Road and ending at the end of the bridge on Rt. 16 in Clay County, as the "U.S. Army T/5 Doyle Bedell Taylor Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 24—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 06-049/00-008.51 () (06A239), locally known as the Decker Adkins Bridge, carrying County Road 49 over Madison Creek in Cabell County, the "U. S. Army PFC Herman H. Lucas Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 25—Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Numbers: 02-009/00-017.48 (EB & WB) (02A142, 02A143), (39.42463, -77.93802) locally known as OPEQUON CREEK BRIDGE EB & WB, carrying WV 09 over OPEQUON CREEK in Berkeley county, the "U. S. Marine Corps, PFC John Louis "Johnny" Brumbaugh, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 26—Requesting the Division of Highways name a bridge bearing the bridge number 40-817/00-001.06 () (40A163), (38.43345,-81.85331) locally known as Battle of Scary Bridge, carrying WV 817 over Scary Creek in Putnam County as the "U.S. Army SGT Samuel D. Roberts Sr. Memorial Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 28—Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of Arnett Road, approximately 250 feet from the intersection of Arnett Road and Copen Road on W V 2/4, together with the small bridge in front of the Providence Baptist Church in Braxton County, the "Terra Dawn Lewis Memorial Road and Bridge".

House Concurrent Resolution 32—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 30-003/05-014.61 () (30A290), (37.89328, -82.23771) locally known as Big Rock Beam Span, carrying CR 03/05 over WEST FK TWELVEPOLE CK in Mingo County, the "Albert 'Ab' Baisden Memorial Bridge".

The preceding resolutions were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

House Concurrent Resolution 27—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study all benefits of state employees to determine which benefits, if any, may be refused by an employee in exchange for a cash equivalent.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19, Requesting Joint Committee on Government Organization study operations of Division of Personnel.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, Requesting Joint Committee on Judiciary study operations of WV BRIM.

On unfinished business, 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 Rules.

Senate Resolution 38, Designating February 24, 2023, as Corrections Day at Legislature.

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

At the request of Senator Clements, unanimous consent being granted, reference of the resolution to a committee was dispensed with and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Senate Resolution 39, Recognizing February 24, 2023, as WV Motorsports Day at Legislature.

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

At the request of Senator Maynard, unanimous consent being granted, reference of the resolution to a committee was dispensed with and it was taken up for immediate consideration.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, and on this question, Senator Roberts demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 39) adopted.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 79, Relating to compensable diseases of certain firefighters covered by workers' compensation.

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 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 79 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 79) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 79) 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 Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 268, Relating to PEIA.

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 laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 423, Increasing salary for certain state employees.

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 laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 554, Exempting purchases made by Auditor and WV Enterprise Resource Planning Board from certain provisions of WV code.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Stuart—1.

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. 554) 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 616, WV Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program of 2023.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 616) 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 617, Relating to Intellectual and Development Disabilities Waiver Program Workforce Study.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 617) 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 646, Creating emeritus physician license.

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 646 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 646) 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 649, Authorizing Berkeley County Council to change its name to Berkeley County Commission.

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 649 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson,

Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 649) 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 656, Verifying legal employment status of workers to governmental agencies.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 656) 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 657, WV Long-Term Care Insurance Act.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 657) 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 678, Adding appropriations to DHHR, Division of Human Services.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Blair (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 678) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 678) 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 730, Expanding authority of Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability.

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, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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. 730) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Caputo, Chapman, Clements, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Karnes, Maroney, Martin, Maynard, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Trump, 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 S. B. 730) takes effect from passage.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 462, Modifying certain guidelines for motor vehicle dealers, distributors, wholesalers, and manufacturers.

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 469, Providing funding for CPR instruction to high school students.

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

Senate Bill 544, Increasing power purchase agreement cap.

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 558, Prohibiting law-enforcement agencies from posting booking photographs of certain criminal defendants on social media.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 561, Relating to administration of WV Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Act.

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

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the bill was ordered to engrossment and advanced to third reading with the right for amendments to be considered on that reading.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 585, Prohibiting county commissions from adopting any authorization that exceeds state law regarding agricultural operations.

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 613, Relating generally to certificates of need.

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

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the bill was ordered to engrossment and advanced to third reading with the right for amendments to be considered on that reading.

Senate Bill 619, Allowing teachers in public schools to teach intelligent design.

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

Senate Bill 625, Requiring certain transcripts to be accepted as record of student's performance for placement in micro school programs.

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 665, Amending licensure requirements for massage therapist.

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

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the following amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 2, section 2, line 25, by striking out the word "outcall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "offsite";

On page 5, section 13, line 27, by striking out the word "solo" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "sole";

On page 6, section 13, line 64, by striking out the word "July" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October";

And,

On page 6, section 13, line 68, by striking out the word "July" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 665), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 676, Requiring report on Medicaid fees and managed care provider reimbursements compared to PEIA, Medicare, and surrounding states.

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

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 1, section 16b, line 1, by striking out the word "Medicaid" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Medical";

On page 1, section 16b, line 7, by striking out the word "Medicaid" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Medical";

On page 1, section 16b, line 12, by striking out the word "Medicaid" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Medical";

On page 3, section 16b, line 50, by striking out the word "Medicaid" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Medical";

And,

On page 3, section 16b, line 54, by striking out the word "Medicaid" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Medical".

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 676), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2993, Relating to rural emergency hospital licensure.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

§16-5B-14. ~~The Critical Access Hospital Designation~~ Rural Emergency Hospital Act.

(a) Definitions – As used in this section:

(1) "Critical Access Hospital" means a hospital that has been deemed eligible and received designation as a critical access hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

(2) "Rural Emergency Hospital" means a facility that:

(A) Was a critical access hospital;

(B) Does not provide acute care inpatient services; and

(C) Provides, at a minimum, rural emergency hospital services.

(3) "Rural Emergency Hospital Services" means emergency department services and

observation care furnished by a rural emergency hospital that does not exceed an annual per patient average of 24 hours in such rural emergency hospital.

(4) "Staffed Emergency Department" means an emergency department of a rural emergency hospital that meets the following requirements:

(A) The emergency department is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

(B) A licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant is available to furnish rural emergency hospital services in the facility 24 hours a day.

(b) A hospital located in an urban area (Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) county), can be considered rural for the purposes of a designation as a critical access hospital pursuant to U.S.C. §1395i-4(c)(2) if it meets the following criteria:

(1) Is enrolled as both a Medicaid and Medicare provider and accepts assignment for all Medicaid and Medicare patients;

(2) Provides emergency health care services to indigent patients;

(3) Maintains 24-hour emergency services; and

(4) Is located in a county that has a rural population of 50 percent or greater as determined by the most recent United States decennial census.

~~(b) (c)~~ A critical access hospital designated pursuant to this section may apply to be designated licensed as a community outpatient medical center rural emergency hospital if:

(1) It has been designated as a critical access hospital for at least one year; and

(2) It is designated as a critical access hospital at the time of application for licensure as a ~~to convert to a community outpatient medical center~~ rural emergency hospital.

~~(e) (d)~~ In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) (c) of this section, a ~~community outpatient medical center~~ rural emergency hospital shall, at a minimum:

(1) Provide emergency medical care and observation care 24 hours a day, seven days a week; ~~rural emergency hospital services through a staffed emergency department;~~

(2) Treat all patients regardless of insurance status; and

(3) Have protocols in place for the timely transfer of patients who require a higher level of care ~~in effect a transfer agreement with a Level I or Level II trauma center.~~

(e) A rural emergency hospital may:

(1) With respect to services furnished on an outpatient basis, provide other medical and health services as specified by the secretary through rulemaking; and

(2) Include a unit of a facility that is a distinct part licensed as a skilled nursing facility to furnish post-hospital extended care services.

~~(d)~~ (f) The department of Health and Human Resources shall propose a new rule for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code to implement the provisions of this section.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2993), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3113, Requiring high school students to complete course of study in personal finance.

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

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

On page 1, section 2, line 7, by striking out all of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c), to read as follows:

(c) Beginning with the class of students entering 9th grade in the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, each high school student shall complete one-half credit course of study in personal finance during their 11th or 12th grade year as a requirement for high school graduation. The State Board of Education shall develop and issue implementation guidance to local school boards and other education agencies as to curriculum, content matter standards, eligible teacher certification(s), and graduation requirements the course may fulfill before July 1, 2024.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3113), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3317, Relating to removing specific continuing education requirements.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

§30-1-7a. Continuing education.

(a) A board referred to in this chapter shall establish continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to license renewal. A board shall develop continuing education criteria appropriate to

its discipline, which shall include, but not be limited to, course content, course approval, hours required, and reporting periods.

~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, or the provision of a legislative rule to the contrary each a person issued a an initial license to practice medicine and surgery, a license to practice podiatry or licensed as a physician assistant by the West Virginia Board of Medicine; each a person issued a license to practice dentistry by the West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners; each a person issued a license to practice optometry by the West Virginia Board of Optometry, each a person licensed as a pharmacist by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy; each a person licensed to practice registered professional nursing or licensed as an advanced nurse practitioner by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses; each a person licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses; and each a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, or licensed or certified as an osteopathic as physician assistant by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy shall complete drug diversion training, best-practice prescribing of controlled substances training, and training on prescribing and administration of administering an opioid antagonist and other relevant trainings as promulgated by the appropriate licensing board, as the trainings are established by his or her respective licensing board, if that person prescribes, administers, or dispenses a controlled substance as that term is defined in §60A-1-101 of this code.~~

~~(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or the provision of any legislative rule to the contrary, the West Virginia Board of Medicine, the West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners, the West Virginia Board of Optometry, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses and the West Virginia Board of Osteopathy shall establish continuing education requirements and criteria appropriate to their respective discipline on the subject of drug diversion training, best practice prescribing of controlled substances training and prescribing and administration of an opioid antagonist training for each person issued a license or certificate by their respective board who prescribes, administers or dispenses a controlled substance, as that term is defined in section one hundred one, article one, chapter sixty a of this code, and shall develop a certification form pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) of this section.~~

~~(2) Each A person who receives his or her initial license or certificate from any of the boards set forth in subsection (b) of this section shall complete the continuing education requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section within one year of receiving his or her initial license from that board. and each person licensed or certified by any of the boards set forth in subsection (b) of this section. who has held his or her license or certificate for longer than one year shall complete the continuing education requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section as a prerequisite to each license renewal: *Provided*, That a person subject to subsection (b) of this section may waive the continuing education requirements for license renewal set forth in subsection (b) of this section if he or she completes and submits to his or her licensing board a certification form developed by his or her licensing board attesting that he or she has not prescribed, administered or dispensed a controlled substance, as that term is defined in section one hundred one, article one, chapter sixty a of this code, during the entire applicable reporting period.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or the provision of any legislative rule to the contrary, each person licensed to practice registered professional nursing or licensed as an advanced nurse practitioner by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, each person licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the West Virginia State Board of~~

~~Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses, each person licensed to practice psychology by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists, each person licensed to practice social work by the West Virginia Board of Social Work and each person licensed to practice professional counseling by the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling shall complete two hours of continuing education for each reporting period on mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, as the continuing education is established by his or her respective licensing board. In cooperation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Assistance, the continuing education shall include training on inquiring about whether the patients are veterans or family members of veterans, and screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief and prevention of suicide. The two hours shall be part of the total hours of continuing education required by each board and not two additional hours~~

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3317), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the following bills on first reading were considered read a first time and ordered to second reading:

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 267, Updating law regarding prior authorizations.

Senate Bill 438, Return to WV Tax Credit Act.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 522, Allocating percentage of county excise taxes for funding improvements to election administration.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 534, Relating to nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, cider, wine, and liquor license requirements.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 590, Emergency Medical Services Retirement System Act.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 628, Revising provisions related to public charter schools.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 667, Requiring periodic performance audits of WV Secondary Schools Athletic Commission.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 677, Clarifying role and responsibilities of State Resiliency Officer.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2062, Establish rules and regulations for e-bikes in West Virginia that more closely comport to federal law.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2820, To provide HOPE Scholarship recipients with the ability to play sports.

Eng. House Bill 3307, Establishing the West Virginia-Ireland Trade Commission.

And,

Eng. House Bill 3428, Relating to the West Virginia Business Ready Sites Program.

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

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 62, Establishing secondary location for racetrack video lottery terminals.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 62 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—
A Bill to amend and reenact §19-23-12a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §29-22A-12 of said code; to amend and reenact §29-22C-3, §29-22C-4, §29-22C-6, and §29-22C-7 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-22C-7a; to amend and reenact §29-22C-8 of said code; and to amend and reenact §29-22D-15 of said code, all relating to allowing for the establishment of a secondary location for pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast races, racetrack video lottery terminals, sport wagering kiosks, and racetrack table games of licensed racetracks at an alternative location within the current county of the licensed racetrack; providing that the original venue must remain in operation; providing that the original venue continue to offer amenities, accommodations, options and services at the same level; providing for a local option election; defining terms; providing Lottery Commission authority to regulate secondary locations; providing for rulemaking; providing for licensing of secondary locations; and removing special elections to establish racetracks.

And,

Senate Bill 634, Increasing value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 634 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—
A Bill to amend and reenact §8-12-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction; and allowing for the negotiated sale of real property to adjacent property owners.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 91, Creating Fire Service Recruitment and Retention Fund.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 91 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-3E-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §33-3-14d and §33-3-33 of said code; and to amend and reenact §33-12C-7 of said code, all relating to distribution of certain taxes and surcharges to benefit volunteer and part-volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services providers; defining terms; providing method of allocation and distribution for proceeds of fireworks safety fee deposited in Fire Protection Fund; eliminating obsolete language; increasing surcharge on fire and casualty policies; providing method of allocation of policy surcharge; requiring the State Fire Marshal provide certain information to the State Treasurer; increasing tax on surplus lines policies; providing method of allocation of surplus lines policy tax; and clarifying requirements for distribution of funds in Fire Protection Fund.

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,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 91), 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

Senate Bill 150, Budget Bill.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 150 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill making appropriations of public money out of the Treasury in accordance with section 51, article VI of the Constitution.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 150) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 220, Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 220 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section' designated §19-12E-12; to further amend said code by adding thereto, a new article designated §19-12F1, §19-12F2, §19-12F3, §19-12F4, §19-12F5, §19-12F6, §19-12F7, §19-12F8, §19-12F9, §19-12F10, §19-12F11, and §19-12F12; to further amend said code by adding thereto a new article designated §60-10-1and §60-10-2 all relating to further regulation of hemp-derived cannabinoid products and regulation of kratom; creating the Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Regulation Act; creating the Select Plant-Derived Regulation Act; making legislative findings and declaring the purpose of the acts; defining terms; requiring licenses to process, distribute and sell regulated products; vesting regulatory authority in the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission; granting legislative and emergency rule-making authority to the Agriculture Commissioner and the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner; limiting lawful sale of regulated products to persons twenty-one years of age or older; requiring age-verification for internet sales and sales not made face to face; creating a 15 percent tax on retail sales to be collected by the Tax Commissioner quarterly; authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to enforce regulation of the product; creating criminal offenses related to regulated products and establishing criminal penalties therefor.

Senate Bill 547, Increasing penalties for drug possession and updating list of offenses.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 547 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-4-401, §60A-4-409, §60A-4-414, and §60A-4-416, all relating to controlled substances violations; increasing sentences for certain controlled substances offenses; making certain offenses ineligible for suspension or probation, or alternative sentencing; making possession of Schedule I and II narcotics and methamphetamine a felony; expressing legislative intent; authorizing reduction from felony to misdemeanor under certain circumstances; declaring that minimum period of 10 years' incarceration for the offense of drug delivery death; requiring inert substances mixed with controlled substances to be considered a controlled substance for purposes of weight measurement; and modifying sentences for certain offenses.

Senate Bill 660, Establishing aggravated felony offense of reckless driving resulting in death.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 660 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reckless driving; establishing the aggravated felony offense of reckless driving resulting in the death of another; and providing the criminal penalties for the offense.

And,

Senate Bill 681, Clarifying that juvenile competency determination process extends to status offenders.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 681 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-728, §49-4-729, and §49-4-734 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to clarifying that the juvenile competency determination process extends to status offenders; and clarifying that there is no presumption of incompetence based on age for status offenders.

With the recommendation that the four committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 422, Requiring public schools to publish curriculum online at beginning of each new school year.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 422 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to a school's requirement to publish curriculum online at the beginning of each new school year, or within 30 days after curriculum is revised or new curriculum is adopted; and requiring schools to publish adopted, up-to-date, county-adopted classroom curriculum.

And,

Senate Bill 688, Allowing BOE to hire retired teachers to assist with tutoring.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 688 (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 §18-5-50, relating to allowing county boards of education to contract with retired teachers to provide tutoring services in reading and math to support the need of one-on-one intervention for students; stating purpose; defining terms; providing tutor eligibility requirements; providing exclusions from eligibility; limiting civil and criminal liability of county school board; and providing miscellaneous provisions regarding program.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, one of the bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 688) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Education was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 Bill 440 (originating in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure), Authorizing DOH pay current obligations from State Road Fund.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 440 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to payments from the State Road Fund; authorizing transfer of spending authority between appropriations; and requiring reporting by the Division of Highways

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 464, Authorizing locality pay to correctional officers working at facilities having critical staffing shortages.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-3-7a, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to offer locality pay to correctional officers working at certain facilities designated by the commissioner as having critical staffing shortages.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Woodrum, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 464) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Government Organization was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 476, Increasing number of managed care organizations in Mountain Health Trust.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 476 (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 §9-5-31, relating to managed care contracts, providing that the Bureau for Medical Services is exempt from the requirements of the Purchasing Division with respect to managed care contracts; and providing for exceptions.

And,

Senate Bill 650, Allowing physician assistants to own practice.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 650 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-3-14 and §30-3-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §31B-13-1301 of said code, all relating to physician assistants owning a practice; establishing grounds for discipline or denial of a license or other authorization for physician assistants; clarifying physician assistant shareholder eligibility for medical corporations; permitting physician assistants to serve as designated corporate representatives; and designating the profession of physician assistant as a professional service for the purposes of the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

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 Bill 541, Providing for election reforms.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 541 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-5-7, §3-5-11, and §3-5-19, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as

amended; and to amend and reenact §18-2-1 of said code; and to amend and reenact §18-5-1a of said code; all relating generally to elections; and specifically clarifying the contents of the certificate of announcement of candidacy; specifying what information must be sworn or affirmed by candidates for office; clarifying the timing of challenges to candidate qualifications; amending the authority of political parties to fill ballot vacancies caused by voluntary withdrawals after the primary election; and prohibiting persons who have been convicted of certain crimes against minors from being eligible to hold positions on boards of education.

And,

Senate Bill 666, Placing cap on maximum penalty that may be imposed for first-degree robbery.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 666 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the crime of robbery; establishing the maximum term of years that may be imposed as a penalty upon conviction of robbery in the first degree; and eliminating the separate crime of bank robbery.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
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 Bill 546, Adding and removing certain compounds from controlled substance list.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 546 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-2-204, 60A-2-206, 60A-2-210, and 60A-2-212 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to classifying additional drugs and substances to Schedules I, II, IV and V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; removing a substance from Schedule V; modifying language for clarity, that unless expressly exempted by law, all delta tetrahydrocannabinols are included in schedule I; and declaring that the provisions related to tetrahydrocannabinols are inapplicable to products lawfully manufactured, distributed, or possessed pursuant to the Industrial Hemp Development Act and the Medical Cannabis Act.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,
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 Bill 572, Codifying common law cause of action on public nuisance.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 572 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-12-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §55-7-32, all relating to reforming the cause of action for public nuisance; providing definitions; outlining appropriate remedies; clarifying when municipal entities and individuals have standing to pursue a public nuisance action; noting that any changes to current law of public nuisance have only prospective effect.

And,

Senate Bill 573, Relating to child support guidelines and Support Enforcement Commission.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 573 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-1-205, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §48-13-301, §48-13-303, §48-13-403, §48-13-404, §48-13-501, and §48-13-502 of said code, all relating generally to the child support guidelines and the Support Enforcement Commission; clarifying circumstances and factors for attributed income; updating monthly basic child support obligations to reflect 2022 financial data; updating income amount requiring manual calculation to determine basic child support obligation; updating amount for the ability to pay calculation and self-support reserve; and amending the multiplier for extended shared parenting adjustment.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump, IV,
Chair.

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 Bill 576 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary), Creating Securities Restitution Assistance Fund for victims of securities violations.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 576 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §32-4-407a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §32-7-701, §32-7-702, §32-7-703,

§32-7-704, §32-7-705, §32-7-706, §32-7-707, §32-7-708, §32-7-709, §32-7-710, §32-7-711, and §32-7-712, all relating generally to authorizing victim restitution and creating a restitution assistance fund for victims of securities violations; providing a short title; providing definitions; creating the Securities Restitution Assistance Fund; authorizing the awarding of restitution in an administrative assessment; providing for the manner and procedures for applications for restitution assistance; providing the manner and procedures for the payment of restitution assistance awards; detailing the situations in which restitution is prohibited; providing for subrogation; providing for a lien on recovery and refunds of excessive restitution amounts; providing for the suspension of claims; exempting the restitution awards from attachment or intercept; authorizing the Auditor to promulgate rules regarding the restitution program; and providing an effective date.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 576) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 679, Requiring Office of Inspector General to promulgate rules concerning location of forensic group homes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Maroney,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 679) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Health and Human Resources was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 691, Using DHHR group home funds for cadet enrollment cost at Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 691 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-1B-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Mountaineer Challenge Academy and the Bureau for Social Services to implement a plan that requires the Bureau for Social Services to provide room and board reimbursement for cadets' enrollment costs at the Mountaineer Challenge Academy; and limiting application of plan to cadets who are eligible for the payments by the Bureau.

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,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 691), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 732 (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 §33-15-23; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section designated §33-16-19; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section designated §33-24-7x; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section designated §33-25-8u; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section designated §33-25A-8x, all relating to prohibiting an insurer from imposing a copayment, for services rendered by a licensed occupational therapist, licensed occupational therapist assistant, licensed speech-language pathologist, licensed speech-language pathologist assistant, licensed physical therapist or a licensed physical therapist assistant, that is more than a copayment imposed for the services of a primary care physician or an osteopathic physician.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Maroney,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 733 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-42l of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §20-2B-7 and §20-2B-8 of said code, all relating to wildlife licenses and stamps; clarifying right to carry firearm for self-defense without Class A-1 small arms hunting stamp; creating nonresident

lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; and establishing privileges of nonresident lifetime licenses.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 733) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 734 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-3c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §5A-6B-4 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §5A-6-4d and §5A-6-4e, all relating to state data accessibility and infrastructure resiliency; requiring adoption of cloud computing services by state agencies; requiring development of a cloud strategy by Chief Information Officer; encouraging digitization of state agency forms; and requiring annual reporting on information technology modernization.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

Senate Bill 735 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-1A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §5B-2-15 of said code, to amend and reenact §5B-2A-3 and §5-2A-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-8-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §11-13X-9 of said code, and to amend and reenact §31G-1-5 and §31G-1-14 of said code, all relating to clarifying the department responsible for the administration of certain programs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack David Woodrum,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 735) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 736 (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 §18-5-45b, relating to requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to establish a three-year nontraditional school week pilot project in up to five county school districts in which students in all grade levels are present four days per week and on the fifth day, educators engage in activities designed to improve instruction, bus drivers and cooks ensure that students have access to school breakfast and lunch, and instruction is delivered to students through alternative methods; addressing priority of school districts to designate for the pilot; requiring all school personnel to report for work, use personal leave, or forgo pay on fifth day; requiring each participating county board to determine day of week when students not present; designating allowable activities that educators may engage in on day when students not present; specifying allowable alternative methods of instruction; providing for updates to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability on the status of the pilots; and allowing state superintendent to end the pilot in any county that he or she determines that the pilot is negatively impacting student achievement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
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 737 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-4C-25, relating to emergency medical services funding; creating a special revenue account; providing for administration of the fund by the Office of Emergency Medical Services; providing for rulemaking; and requiring an annual report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 737) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2005, Establishing the dual enrollment pilot program to be administered by the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Council for Community and Technical College Education in conjunction with the State Board of Education.

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,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Grady, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2005) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Education 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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2526, Relating to reducing the personal income tax.

And reports the same back without recommendation as to passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2526) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, ordered to second reading, and then rereferred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Eng. House Bill 3218, Relating to requiring suicide prevention resources be printed on student identification cards.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3308, Authorizing PSC consider and issue financing orders to certain utilities to permit the recovery of certain costs through securitization via consumer rate relief bonds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Tarr,
Chair.

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

The Senate then proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Trump.

The Senate next proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

The following communication was reported by the Clerk:

The Senate of West Virginia
Charleston

LEE CASSIS
CLERK OF THE SENATE



STATE CAPITOL, ROOM M-211
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February 24, 2023

The Honorable Jim Justice, II
Governor, State of West Virginia
State Capitol
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Justice,

The following bill, authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of each house, and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, has been examined and found truly enrolled:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 10 - Campus Self-Defense Act.

This bill is presented to you on this day, February 24, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Cassis".

Lee Cassis
Clerk of the Senate

C: The Honorable Stephen J. Harrison
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were removed as co-sponsors of the following bills on February 23, 2023:

Senate Bill 541: Senator Chapman;

Senate Bill 572: Senator Hamilton;

And,

Senate Bill 654: Senator Woelfel.

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 February 23, 2023:

Senate Bill 52: Senator Martin;

Senate Bill 550: Senator Azinger;

Senate Bill 552: Senator Stover;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 576: Senators Jeffries and Queen;

Senate Bill 610: Senator Martin;

Senate Bill 634: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Bill 679: Senator Roberts;

Senate Bill 684: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 688: Senator Oliverio;

Senate Resolution 38: Senator Rucker;

And,

Senate Resolution 39: Senators Queen and Rucker.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate, including the Committee on Rules,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 12:16 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Saturday, February 25, 2023
10:00 AM**

THIRD READING

- Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 268 - Relating to PEIA
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 423 - Increasing salary for certain state employees
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 462 - Modifying certain guidelines for motor vehicle dealers, distributors, wholesalers, and manufacturers
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 469 - Providing funding for CPR instruction to high school students (original similar to HB3501)
- Eng. S. B. 544 - Increasing power purchase agreement cap
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 558 - Prohibiting law-enforcement agencies from posting booking photographs of certain criminal defendants on social media
- Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 561 - Relating to administration of WV Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Act - (With right to amend)
- Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 585 - Prohibiting county commissions from adopting any authorization that exceeds state law regarding agricultural operations
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 613 - Relating generally to certificates of need - (With right to amend)
- Eng. S. B. 619 - Allowing teachers in public schools to teach intelligent design
- Eng. S. B. 625 - Requiring certain transcripts to be accepted as record of student's performance for placement in micro school programs - (Com. title amend. pending)
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 665 - Amending licensure requirements for massage therapist
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 676 - Requiring report on Medicaid fees and managed care provider reimbursements compared to PEIA, Medicare, and surrounding states
- Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2993 - Relating to rural emergency hospital licensure
- Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3113 - Requiring high school students to complete course of study in personal finance
- Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3317 - Relating to removing specific continuing education requirements - (Com. title amend. pending)

SECOND READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 150 - Budget Bill
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 267 - Updating law regarding prior authorizations
- S. B. 438 - Return to WV Tax Credit Act

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 522 - Allocating percentage of county excise taxes for funding improvements to election administration

Com. Sub. for S. B. 534 - Relating to nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, cider, wine, and liquor license requirements

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 576 - Creating Securities Restitution Assistance Fund for victims of securities violations (original similar to HB3250, SB639)

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 590 - Emergency Medical Services Retirement System Act

Com. Sub. for S. B. 628 - Revising provisions related to public charter schools

Com. Sub. for S. B. 667 - Requiring periodic performance audits of WV Secondary Schools Athletic Commission

Com. Sub. for S. B. 677 - Clarifying role and responsibilities of State Resiliency Officer

S. B. 679 - Requiring Office of Inspector General to promulgate rules concerning location of forensic group homes

Com. Sub. for S. B. 688 - Allowing BOE to hire retired teachers to assist with tutoring

S. B. 733 - Relating to wildlife licenses and stamps

S. B. 735 - Clarifying department responsible for administration of certain programs

S. B. 737 - Emergency Medical Services Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2062 - Establish rules and regulations for e-bikes in West Virginia that more closely comport to federal law

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2820 - To provide HOPE Scholarship recipients with the ability to play sports - (Com. amends. pending)

Eng. H. B. 3307 - Establishing the West Virginia-Ireland Trade Commission - (Com. amend. and title amend. pending)

Eng. H. B. 3428 - Relating to the West Virginia Business Ready Sites Program - (Com. amend. and title amend. pending)

FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 62 - Establishing secondary location for racetrack video lottery terminals

Com. Sub. for S. B. 220 - Industrial Hemp Development Act

Com. Sub. for S. B. 422 - Requiring public schools to publish curriculum online at beginning of each new school year

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 440 - Authorizing DOH pay current obligations from State Road Fund

Com. Sub. for S. B. 476 - Exempting managed care contracts from purchasing requirements

Com. Sub. for S. B. 541 - Providing for election reforms

Com. Sub. for S. B. 546 - Adding and removing certain compounds from controlled substance list

Com. Sub. for S. B. 547 - Increasing penalties for drug possession and updating list of offenses

Com. Sub. for S. B. 572 - Reforming cause of action for public nuisance

Com. Sub. for S. B. 573 - Relating to child support guidelines and Support Enforcement Commission

Com. Sub. for S. B. 634 - Increasing value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction

Com. Sub. for S. B. 650 - Allowing physician assistants to own practice

Com. Sub. for S. B. 660 - Establishing aggravated felony offense of reckless driving resulting in death

Com. Sub. for S. B. 666 - Placing cap on maximum penalty that may be imposed for first-degree robbery

Com. Sub. for S. B. 681 - Clarifying that juvenile competency determination process extends to status offenders

S. B. 732 - Prohibiting insurer from imposing copayment for certain services

S. B. 734 - Requiring adoption of cloud computing services by state agencies

S. B. 736 - Establishing three-year nontraditional school week pilot project

Eng. H. B. 3218 - Relating to requiring suicide prevention resources be printed on student identification cards

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3308 - Authorizing PSC consider and issue financing orders to certain utilities to permit the recovery of certain costs through securitization via consumer rate relief bonds

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2023

Saturday, February 25, 2023

9:50 a.m.

Rules

(Room 219M)