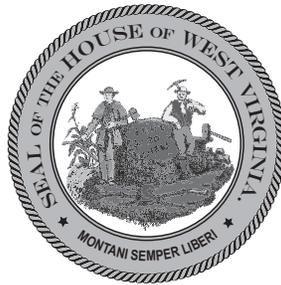


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This being the day fixed by Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia for the annual assembly of the Legislature, the Members of the House of Delegates met in their Chamber in the Capitol Building in the City of Charleston, at 12:00 noon and were called to order for the Second Regular Session of the Eighty-Seventh Legislature by the Speaker, the Honorable Roger Hanshaw.

Prayer was offered and the House was led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Messages from the Executive
And Other Communications**

The following communications were reported by the Clerk:

DAVID KELLY
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

June 4th, 2025

Re: resignation

Mr. Speaker,

Please accept this letter of resignation from me as the Delegate from the 8th District. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve with you and the rest my colleagues. I wish you all the best. May God richly bless each of you. The journey continues.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Kelly".

Delegate David L. Kelly
Deputy Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates

The Clerk announced that Delegate Bell had taken the oath of office on July 14, 2025.



Patrick Morrisey
Office of the Governor

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OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

July 7, 2025

The Honorable Kris Warner
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-5, I have this day appointed William "Bill" Bell, Paden City, Wetzel County, West Virginia, as a Delegate representing the Eighth Delegate District, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable David Kelly from this day through the remainder of the unexpired term of said office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "PATRICK MORRISEY".

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

cc: President of the Senate
Speaker of the House of Delegates
Clerk of the Senate
Clerk of the House of Delegates
Ethics Commission



WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
STATE CAPITOL
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

August 31, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Sometimes life brings unexpected changes that shift our focus from what we want to do to what we must do.

My wife and I will soon be relocating to Putnam County to be closer to our children. As a result, I will no longer reside in the 48th District and must resign from my position as their legislator.

This has not been an easy decision. However, for health reasons and to ensure access to quality healthcare and our family, it is the right one for our family.

I want to sincerely thank you for your guidance, support, and the knowledge you've shared with me over the past couple of years. You are truly a scholar and a gentleman.

Serving in government has taught me that it is not an easy task. I've come to understand just how deeply people dislike politics—but doing what's right should always come first.

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation, effective September 06, 2025.

May God bless you and keep you safe as you continue to lead our great state toward becoming a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Clark".

Thomas Clark
48th District

The Clerk announced that Delegate Watt had taken the oath of office on October 15, 2025.



Patrick Morrisey
Office of the Governor

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OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

October 3, 2025

The Honorable Kris Warner
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-5, I have this day appointed Gregory A. Watt, Hacker Valley, Webster County, West Virginia, as a Delegate representing the Forty-Eighth Delegate District, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Tom Clark from this day through the remainder of the unexpired term of said office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Morrisey".

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

cc: President of the Senate
Speaker of the House of Delegates
Clerk of the Senate
Clerk of the House of Delegates
Ethics Commission

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

December 18, 2025

Clerk of the WV House of Delegates

TO: Jeffrey Pack, Clerk of the House of Delegates

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from office representing the 42nd District in the West Virginia House of Delegates effective immediately.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brandon S. Steele", written over a horizontal line.

Delegate Brandon S. Steele

The Clerk announced that Delegate Jordan had taken the oath of office on January 13, 2026.



Patrick Morrissey
Office of the Governor

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

January 12, 2026

The Honorable Kris Warner
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-5, I have this day appointed John K. Jordan, Crab Orchard, Raleigh County, West Virginia, as a Delegate representing the Forty-Second Delegate District, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Brandon Steele from this day through the remainder of the unexpired term of said office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Morrissey".

Patrick Morrissey
Governor

cc: President of the Senate
Speaker of the House of Delegates
Clerk of the Senate
Clerk of the House of Delegates
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

January 12th, 2026

Delegate Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the WV House of Delegates
Building One, Room 228M
Charleston, WV 25305
roger.hanshaw@wvhouse.gov

Dear Speaker Hanshaw

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Delegate for District 74 in the West Virginia House of Delegates, effective Monday 01/12/26 at 8:00 Am EST.

This decision was not made lightly, and it comes after careful consideration of my personal and professional circumstances. Serving the constituents of District 74 has been a profound honor, and I am grateful for the trust that my community has placed in me over the years.

I appreciate the support and camaraderie of my colleagues and the staff during my tenure. I will always cherish the experiences and the collaborative efforts we've shared to serve our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in our community. I wish you all continued success in your efforts to represent the people of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael DeVault".

Michael DeVault

Delegate, District 74
101 Brittany Oaks Dr.
Fairmont , WV 26554

Delegate McGeehan arose to suggest the absence of a quorum, the Clerk opened the machine for the roll to be taken (**Roll No. 1**), and 95 members being present, the Speaker declared the presence of a quorum. The absent being as follows:

Absent: Eldridge, Leavitt, Petito and Smith, D.

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On motion of Delegate McGeehan, the Clerk was authorized to notify the Senate and the Governor that the House of Delegates had assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Eighty-seventh Legislature as provided by Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution of the State, with a quorum present, and was ready to proceed to the business of the session.

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**Messages from the Executive
and other Communications**

The following communications from the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, were reported by the Clerk:



WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE
STATE CAPITOL
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

January 13, 2026

The Honorable Bruce Cassis
Clerk, West Virginia Senate
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

The Honorable Jeffrey Pack
Clerk, West Virginia House of Delegates
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of W.Va. Code, §29A-3-12, we have attached copies of the proposed legislative rules which have been submitted to and acted upon by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code, §29A-3-11, and which have not previously been submitted to the Legislature for authorization.

Also, attached is a report listing the proposed legislative rules considered by the Committee, and setting forth the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the proposed legislative rules. This letter also serves as a statement that a separate bill authorizing the promulgation of each proposed legislative rule has been drafted by the staff of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee.

In accordance with W.Va. Code, §29A-3-11, the draft bills are available for any member to introduce to the Legislature. The undersigned, as Co-Chairs of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, are requesting that Senator Rucker's name be placed on the draft bills as the sponsor in the Senate, and Delegate Smith's name be placed on the draft bills as the sponsor in the House of Delegates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Patricia Rucker, Chair
Senate



Doug Smith, Chair
House of Delegates

Attachments:
LRMRC Final Report

cc: The Honorable Randy Smith
President, West Virginia Senate

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates

Rich Olsen, Legislative Administrator
Legislative Services

Anne Ellison, Director
Legislative Services Division



WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE
STATE CAPITOL
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

January 13, 2026

West Virginia Legislature
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-12, as chairpersons of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee we submit this report of its activities. A bill, in the form approved by the Committee, authorizing each of the proposed legislative rules below as submitted, as modified, as modified and amended, or as amended have been drafted by staff of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee pursuant to West Virginia Code §29A-3-11.

The Committee submits the following proposed rules to the Legislature with the recommendation that the proposed rules be authorized for promulgation by the respective agencies as submitted:

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of
Waxing Specialist, 3 CSR 14

Contractor Licensing Board, WV
West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act, 28 CSR 02

DEP
Hazardous Waste Management System, 33 CSR 20

DEP
Alternative Emission Limitations During Startup and Shutdown Operations, 45 CSR 01

DEP
Ambient Air Quality Standards, 45 CSR 08

- DEP
 - Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, 45 CSR 16
- DEP
 - Control of Air Pollution from Combustion of Solid Waste, 45 CSR 18
- DEP
 - Control of Air Pollution from Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities, 45 CSR 25
- DEP
 - Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 45 CSR 34
- DEP
 - Cross-State Air Pollution Rule to Control Annual Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, Annual Sulfur Dioxide Emissions, and Ozone Season Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, 45 CSR 43
- Department of Health
 - Diabetes Self-Management Education, 64 CSR 115
- Department of Health
 - Distribution of State Funds for Support of Local Boards of Health, 64 CSR 67
- Department of Health Facilities
 - Patient Rights at State-Operated Mental Health Facilities, 64 CSR 59
- Division of Economic Development
 - Tourism Development Districts, 145 CSR 16
- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Installation, Operation, and Sharing of Customer Bank Communication Terminals and the Utilization of Nonexclusive Access Interchange System, 106 CSR 07
- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Notice and Treatment of Joint Accounts, 106 CSR 17
- Division of Financial Institutions
 - Fintech Regulatory Sandbox Program, 106 CSR 21
- Health Care Authority, WV
 - Exemption of Certificate of Need, 65 CSR 29
- Insurance Commission, WV
 - Fingerprinting Requirements For Applicants For Insurance Producer License and Insurance Adjuster License, 114 CSR 02A

- Insurance Commission, WV
Premium Financing of Life Insurance for College Students, 114 CSR 07
- Insurance Commission, WV
Mass Marketing of Property and Liability Insurance, 114 CSR 09
- Insurance Commission, WV
Advertisement of Accident and Sickness Insurance, 114 CSR 10
- Insurance Commission, WV
Insurance Adjusters, 114 CSR 25
- Insurance Commission, WV
Mental Health Parity, 114 CSR 64
- Landscape Architects, Board of
Fees, 9 CSR 03
- Landscape Architects, Board of
Application of Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals, 9 CSR 04
- Lottery Commission, WV
West Virginia Lottery Interactive Wagering Rule, 179 CSR 10
- Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners, WV
Continuing Education, 18 CSR 02
- Medicine, WV Board of
Licensure, Practice Requirements, Disciplinary and Complaint Procedures, Continuing Education, Physician Assistants, 11 CSR 01B
- Medicine, WV Board of
Continuing Education for Physicians and Podiatric Physicians, 11 CSR 06
- Miners' Health, Safety, and Training WV Board of
Rule Governing the Submission and Approval of a Comprehensive Mine Safety Program for Coal Mining Operations in the State of West Virginia, 56 CSR 08
- Motor Vehicles, WV Division of
Motor Vehicle Equipment, 91 CSR 11
- Motor Vehicles, WV Division of
Special Purpose Vehicles, 91 CSR 25
- Municipal Pensions Oversight Board
Exempt Purchasing, 211 CSR 02

- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Rules Governing Small Arms Hunting, 58 CSR 14
- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Special Boating Rule, 58 CSR 26
- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Defining the Terms Used in All Hunting and Trapping, 58 CSR 46
- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Prohibitions when Hunting and Trapping, 58 CSR 47
- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Deer Hunting Rule, 58 CSR 50
- Natural Resources, WV Division of
Special Migratory Game Bird Hunting, 58 CSR 56
- Occupational Therapy, WV Board of
Continuing Education and Competence, 13 CSR 04
- Osteopathic Medicine, WV Board of
Emergency Temporary Permits to Practice During States of Emergency or States of
Preparedness, 24 CSR 09
- Public Service Commission
Rules Governing the Occupancy of Customer-Provided Conduit, 150 CSR 37
- Racing Commission, WV
Advance Deposit Account Wagering, 178 CSR 10
- Rehabilitation Services, WV Division of
Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board, 198 CSR 01
- Risk and Insurance Management, WV State Board of
Preferred Medical Liability and High Risk Medical Liability Program, 115 CSR 06
- Secretary of State
Loan And Grant Programs Under The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) For The Purchase Of
Voting Equipment, Election Systems, Software, Services and Upgrades, 153 CSR 10
- Senior Services, WV Bureau of
Shared Table Initiative for Senior Citizens, 76 CSR 06
- Social Work Examiners, WV Board of

Fee Schedule, 25 CSR 03

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Valuation of Timberland and Managed Timberland, 110 CSR 01H

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Downstream Natural Gas Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit, 110 CSR 13GG

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
High-Wage Growth Business Tax Credit, 110 CSR 13II

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Commercial Patent Incentives Tax Credits, 110 CSR 13Q

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Soft Drinks Tax, 110 CSR 19

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Preneed Cemetery Companies, 110 CSR 36

The Committee submits to the Legislature the following proposed rules which were modified by the agency in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-14, and which were approved by the Committee with the modifications with the recommendation that the proposed rules be authorized for adoption by the respective agencies as modified:

Administration, WV Department of
One-Stop-Shop Permitting Program, 148 CSR 25

Agriculture, WV Department of
Registration Forms and Tags for Registration, Taxation, and Control of Dogs, 61 CSR 01B

Agriculture, WV Department of
West Virginia Grades and Standards for Apples, 61 CSR 08

Agriculture, WV Department of
Regulations Governing Public Markets, 61 CSR 11

Agriculture, WV Department of
Licensing of Livestock Dealers, 61 CSR 11H

Agriculture, WV Department of
Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk, 61 CSR 15

Agriculture, WV Department of

Select Plant-Based Derivatives and Select Plant-Based Derivative Products-Hemp and Kratom,
61 CSR 30

Agriculture, WV Department of
Agritourism, 61 CSR 37

Agriculture, WV Department of
WV Exempted Dairy Farms and Milk and Milk Products Processing Rules, 61 CSR 40

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV
Private Club Licensing, 175 CSR 02

Architects, WV Board of
Registration of Architects, 2 CSR 01

Architects, WV Board of
Fees for Registration of Architects, 2 CSR 03

Auditor, Office of the State
Standards for Requisitions for Payment Issued by State Officers on the Auditor, 155 CSR 01

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of
Qualifications, Training, Examination, and Certification of Instructors in Barbering, Hair
Styling, Nail Technology, Aesthetics, Waxing, and Cosmetology, 3 CSR 02

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of
Operational Standards for Schools of Barbering, Cosmetology, Hair Styling, Nail Technology
and Aesthetics, 3 CSR 04

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of
Barber Apprenticeship, 3 CSR 13

Counseling, WV Board of Examiners in
Licensing Rule, 27 CSR 01

Counseling, WV Board of Examiners in
Licensed Professional Counselor License Renewal and Continuing Professional Education
Requirements, 27 CSR 03

Counseling, WV Board of Examiners in
Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Rule, 27 CSR 08

DEP
Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards, 47 CSR 02

DEP

Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Fee Schedule, 47 CSR 09B

Department of Health
Lead Abatement Licensing, 64 CSR 45

Department of Health
Emergency Medical Services, 64 CSR 48

Department of Health
Clinical Laboratory Practitioner Licensure and Certification, 64 CSR 57

Division of Financial Institutions
Rule Pertaining to Residential Mortgage Lenders, Brokers, and Loan Originators, 106 CSR 05

Fire Commission, WV State
Fire Code, 87 CSR 01

Forestry, WV Division of
Rules for the Certification of Managed Timberland, 22 CSR 06

Funeral Service Examiners, WV Board of
Funeral Director, Embalmer, Apprentice, Courtesy Card Holders and Funeral Establishment
Requirements, 6 CSR 01

Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction
Law Enforcement Training and Certification Standards, 149 CSR 02

Insurance Commission, WV
Insurance Holding Company Systems, 114 CSR 35

Insurance Commission, WV
Credit For Reinsurance, 114 CSR 40

Labor, WV Division of
Child Labor, 42 CSR 09

Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners, WV
West Virginia Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners, 18
CSR 01

Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners, WV
Standard of Ethics, 18 CSR 05

Motor Vehicles, WV Division of
Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance, 91 CSR 13

Natural Resources, WV Division of
Wildlife Rehabilitation, 58 CSR 21

Office of Technology
Cyber Reporting, 163 CSR 03

Office of the Inspector General
Nursing Home Licensure, 71 CSR 15

Office of the Inspector General
Syringe Services Program Licensure, 71 CSR 24

Optometry, WV Board of
Rules of the West Virginia Board of Optometry, 14 CSR 01

Optometry, WV Board of
Oral Pharmaceutical Certificate, 14 CSR 02

Optometry, WV Board of
Schedule of Fees, 14 CSR 05

Optometry, WV Board of
Licensure by Reciprocity, 14 CSR 08

Optometry, WV Board of
Continuing Education, 14 CSR 10

Osteopathic Medicine, WV Board of
Licensing Procedures for Osteopathic Physicians, 24 CSR 01

Osteopathic Medicine, WV Board of
Osteopathic Physician Assistants, 24 CSR 02

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Licensure and Practice of Pharmacy, 15 CSR 01

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Mail-Order and Non-Resident Pharmacies, 15 CSR 06

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Board of Pharmacy Rules for Registration of Pharmacy Technicians, 15 CSR 07

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Board of Pharmacy Rules for Pharmacist Recovery Networks, 15 CSR 10

Pharmacy, WV Board of

Board of Pharmacy Rules for Immunizations Administered by Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians, 15 CSR 12

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Rules Governing Pharmacy Permits, 15 CSR 15

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Rules Governing Pharmacists, 15 CSR 16

Pharmacy, WV Board of
Inspections, 15 CSR 19

Physical Therapy, WV Board of
General Provisions for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant, 16 CSR 01

Physical Therapy, WV Board of
General Provisions for Athletic Trainers, 16 CSR 05

Psychologists, WV Board of
Requirements for Licensure as a Psychologist and/or a School Psychologist, 17 CSR 03

Racing Commission, WV
Thoroughbred Racing, 178 CSR 01

Real Estate Commission, WV
Licensing Real Estate Brokers, Associate Brokers, and Salespersons and the Conduct of Brokerage Business, 174 CSR 01

Risk and Insurance Management, WV State Board of
Mine Subsidence Insurance, 115 CSR 01

Risk and Insurance Management, WV State Board of
Public Entities Insurance Program, 115 CSR 02

State Emergency Response Commission
Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know, 55 CSR 01

State Police, WV
West Virginia State Police Career Progression System, 81 CSR 03

State Police, WV
Contracted Police or Security Services, 81 CSR 05

State Police, WV
West Virginia State Police Member Grievance Procedure, 81 CSR 08

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Valuation of Public Utility Property for Ad Valorem Property Tax Purposes, 110 CSR 01M

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Tax Credit for Providing Vehicles to Low-Income Workers, 110 CSR 13FF

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
On-Line Bingo and Raffles, 110 CSR 16A

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of
Income Tax Credits for Property Taxes Paid, 110 CSR 21H

The Committee submits the following legislative rule which was approved by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-11, with the recommendation that the proposed rule be authorized for the promulgation by the respective agency with amendments:

Attorney General's Office, WV
Legislative Rule Pertaining to the Establishment and Qualification of Third-Party Dispute Mechanisms, 142 CSR 03

Attorney General's Office, WV
Fair Treatment of Crime Victims and Witnesses, 142 CSR 04

Attorney General's Office, WV
Prevention of Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices In Home Improvement Transactions, 142 CSR 05

Attorney General's Office, WV
Leg Rule Pertaining to the Prevention of Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices In Sale of Damaged Goods or Damaged Products, 142 CSR 06

Attorney General's Office, WV
Administration of Preneed Burial Contracts, 142 CSR 08

Department of Health
Water Well Regulations, 64 CSR 19

Office of Inspector General
Assisted Living Residences, 71 CSR 21

Office of Inspector General
Behavioral Health Centers Licensure, 71 CSR 25

Office of the Inspector General

Delegation of Medication Administration and Health Maintenance Tasks to Approved Medication Assistive Personnel, 71 CSR 17

The Committee submits to the Legislature the following proposed rules which were modified and amended by the agency in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-14, and which were approved by the Committee with the modifications and amendments with the recommendation that the proposed rules be authorized for adoption by the respective agencies as modified and amended:

Department of Health
Fees for Services, 64 CSR 51

Department of Health
Basic Public Health Service Standards for Local Boards of Health and Distribution of State Funds for Support of Local Boards of Health, 64 CSR 73

Resolutions Introduced

Resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker):

H. R. 1 —"Amending House Rule 32, relating to recognition and decorum; amending House Rule 82, discharging a bill; amending House Rule 83, relating to committee meetings; amending House Rule 91a, relating to introduction time limits; amending House Rule 95a, relating to fiscal notes; amending House Rule 122, relating to agreeing to Senate amendment; amending House Rule 125, relating to amendments to Senate Bills; amending House Rule 130, relating to printing official copies"

Resolved by the House of Delegates:

That the Rules of the House of Delegates for the 87th Legislature are amended and shall govern the proceedings of the Regular Session of the Legislature and any Extraordinary Sessions thereof insofar as applicable, subject to amendment as provided by Rule 133, to read as follows:

Recognition and Decorum

32. When a member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the House, he or she shall rise in his or her place and upon being recognized, respectfully address the presiding officer as "MR. SPEAKER" or "MADAM SPEAKER", as may be appropriate, and proceed, confining himself or herself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous or disrespectful language.

When a member arises and addresses the Chair, the Speaker may recognize him or her by name; but no member in debate shall designate another by name.

Signs, banners, placards, and other similar demonstrative devices are not permitted in the House Chamber while in session.

Discharging Standing Committee or Standing Subcommittee from Consideration of Bill

82. (Floor) When a bill or resolution has been in the hands of a committee five legislative days after having been referred to it, the standing committee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by a majority vote of all the members present, and a subcommittee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by two-thirds vote of all the members present. The Chair of a committee may move that his or her committee be discharged from consideration of the matter at any time after commitment. A motion to discharge may be tabled.

(Standing Committee) When a bill or resolution has been in the hands of a standing subcommittee five legislative days after having been referred to it, the standing subcommittee may be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution by a majority vote of all the standing committee members present. The Chair of the standing committee or standing subcommittee may move that the standing subcommittee be discharged from consideration of the matter at any time after commitment. A motion to discharge may be tabled.

Committee Meetings

83. A standing committee and standing subcommittee shall meet only within the dates, time, and locations designated or authorized by the Speaker. Meetings of a committee shall be upon a call of the Chair, but ~~not~~ no committee shall be upon a call of the Chair, but ~~not~~ no committee shall sit during a session of the House without leave of the House. The chair of a committee shall determine the agenda for a committee meeting.

A committee shall administer oaths to any person, except current members or employees of the West Virginia Legislature, appearing before the committee at any meeting or during the deliberations of any committee. If any witness to whom an oath has been administered shall refuse to answer a question put to such witness by any member of the committee, the committee may report such refusal to the House and upon motion duly made by any member of the House, the House may cause to be issued a subpoena to compel such witness to appear before the committee to give testimony. Upon appearance pursuant to subpoena, the witness may be questioned by the Chair and any member of the committee. The Clerk of the House, the Chair of the committee and, in the absence of the Chair, any member of the committee may administer the ~~oath~~ oath to the witness and may require that such oath be subscribed to by the witness.

Time Limit on Introducing

91a. No House joint resolution and no House bill, other than a House supplementary appropriation bill or a House bill originating in a House standing or select committee, shall be introduced in the House after the thirty-fifth day of a regular session unless permission to introduce the joint resolution or bill be given by a House resolution, setting out the title to the joint resolution or bill and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the House members present. The thirty-fifth day of the regular session held in the year two thousand nine and every fourth year thereafter shall be computed from and include the second Wednesday of February of such years.

Fiscal Notes

95a. Prior to consideration, by the House or by any committee thereof, of any bill which either increases or decreases the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality, or other subdivision of the State or in any manner changes or modifies any existing tax or rate of taxation, such bill shall have attached thereto a fiscal note, which "fiscal note" shall conform to the requirements as to form and content prescribed by the "Fiscal Note Manual," prepared and adopted by the Committee on Rules to govern preparation of fiscal notes to bills introduced in the House of Delegates. Any fiscal note received by the House ~~of Delegates~~ may be reviewed by the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance which may provide any additional information regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed bill or any comment on the sufficiency or accuracy on any fiscal note provided to the House. ~~of Delegates~~. The House Speaker or the Chair of the Finance Committee may also specifically request additional information, comment, or opinion from the Division of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance on any fiscal note received by the House. ~~of Delegates~~.

In the case of a bill which either increases or decreases the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality, or other subdivision of the State, nothing herein shall prohibit consideration of such a bill if, in the opinion of the Chair of the committee to which the bill has been referred, or in the opinion of the Speaker, a reasonable time has elapsed since a fiscal note was requested and no fiscal note or an incomplete fiscal note has been furnished.

It shall be the responsibility of the legislator introducing a bill to obtain such note when required. Such note shall be attached to the bill when filed for introduction, if at all possible, and shall accompany any bill requiring such note when the same is reported from committee.

A legislator introducing a bill requiring an increase in the revenue or fiscal liability of the State or any county, municipality or other subdivision of the State should have attached thereto the legislator's specific plan, idea, method or manner for generating the revenue needed or required by the proposed bill.

All measures with fiscal notes attached or requiring such notes shall have the words "Fiscal Note" or the initials "FN" clearly endorsed thereon.

No Act shall be void or voidable for noncompliance with this rule.

Agreeing to Senate Amendments

122. When a House bill or House joint resolution shall be amended by the Senate, the question on agreeing to the bill or resolution as amended shall be again voted on by yeas and nays, and the result entered on the Journal, and in such a case the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the House shall be necessary.

After the reading of a Senate amendment to a House bill or resolution, the question shall be, "Will the House concur in the Senate Amendment?" But it shall be in order to move that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment; or that the House refuse to concur and ask the Senate to recede.

Amendments to Senate Bills

125. Any Senate bill or resolution may be amended in the same manner as a House bill or resolution. If a Senate bill or resolution is amended, the same shall be noted by the Clerk on the jacket containing same before it is reported to the Senate.

~~After the reading of a Senate amendment to a House bill or resolution, the question shall be, "Will the House concur in the Senate Amendment?" But it shall be in order to move that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment; or that the House refuse to concur and ask the Senate to recede.~~

If the Senate shall refuse to concur in a House amendment to a Senate bill or resolution, the following motions shall be in order and shall be privileged in the order named: First, That the House recede; Second, That the House refuse to recede and ask for a committee of conference; Third, That the House adhere.

Printing Official Copies

130. After the printed Journal has been approved and fully marked for correction, the type from which it was printed shall be changed in accordance therewith. From the type so corrected shall be printed the number of copies required by law for the regular bound volumes of the Journal, which shall be properly indexed. In addition thereto six copies shall be printed on 6x9 heavy weight bond paper, with a certificate at the end thereof, certifying that the same is the Official Journal of the House and the same shall be signed by the Speaker and Clerk. Such printed Journal shall be the official record of the House. They shall be bound in flexible binding, and bear the imprint on

the back, "Official Journal of the House of Delegates of West Virginia," with designation of regular or special session, as the case may be, and the year. After being signed by the proper officers, two of these copies shall be retained in the office of the Clerk, and one copy shall be lodged in the office of the Governor, one with the Secretary of State, one with the ~~Department of Archives and History~~ Section, Department of Commerce, and one with the Clerk of the Senate.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. R. 1) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration, and adopted.

On motion of Delegate Anders, the amendment was rejected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

The yeas and nays having been ordered, they were taken (**Roll No. 2**), and there were—yeas 27, nays 68, absent and not voting 4, with the yeas and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Yeas: Anders, Bridges, Brooks, Burkhammer, Butler, D. Cannon, Dean, Dillon, Fluharty, Foggin, Garcia, Hamilton, Hansen, Hornbuckle, Horst, T. Howell, Kimble, Kump, Lewis, Masters, Pritt, Pushkin, Ridenour, Ward, White, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Eldridge, Leavitt, Petitto and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present not having voted in the affirmative, the amendment was rejected.

Delegate Anders moved to amend the resolution on page 2, line 9, after the period by inserting the following: "On a motion to table a motion made under this rule, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and the result entered in the Journal."

And,

On page 2, line 15, after the period by inserting the following: "On a motion to table a motion made under this rule, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and the result entered in the minutes."

On motion of Delegate Young, the amendment was rejected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

The yeas and nays having been ordered, they were taken (**Roll No. 3**), and there were—yeas 20, nays 75, absent and not voting 4, with the yeas and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Yeas: Anders, Bridges, D. Cannon, Dillon, Flanigan, Fluharty, Garcia, Hamilton, Hansen, Hornbuckle, Horst, Kimble, Kump, Lewis, Linville, Pushkin, B. Smith, Ward, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Eldridge, Leavitt, Petitto and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present not having voted in the affirmative, the amendment was rejected.

Delegate Young moves to amend HR1 on page 3, line 5, following the period at the end of Rule 83, by inserting Rule 84 and amending it as follows:

Internet Broadcast Proceedings

84. Legislative proceedings in the House Chamber shall be broadcast live via the Internet on each legislative day of a session. Audio and video of the legislative proceedings occurring in House committee rooms shall be broadcast live via the Internet on each legislative day of a session. This audio and video shall be archived on the Legislature's website for the duration of the legislative session. The provisions of this rule shall apply only to legislative proceedings which occur in the State Capitol. The audio and video records created pursuant to this rule are not an official record of a legislative proceeding. The failure to broadcast or record a legislative proceeding does not prohibit legislative action or otherwise impair the business of the House

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker):

H. R. 2 —"Authorizing the appointment of employees for this, the Second Regular Session of the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Two Thousand Twenty-Six""

Resolved by the House of Delegates:

That the Speaker of the House of Delegates be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint employees to perform technical, clerical, stenographic, custodial and other services for this session of the Legislature to receive the per diems and salaries as herein provided, as follows:

(1) For per diem employees, the following rates:

Twelve Legislative Assistants at \$115.00 - \$160.00

Four Clerks at \$115.00 - \$165.00

Seven Analyst at \$120.00 - \$150.00

Six Attorneys at \$200.00 - \$450.00

One Doorkeeper at \$165.00

Ten Assistant Doorkeepers at \$120.00

One Sergeant-at-Arms at \$165.00

One Head Page at \$145.00

One Assistant Head Page at \$130.00

(2) For salaried full-time employees, the following employees at the following rates, in addition to and exclusive of any experience increment or pay in lieu of an experience increment as may be payable under Section 2, Article 5, Chapter 5 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended:

One Chief Clerk at one hundred three thousand three hundred dollars per year;

One Operations Clerk at fifty-eight thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Journal Clerk at fifty-five thousand dollars per year;

One Journal Clerk at forty thousand dollars per year;

One Documents Clerk at fifty-four thousand dollars per year;

One Communications Director to the House at eighty-five thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Chief of Staff at one hundred ten thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Counsel to the Speaker at one hundred thirty thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Assistant to the Speaker at eighty-seven thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Speaker at fifty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Majority Whip at fifty-two thousand dollars per year;

One Facilities Manager at fifty-five thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Chief Counsel to the Committee on the Judiciary at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Counsel to the Committee on the Judiciary at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Committee on the Judiciary at fifty-five thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Senior Clerk to the Judiciary Committee at fifty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars per year;

One Administrative Assistant to the Committee on the Judiciary at fifty-eight thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Chief Counsel to the Committee on Education at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Legislative Assistant to the Committee on Education at fifty-six thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Committee on Education at fifty thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Budget Analyst to the Committee on Finance at sixty-one thousand dollars per year;

One Budget Analyst to the Committee on Finance at sixty-two thousand nine hundred dollars per year;

One Budget Analyst to the Committee on Finance at fifty-four thousand dollars per year;

One Administrative Assistant to the Committee on Finance at fifty thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Administrative Assistant to the Committee on Government Organization at fifty-two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars per year;

One Legislative Analyst to the Committee on Government Organization at forty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty dollars per year;

One Chief counsel to the Committee on Government Organization at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Counsel to the Committee on Government Organization at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Chief Counsel to the Committee on Health and Human Resources at one hundred twenty thousand dollars per year;

One Administrative Assistant to the Committee on Health and Human Resources at fifty-three thousand seven hundred dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Committee on Health and Human Resources at sixty-three thousand two hundred dollars per year;

One Counsel to the Energy and Public Works Committee at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Chief Counsel to the Energy and Public Works Committee at one hundred ten thousand dollars per year;

One Analyst to the Energy and Public Works Committee at fifty-five thousand nine hundred dollars per year;

One Clerk to the Energy and Public Works Committee at fifty-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars per year;

And,

One Analyst to the Minority Leader at sixty thousand two hundred dollars per year;

The Speaker is authorized to appoint or assign additional or present employees and to determine the rate of compensation therefore as he may deem necessary to expedite the work of the House of Delegates; and, be it

Further Resolved, That, in accordance with Chapter 4, Article 2A of the code, the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized to draw his requisitions upon the Auditor for travel expenses and compensation of members of the House of Delegates; and, be it

Further Resolved, That all appointments made under authority of the foregoing provisions of this resolution shall be certified to the Auditor and Treasurer by the Clerk of the House, and the Clerk of the House of Delegates is hereby authorized to draw his requisitions upon the Auditor in favor of the persons so appointed and the Auditor shall honor and pay such requisitions when presented and charge same to the "per diem of officers and employees" fund or "contingent" fund of the House of Delegates. The Clerk shall draw his requisitions in favor of employees for

consecutive days or months from the date of their employment at the per diem or salary herein set out until such time as their services shall cease. The Speaker may remove any employee and appoint another in his or her place, and he shall require each of said employees to perform such duties as shall be assigned him or her, and he is hereby given authority to dispense with the services of any employee or employees for any such time or number of days as their services shall not be needed during the session, and they shall not be paid for such time, nor shall other persons be appointed into their places for any such time as they may be suspended when not needed; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized to assign employees to such positions and duties as he may deem proper to secure the most efficient and expeditious work during the Session of the Legislature; and be it

Further Resolved, That no person appointed under authority of this resolution and receiving pay hereunder shall concurrently receive compensation from any other department or agency of state government and no person who availed himself or herself of early retirement under the provisions of Senate Bill 10, First Extraordinary Session, 1988, may be appointed under the provisions of this resolution. Notwithstanding designation of positions or duties herein prescribed, any employee may be assigned additional duties by the person by whom appointed, and may be assigned to such positions and duties, as may be deemed proper to serve the most efficient and expeditious work; and, be it

Further Resolved, That following the session, the Speaker is authorized until superseded by subsequent House Resolution, to remove or appoint any employee of the House, and establish such duties and compensation as is deemed appropriate for each employee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That any and all provisions of House Rule 9 in conflict with this resolution are hereby suspended.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. R. 2) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration, and adopted.

Concurrent resolutions were introduced, and severally referred as follows:

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker):

H. C. R. 1 —"Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly therefor."

Whereas, His Excellency, the Governor, has advised that he will be pleased to address a Joint Assembly of the Senate and House of Delegates at the convenience of the two houses; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That His Excellency, the Governor, be hereby invited to address a Joint Assembly of the Legislature at 7:00 p.m., January 14, 2026; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoint three members of each of the respective houses of the Legislature as a

committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and escort him into the Hall of the House of Delegates at the time herein appointed for hearing the address.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. C. R. 1) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration, and adopted.

Whereupon,

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, the Speaker appointed as members of the committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, the following:

Delegates Criss, Heckert, Hott, Phillips and Garcia.

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

And,

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker):

H. C. R. 2 —"Amending Rule 31 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates" That Rule 31 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates be amended, as follows:

Concurrent Resolutions Naming Transportation Infrastructure

31. Concurrent resolutions requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure shall be limited to the naming of bridges and roads for deceased persons who have meaningfully contributed to the State of West Virginia.

No later than the fifteenth day of ~~December~~ November immediately preceding the convening of the Legislature in regular session, legislators or legislators-elect shall submit all applications to name transportation infrastructure to Legislative Services and the Division of Highways. No later than the fifteenth day of ~~January~~ December the Division of Highways shall provide infrastructure availability and location information to Legislative Services for all timely submitted applications. ~~On~~ Before the first day of session, Legislative Services shall draft a concurrent resolution for each timely submitted application. All such concurrent resolutions requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure shall be introduced in the house of origin by the ~~twenty-fifth~~ third day, must complete action in the house of origin by the fifteenth day, and shall not be considered in either house after the ~~fifty-second~~ thirtieth day.

No concurrent resolution requesting the naming of transportation infrastructure that does not follow these procedures shall be introduced.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. C. R. 2) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration, and adopted.

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

On motions for leave, Joint Resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Delegate Horst:

H. J. R. 1 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one-b, article X thereof, relating to homestead exemption increase; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 2 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia , amending section 19, article VI thereof, relating to providing that the proclamation of the convening of the Legislature by the governor be issued not less than five days prior to the convening of the Legislature and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 3 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section §1, article VII thereof; and amending §2 of article VII thereof; and amending §17, article VII thereof; and amending §4, article XII thereof; all relating to removing the offices of auditor and treasurer from the West Virginia Constitution and substituting comptroller in their place"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 4 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section 12-2, article XII thereof, relating to changing the term of office of members of the West Virginia Board of Education from nine years to five years; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. J. R. 5 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one-b, article X thereof, relating to homestead exemption increase; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 6 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section two, article XII thereof, providing for the election of the state superintendent in the general election; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 7 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending article VI thereof, by adding thereto a new section, designated section 58, relating to the creation of single member senatorial districts; the numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 8 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one, article VI thereof; amending section two, article XIV thereof; and amending said Constitution by adding a new article, designated article XV, amending section one, article VI thereof; amending section two, article XIV thereof; and amending said Constitution by adding a

new article, designated article XV, all relating to the legislative powers held by the people of the state and the Legislature; the power of the registered voters and the power of the Legislature to propose amendments to this Constitution; and the reservation by and to the people and registered voters of this state the powers of initiative, referendum, and recall at all levels of government in this state; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. J. R. 9 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia to amend and reenact Article XII, section two thereof, relating to the West Virginia Board of Education; authorizing the West Virginia Board of Education create nine districts in the state; establishing that the districts be comprised of county boards of education; establishing that one member of the West Virginia Board of Education be elected from each of the nine districts; numbering and designating the proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. J. R. 10 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending by adding a new article, designated article XV, all relating to the legislative powers held by the people of the state and the Legislature; the power of the registered voters and the power of the Legislature to propose amendments to this Constitution; and the reservation by and to the people and registered voters of this state the powers of initiative, referendum, and recall at all levels of government in this state; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Kump, Gearheart, Canterbury, Dittman, Toney, Pritt, Miller, Heckert, Marple, Ridenour and Anders:

H. J. R. 11 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section one-b, article X thereof, relating to homestead exemption increase; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Riley:

H. J. R. 12 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section four, article VII thereof, relating to clarifying that the elected executive department officers may not hold any other offices during their terms; clarifying the number of terms one may serve as Governor; limiting a person to only three consecutive terms as Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, or Commissioner of Agriculture; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Riley:

H. J. R. 13 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia section three, article VI thereof; relating to limiting consecutive elections to the same office to 12 years; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. J. R. 14 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one, article X thereof, relating to authorizing the Legislature to exempt tangible

machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity from ad valorem property taxation by general law; providing that the question of ratification or rejection of the amendment be submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election to be held in the year 2026; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. J. R. 15 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending section §1b, article X thereof; relating to permitting increase in homestead exemption for persons with yearly income that does not exceed \$20,000; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

And,

By Delegate Hansen:

H. J. R. 16 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending article III thereof by adding thereto a new section, designated section 23, relating to the Bill of Rights; providing for the right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, a safe climate, and the preservation of the natural, recreational, and healthful qualities of the environment; the protection of these rights; the conservation, protection, and maintenance of West Virginia's natural resources; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary.

Bills Introduced

On motions for leave, bills were introduced and severally referred as follows:

At the respective requests of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, that further reading of bills introduced be dispensed with and that each bill be considered as formally introduced and referred to the appropriate committees as indicated on the Chamber Automation System., and it was taken up for immediate consideration, and adopted.

By Delegates Dittman, Chiarelli, Willis, Statler, Stephens, Amos, J. Cannon, Ellington, Canterbury, Ferrell and Parsons:

H. B. 4002 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §4-16-1, §4-16-2, and §4-16-3, relating to establishing the West Virginia Collaboratory; establishing powers and duties; directing funding; establishing an advisory group; specifying composition and duties of the advisory group; authorizing reimbursement of members; exempting meetings of the advisory group from open meetings laws; exempting documents compiled by the advisory group from public records requests; and requiring annual reports"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Akers, Funkhouser, Pritt, Martin, Jeffries, Brooks, Hall, Flanigan, Horst, Jennings and Cooper:

H. B. 4003 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-12-4, §5B-12-5, §5B-12-6, and §5B-12-7, relating to establishing the WV First Small Business Growth Act; defining terms; creating the WV

First Small Business Growth Program to be administered by the Department of Commerce; establishing program procedures and requirements; providing application procedures and requirements; providing for the certification of capital investment authority; establishing insurance premium tax credit; providing tax credit claimant and recapture procedures; prohibiting certain investments; and requiring annual reporting"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Worrell, Browning, Drennan, Gearheart, Bridges, Miller, Shamblin, Petitto, D. Cannon, Adkins and White:

H. B. 4004 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5B-2P-1, §5B-2P-2, §5B-2P-3, §5B-2P-4, and §5B-2P-5, relating to the creation of the Recharge West Virginia Program; providing for the reimbursement of certain employers for certain costs of providing upskilling training to their employees; stating the short title; defining terms; establishing the Recharge West Virginia Program; requiring the Division of Economic Development to administer the program; providing procedures, standards, and requirements to determine which employers are reimbursed; prohibiting certain duplicative reimbursement; stating certain post-reimbursement duties of employers; requiring the Division of Economic Development to promulgate emergency and legislative rules, and permitting the division to promulgate additional legislative rules, in accordance with Chapter 29 of the Code to implement the program, including rules related to employer applications, awards to employers, and certain obligations; and providing for requirements and protections related to records"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Browning, Dean, Worrell, McCormick, Pritt, Martin, Hott, Bell, Pinson, Stephens and Watt:

H. B. 4005 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-7G and §21-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to clarify the categories of employment which are prohibited or authorized for persons in West Virginia who are under the age of 18 and to clarify youth apprenticeships prohibited or authorized in such categories of employment and to be known as 'The Workforce Development Act of 2026'"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Hornby, Fehrenbacher, Dean, Rohrbach, Hite, Masters, Pinson, Hall, Leavitt, Watt and Browning:

H. B. 4006 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6F-1, §11-6F-2, and §11-6F-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding four new articles designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-13-1, §5B-13-2, §5B-13-3, §5B-13-4, §5B-13-5, §5B-13-6, §5B-13-7, §5B-13-8, §5B-13-9, §5B-13-10, §5B-13-11, §5B-13-12, §5B-14-1, §5B-14-2, §5B-14-3, §5B-14-4, §5B-14-5, §5B-14-6, §5B-14-7, §18B-23-1, §18B-23-2, §18B-23-3, §18B-23-4, §18B-23-5, §18B-23-6, §18B-23-7, §18B-23-8, §18B-23-9, and §18B-23-10, relating to economic development; providing legislative findings, intent, and title; providing definitions; creating a grant program; establishing an aerospace development program; providing tax credits and incentives; creating a fund account; clarifying economic development agreements; creating reporting requirements; creating a workforce training program; and authorizing rule-making authority"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates McCormick, Roop, Sheedy, Phillips, Riley, Watt, Ferrell, Kyle, Anderson, Eldridge and Jeffries:

H. B. 4007 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-3A-1, §17-3A-2, and §17-3A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the industrial access road fund; clarifying how the money shall be used; providing a response deadline when a formal use request is submitted; clarifying restrictions on use of the fund; and raising the allocated funding per fiscal year"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Maynor, Shamblin, Moore, Crouse, Clay, Foggin, Burkhammer, Anderson, Ellington, Akers and Parsons:

H. B. 4008 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §24-2-1n of the code; relating to the West Virginia Business Ready Sites Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Riley and Heckert:

H. B. 4028 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-13NN-1, §11-13NN-2, §11-13NN-3, §11-13NN-4, and §11-13NN-15, relating to tax exemptions for construction contractors; creating a short title; providing findings and a purpose; providing definitions; creating a tax exemption for construction contractors of school facilities; and clarifying purchases not exempt"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4029 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-22-5, relating to requiring a public entity accepting a bid on a public construction contract or any other type of contract to notify every municipality and county in which the contractor or any of its subcontractors will be performing services under the contract of the existence of the contract; publishing terms of contract; and providing time for public comment"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4030 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-6-2 the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules relating to the standardization of leases, deeds or contracts relating to oil and gas, consistent in format with the purpose of making the terms of these documents less confusing to the landowners"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4031 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-1C-9a, relating to fair and equitable assessment of real property; providing Legislative findings; providing that it is unlawful to increase the assessed value of real property for no apparent reason than to establish a new or additional source of revenue; and providing that increased assessments may be made only upon the periodic evaluation of the property"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4032 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-5T-8, relating to establishing quick response teams under the Office of Drug Control Policy to act as first responders in narcotic related medical emergencies"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4033 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-13A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to public service districts; and providing that if a public service board represents more than one community, there shall be one member from each such community on the service district board"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4034 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-33-9, relating to requiring public elementary schools and secondary

schools to display in a conspicuous place in each classroom of the school a durable poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments that meets certain requirements, listing requirements for the posters or framed and uses for surplus posters"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4035 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-13-2s, relating to business and occupational tax imposed on coal-fired electric generating units; providing legislative findings; authorizing a credit; clarifying the amount of credit and how to claim the credit; providing a definition; and creating rule making authority"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4036 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-13-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to designated accessible parking for persons with a mobility impairment; increasing certain penalties for illegally parking, stopping, standing, or blocking access to a designated accessible parking space, or illegally creating, obtaining and use of special plates or windshield cards issued to mobility impaired persons; establishing a program to increase public awareness of the applicable law, criminal penalties, and the consequences of illegally parking, stopping, or standing in designated accessible parking spaces and illegally creating, obtaining, and using of special plates or windshield cards issued to mobility impaired persons"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4037 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-5i, relating to the unification of county school districts in the state; establishing findings; require county school districts be unified with other county school districts by July 1, 2029; require State Board of Education to study and provide recommendation regarding school district unification by October 31, 2026; creating School District Unification Committee to assist State Board of Education; and authorizing rulemaking to aid in the transition process"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4038 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5C-2-1, §11-6A-5a and §11-13A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to ensuring that coal remains the primary source of power in West Virginia during emergency weather events; limiting the new amount of permits to construct wind power plant, wind power farm, or 'windmills' for power generally in West Virginia; and providing that for each new wind powered facility built in West Virginia, there is an offset in the amount of taxes paid by new and existing coal fired power plants"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4039 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-5-16, relating to personal property; limiting the assessed value of antique or classic vehicles; and providing a justification requirement for any increase by the county tax assessor which must be presented to the vehicle owner before any increase may take effect"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4040 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article designated §8-13B-1, §8-13B-2, §8-13B-3, §8-13B-4, §8-13B-5, §8-13B-6 ,and §8-13B-7,

relating to non-state owned road repair by municipalities; providing a short title; providing definitions; establishing authority for municipalities to improve non-state owned roads; clarifying legal protection against litigation; establishing public notification and transparency; authorizing funding; and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4041 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to making a mandatory sentence of 25 years for an assault on any law enforcement officer or animal"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4042 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-3-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to property exempt from taxation; and providing a tax exemption for real property used for farming, if the owner-farmer resides on the real property and receives at least 40 percent of his or her income from the farm"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4043 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing an additional homestead exemption on the property tax of any West Virginia citizen farmer who produces more than 50% of his or her income from their farm"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4044 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by inserting a new article, designated §49-13-1, §49-13-2, and §49-13-3; relating to requiring hair follicle drug testing of substantiated child abusers before restoring unsupervised visitation rights; and requiring hair follicle drug testing of affected minors"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4045 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to add a new article, designated §46A-6O-1, relating to creating The Rossi Act; requiring that entities providing goods, services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or mail; and providing for enforcement"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4046 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to cooperative associations; and providing an exception when a cooperative may continue services"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4047 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-3 and §11-15-3b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing consumers sales and service tax from prepared food sold through vending and money-operated machines"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4048 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-1007, relating to adoption; prohibiting adoption by unlicensed persons or organizations; prohibiting the sale or bartering of children; and creating criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4049 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; by adding a new article, designated §62-17-1, §62-17-2, §62-17-3, §62-17-4, §62-17-5, §62-17-6, §62-17-7, §62-17-8, §62-17-9, §62-17-10, §62-17-11, §62-17-12, §62-17-13, §62-17-14, §62-17-15, §62-17-16, §62-17-17, §62-17-18, §62-17-19, §62-17-20, §62-17-21, §62-17-22, §62-17-23, §62-17-24, §62-17-25, §62-17-26, §62-17-27, §62-17-28, §62-17-29, §62-17-30, §62-17-31, §62-17-32, §62-17-33, §62-17-34, §62-17-35, §62-17-36, §62-17-37, and §62-17-38, and to repeal §60A-7-701, §60A-7-702, §60A-7-703, §60A-7-704, §60A-7-705, §60A-7-705a, §60A-7-706, §60A-7-707, and §60A-7-708, relating to the creation of the Criminal Forfeiture Process Act replacing the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing that this article applies to the seizure and forfeiture of property used in and derived directly from the crime involving controlled substances; definitions; procedure; providing that there is no civil forfeiture and that the court with jurisdiction of criminal matter has jurisdiction of the forfeiture procedure; seizure of property, both real and personal; providing that there is no property right to contraband; hearing and appeal; return and disposition of property; restrictions on sales; preemption of local laws; and prohibiting an offer for adoption property, seized under state law, to a federal agency for the purpose of forfeiture under federal law"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4050 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §24-3-11, relating to establishing reporting requirements for utilities that are members of a regional transmission organization; and providing the contents and timing of those reports"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4051 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the right to bear arms as a fundamental right as provided for in the Second Amendment in the United States Constitution and Article 3-22 in the West Virginia Constitution; defining a crime of violence; and clarifying that law enforcement officers of this state may not infringe on individuals right to bear arms"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4052 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17C-14-9b, relating to establishing the HALO Act; relating to impeding threatening, or harassing first responders; providing definitions; prohibiting approaching a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty after a warning is issued, from violating such warning and approaching or remaining within a specified distance of the first responder with specified intent; and providing criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hall:

H. B. 4053 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-29-5b, relating to establishing the 'blue envelope' program; and providing for the distribution of envelopes to individuals with autism spectrum disorder"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4054 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-20-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting the keeping any vicious pet and permitting a vicious pet to be killed"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4055 - "A Bill to repeal §56-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to execution of process on Sunday"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4056 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §7-28-1; and to amend said code by adding a new article, designated §8-20B-1, relating to unsafe real property conditions in counties or municipalities; providing a process by which county commissions may compel the cleanup of hazardous real property conditions; providing a power to assert a lien if a real property owner fails to comply with a hazardous condition resolution by a county commission; providing a hearing and appeals process regarding unsafe condition determinations made by county commissions; providing a process by which local governing bodies may compel the cleanup of hazardous real property conditions; providing a power to assert a lien if a real property owner fails to comply with a local governing body's hazardous condition resolution; and providing a hearing and appeals process on unsafe condition determinations made by local governing bodies"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4057 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5F-2-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to agencies and boards; clarifying the power and authority of the secretary of each department; and authorizing rule making authority"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4058 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing reduced rates for residential utility customers who are residents of a small community with fewer than 1,000 residents"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4059 - "A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §15-17-10 and §16-67-1; relating to public safety and immigration data; requiring political subdivisions and the Department of Health to collect and report data regarding costs expended on undocumented immigrants; providing for reports to be submitted; and authorizing rules"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4060 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §31-22-1 and §31-22-2, relating to requiring businesses in West Virginia to accept cash as a form of payment"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4061 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7, §33-15-4u, §33-16-3ff, §33-24-7u, §33-25-8r, and §33-25A-8u of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency and other health insurance providers to provide payment parity for the same services provided between behavioral health, mental health, and medical and surgical health care providers; setting forth providers eligible for parity payment; providing requirements for claim submission; prohibiting insurer from reducing reimbursement paid to physician; and setting forth an effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4062 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-15h, relating to the creation of the West Virginia Homeschool Student Athletics Participation Act; providing for a short title; providing for a purpose; setting forth definitions; providing for implementation of the section; providing for an effective date; and providing for severability"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4063 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to the creation of a school choice portal; and requiring the Board of Education to adopt a school choice portal"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4064 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-3c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the rate of tax on motor vehicles to include the exchange of used cars"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4065 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-31-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the composition of the Hope Scholarship Board"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4066 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-8-2a, relating to providing penalties for direct misinformation provided to parents, custodians, reviewers, and other individuals by county or state boards of education"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4067 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-2-131, relating to services rendered to children of child care program employees"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4068 - "A Bill amend and reenact §16-1-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Public Health System; and requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health to propose legislative rules to include alpha-gal syndrome on the list of diseases that shall be required to be reported to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4069 - "A Bill amend and reenact §17C-15-44 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to motorcycle safety equipment and removing the helmet and eye protection requirements"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4070 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-3-14, relating to ensuring that all persons who have obtained natural immunity or antibodies from an infectious or communicable disease are considered to be vaccinated; and ensuring that those persons are given equal or preferred treatment as opposed

to those who have vaccine induced immunity"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4071 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2E-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring K through 12 schools to display school report cards on websites; and requiring county boards of education to use the statewide electronic information system established by the state board for data collection and reporting to the state department of education"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4072 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-12-101, §49-12-102, §49-12-103, §49-12-104, §49-12-105, §49-12-106, §49-12-107, and §49-12-108, relating to the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program; establishing findings; defining terms; establishing program and the duties and powers of the Department of Human Services; providing authorization for rulemaking; establishing the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program Fund; establishing requirements for distributions from fund; establishing parameters for contracts between employers, employees, and the department; providing circumstances under which contracts created for program be terminated; and allowing program be incorporated into contracts for economic development incentives provided by the Department of Economic Development"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4073 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to compulsory immunizations; and permitting religious exemptions"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4074 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-5-34, relating to establishing a pilot program to develop a childcare program where the state, employer, and employee, contribute one-third of the total cost each"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4075 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding five new sections, designated §33-15-4y, §33-16-3ii, §33-24-7z, §33-25-8w and §33-25A-8z, relating to health coverage; and requiring insurers providing sickness or health care to provide coverage for bioidentical hormones"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4076 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-35-2, §19-35-5, and §19-35-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the sale of homemade food items and honey; defining terms; authorizing production and sale of homemade food items and honey under certain circumstances; establishing conditions for exemption from licensure, permitting, inspection, packaging, and labeling laws; providing required notices to consumer; defining manner of providing notices; exempting certain products from the scope of this provision; and permitting local health departments and the Department of Agriculture to investigate and cease production or sale of food items reported to have caused a foodborne illness"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4077 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-47, relating to the removal of standardized testing in public and private schools; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4078 - "A Bill to repeal §55-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the statute of limitation on bringing an action for entry upon or recovery of lands"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4079 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §1-9-1, relating to restricting speech by eliminating woke words and agendas from state government documents, websites, literature, and in person"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Willis, Chiarelli, Stephens, Phillips, Hornby, Holstein, Hite and Martin:

H. B. 4080 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-5-5 and §8-5-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to making mayor or city council elections to be partisan and preventing mayors from being appointed except when filling a vacancy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Willis, Stephens, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Ellington and Rohrbach:

H. B. 4081 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18B-23-1, §18B-23-2, §18B-23-3, §18B-23-4, and §18B-23-5, relating to creating the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant; providing for a short title; enacting the act and providing for a legislative purpose; providing criteria that institutions shall follow to receive such grant; establishing a reporting requirement; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Willis:

H. B. 4082 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-47, providing for the State Board of Education to send a budget for review to the Legislature"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4083 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-3-20 and §55-7B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, relating to clarifying parameters for medical malpractice civil actions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4084 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-42-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a written contract between a licensed contractor and owner or lessee of residential property and information to be contained in the written contract"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Holstein:

H. B. 4085 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-16-18, §11-16-19, and §60-3A-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the penalties for selling to or obtaining alcohol for a minor"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4086 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing a person who first becomes a member of the Teachers Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015, to apply his or her accrued annual and sick leave, on the basis of one day's retirement service credit for each one-day of accrued annual and sick leave, toward an increase in his or her retirement benefits with those days constituting additional credited service in computation of the benefits under the Teachers Retirement System"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4087 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-36-2, §29-36-4, and §29-36-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to establishing the West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance Partnership with the goal of the West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance Partnership is to strengthen academic, cultural, and workforce connections between West Virginia and Ireland, while creating opportunities for shared learning and international engagement; providing that the West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance Partnership consist of partnering institutions between West Virginia and Ireland with five members from four-year universities and five members from two-year colleges; and providing for the distribution of five \$50,000 grants between four-year and two-year institutions"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Criss:

H. B. 4088 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-9-2, §30-9-5, §30-9-7, §30-9-8, §30-9-9, §30-9-10, §30-9-11, §30-9-16, and §30-9-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; all relating to certified public accountants; clarifying and updating definitions; modifying rule-making authority of the Board of Accountancy; updating education, examination, and experience requirements for certification; clarifying issuance of certificates to out-of-state applicants; revising provisions on substantial equivalency practice privileges; establishing conditions for issuance and renewal of authorizations; and updating unlawful acts and disciplinary provisions applicable to licensees, firms, and substantial equivalency practitioners"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Hall:

H. B. 4089 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding seven new sections, designated §5-16-8b, §9-5-34, §33-15-4a, §33-16-20, §33-24-15, §33-25-23, and §33-25A-37, relating to insurance; and providing definitions; and requiring health insurers to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4090 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-55, relating to authorizing county boards of education to employ or accepting as volunteers certified chaplains; and limitation of liability"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4091 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §6-6-10, relating to providing for the removal of elected and certain appointed officers by courts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4092 - "A Bill to amend §30-29-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring all law-enforcement officers to have proof of citizenship of the United States as a condition of certification; and providing an exception for those persons already employed"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4093 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing persons who have a concealed carry license to carry a concealed handgun in or on the grounds of any primary or secondary educational facility"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4094 - "A Bill to repeal §19-20-1, §19-20-2, and §19-20-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to repealing the sections of code relating to dogs being subject to taxation"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4095 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing qualified immunity for officers serving no-knock warrants if they are found to have used excessive force or found to have been negligent and causing an investigation of the training the officer received"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4096 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §15-17-1, §15-17-2, §15-17-3, §15-17-4, §15-17-5, and §15-17-6, relating to preserving and protecting the right to keep and bear arms; defining acts which constitute infringements upon the right to keep and bear arms; articulating the constitutional limits on these infringements and making findings in defense of the right; declaring all infringements under federal law or authority to be against the rights of the people and to be legally void; declaring the duty of courts and law-enforcement agencies to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens, including the right to keep and bear arms; providing causes of action against persons who knowingly infringe upon these rights; providing for awards of specified damages, costs, and attorneys' fees; and barring the employment of certain persons by the state or its political subdivisions for infringing actions taken under color of federal law"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4097 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §62-1H-1, §62-1H-2, §62-1H-3, §62-1H-4, §62-1H-5, and §62-1H-6, all relating to establishing the Protection of Shared Physical and Digital Property from Warrantless Searches Act; providing for legislative findings; providing for definitions; creating conditions for government to search or seize physical or digital property from a third party; defining illegal searches and seizures, and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4098 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §52-1-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eligibility requirements for serving on jury after expungement of a conviction of a felony"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4099 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17B-1A-3, relating to drivers licenses issued in other states to undocumented immigrants not being recognized as valid in West Virginia"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4100 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-47, relating to the state board of education and required courses of education; requiring courses to include human growth and development related to pregnancy and human development inside the womb; clarifying methods of presenting this instruction and adding a human growth and development curriculum to be known as the 'Baby Olivia Act'; authorizing the Attorney General to sue for any violation of the 'Baby Olivia Act'; and creating civil penalties"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4101 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-21-27, relating to providing a personal income tax exemption for families with four or more children"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4102 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-23-1, §18B-23-2, §18B-23-3, and §18B-23-4, all relating to requiring publicly funded medical schools to teach the most current evidence-based, life-saving methods including abortion pill reversal; providing definitions; setting forth consequences for noncompliance of standard education practices; and providing finding that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Education.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4103 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-33-9, relating to requiring public elementary schools and secondary schools to display in a conspicuous place in each classroom of the school a durable poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments that meets certain requirements, listing requirements for the posters or framed copies and uses for surplus posters"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4104 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, §18-36-2, §18-36-3, and §18-36-4, relating to establishing the American Civics and History Act; providing for a title and purpose; creating required instruction; providing for accuracy and suitable course materials; and creating accountability materials"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 4105 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-55, relating to the establishment of the Adoption Education Act; providing requirements relating to the education of students and young adults about unplanned pregnancy options, including adoption as an option; providing for the education about current

adoption practices; and providing for adoption resources"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Education.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4106 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-6, §61-7-7, and §61-7-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §61-7-3, relating to recognizing the right of persons 18 to 20 years old to carry a concealed deadly weapon without first obtaining a license; repealing the crime of carrying a deadly weapon without a license for person under 21 years of age; repealing the exceptions to prohibitions for persons 18 to 20 years old carrying concealed handguns; clarifying that certain persons 18 years of age or older have the right to carry concealed deadly weapons without first obtaining a license; clarifying that a minor unlawfully carrying a deadly weapon may be adjudicated delinquent as if he or she committed a violation of §61-7-7(a); clarifying and creating certain acts of delinquency; and making technical corrections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4107 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §22-1-4, relating to requiring disclosure of the lawful activity that is the basis of a permit application with the Department of Environmental Protection; and providing exceptions thereto"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4108 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §1-2-2a, relating to increasing transparency in the apportionment process for congressional and legislative districts; defining procedures to enhance public access to and participation in the development of such districts; and establishing a period for public comment on district maps to be voted on by the Legislature prior to their adoption"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4109 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to bonding for wells used for extraction or placement of certain liquids or gas; and removing cap on numbers of wells for which operators are required to pay annual oversight fee"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4110 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-2J-1, §24-2J-2, §24-2J-3, §24-2J-4, §24-2J-5, and §24-2J-6, relating to establishing the West Virginia Energy Efficiency Jobs Creation Act; creating short title; establishing findings and purpose; defining terms; requiring electric utilities to develop and implement energy efficiency programs; establishing duties of the Public Service Commission; establishing certain requirements that the commission is to impose on electric utilities; providing requirements of electric utilities; requiring the commission to make reports to the Legislature; providing a self-direct option for an energy efficiency plan for eligible primary or secondary electric customers; establishing eligibility requirements; establishing duties of the commission; establishing requirements for self-directed energy efficiency plans; requiring electric providers to provide an annual report to the commission that includes certain information on the implementation of self-directed energy optimization plans; and requiring the commission to order certain participating customers that fail to meet the minimum energy efficiency goals of the self-directed plan to repay to the provider certain charges the customer avoided"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4111 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-2J-1, §24-2J-2, §24-2J-3, and §24-2J-4, relating to establishing a community solar program for subscribers to gain credits against their utility bills; providing legislative findings; defining terms; authorizing subscriber based solar projects that allow solar power production to be granted credit against electric power costs; providing that an authorized project is not considered as a utility; providing conditions and terms for operation for a facility; providing for regulation of the program by the Public Service Commission; providing conditions for credits; providing requirements for subscriber organizations; and providing Public Service Commission rulemaking authority and directives"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4112 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-21-24a, relating to establishing tax credits for parents and legal guardians whose children are in a home-schooling program or private school; providing for an exception; and providing rule-making authority"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4113 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding six new sections, designated §7-27-46, §7-27-47, §7-27-48, §7-27-49, §7-27-50, and §7-27-51, relating to county commissions; authorizing counties to impose emergency medical services sales tax; clarifying the rate of tax and exemptions; creating an emergency medical services sales tax revenue distribution program; clarifying the use of funds; establishing requirements to determine a funding rate; adopting policies and procedures; providing notice to the Tax Commissioner, Treasurer, and Auditor from counties imposing the tax; clarifying enforcement solely vested in Tax Commissioner; authorizing the Tax Commissioner to impose fees for services and providing that those fees be deposited in special revenue account; providing emergency medical services sales tax be collected from purchaser; and clarifying additional sales taxes to also be collected from purchaser"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4114 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Fusion Center Joint Oversight Committee; terminating the Joint Oversight Committee as of June 30, 2026; establishing the Fusion Center Joint Oversight Committee to be effective July 1, 2026; directing the Inspector General to conduct an annual audit of the Fusion Center; establishing audit requirements; requiring Inspector General or Director of Fusion Center to respond to questions from committee; providing that the President and Speaker may call Fusion Center employees to testify in committee meetings; establishing that violations of law or policy identified by audit may form basis for disciplinary action regarding Fusion Center employee"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4115 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-45a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the required amount of contracted teaching days and provide for breaks per semester for teachers"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4116 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-9-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to West Virginia Invests Grant Program; and extending the West Virginia

Invests Grant Program to an associate degree or certificate in a post-secondary program for emergency medical services"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4117 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding five new sections, designated §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-46, §33-25-23, and §33-25A-37, relating to surprise billing of out-of-network ambulance services; clarifying what is considered full payment to an ambulance service, what the rate of payment is, and the most an ambulance service can be paid; prohibiting billing and insured for additional costs except for fees the insurer required the insured to pay; providing procedure for payment; providing exceptions when the insurer does not have to pay within 30 days; and requiring written notices for denied claims"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4118 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §7-1-3uu, relating to authorizing county commissions to establish and impose voluntary firefighter service fees on county residents and to establish a voluntary firefighter service fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 4119 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18C-10-1, §18C-10-2, §18C-10-3, §18C-10-4, §18C-10-5, and §18C-10-6 relating generally to establishing the West Virginia TEACH Scholarship Program; defining terms; authorizing the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to award West Virginia TEACH Scholarship Program scholarships under certain terms and conditions; requiring the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to report certain information on the West Virginia TEACH Scholarship Program; requiring the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to propose legislative rules; providing eligibility and renewal requirements for a West Virginia TEACH Scholarship Program scholarship; requiring applicants enter into certain agreements; and establishing the West Virginia TEACH Scholarship Program Fund"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 4120 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §22-3-13b, relating to the creation of the Productive Energy Site Reclamation Waiver grant for variances by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection under the Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act to convert formerly mined sites into productive energy sites; providing definitions; identifying criteria for application; and empowering the secretary to promulgate rules to implement this program"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 4121 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-15-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to ambulance service; requiring the county commissions to provide ambulance service to all residents, and requiring the county commission submit a yearly report to the Office of Emergency Medical Services on the funds expended the year prior on emergency ambulance services"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4122 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to requiring cameras to be placed in schools in classrooms and all other rooms in which students are present"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4123 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section designated §15-2D-6, relating to salaries of employees for the Division of Protective Services; providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing a pay increase to all Capitol police and employees; providing directives for the funding; and clarifying this section controls in the event of a conflict"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4124 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-7A-1, relating to baby food safety; providing definitions; and requiring manufacturers follow certain food testing procedures to sell, manufacture, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any baby food in West Virginia"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Riley:

H. B. 4125 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the personal income tax; alleviating double taxation on foreign income at the state level; and sunsetting the credit for income tax paid on foreign income in 2070"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Riley:

H. B. 4126 - "A Bill amend and reenact §20-5A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the funding distribution of royalties received from certain state-owned gas, oil, and other mineral rights to the West Virginia State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund and the State Parks Operation Fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4127 - "A Bill to repeal §17A-10-3c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to additional registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4128 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1C-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for mental health evaluations prior to setting bonds for certain crimes"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4129 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-1-7 and §20-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said the code by adding two new sections, designated §62-1A-12 and §62-1A-13, relating to warrantless entry of private lands; setting forth limitations of entry onto private lands; clarifying the process for law enforcement entry onto posted private lands; and clarifying the use of surveillance cameras on or near posted private lands searches and seizures on private lands; including the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to enter or otherwise gather information from private land as a search requiring a search warrant or other recognized exception for searches and seizures in open fields; providing a definition; providing for abolishing the common law open fields doctrine; prohibiting surveillance cameras on private property; and providing exceptions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4130 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-10-2, §7-10-4, §19-20-22, §19-20-26 and §61-8-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the code by adding five new sections designated §7-10-1a, §19-20-12a, §19-20-27, §61-8-19d and §61-8-19e, relating to protections for the welfare of domestic animals; requiring facilities for the care of stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals and providing for access by the public; defining terms; updating the duties of humane officers; creating rule making authority; defining an owner's duty of care for companion animals; requiring an owner to confine unspayed female dogs in estrus; requiring dog breeders to provide written disclosures to purchasers; clarifying minimum levels of care to be provided by dog breeders; enhancing and creating criminal penalties; and providing for mental health treatment in certain circumstances involving hoarding of animals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4131 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §29B-2-1, §29B-2-2, §29B-2-3, §29B-2-4, §29B-2-5, §29B-2-6, §29B-2-7, §29B-2-8, §29B-2-9, §29B-2-10, §29B-2-11, §29B-2-12, and §29B-2-13, relating to creating a Law-Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; providing definitions; general rights of officers; general procedure in investigation or interrogation by a law-enforcement agency of a law-enforcement officer; right to hearing by a hearing board; disposition of administrative action; judicial review expungement of record of formal complaint; summary punishment; emergency suspension; and misdemeanor offense for false statement, report, or complaint, with penalty"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4132 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2D-1, §18-2D-2, §18-2D-3, and §18-2D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to require the implementation of community education programs throughout the state to facilitate the providing of educational, recreational, cultural, social, health, and other community services to all of the people of the community"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Martin:

H. B. 4133 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to defining a workday and a one-half workday for school service personnel and removing a provision relating to employment of licensed practical nurses"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4134 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §12-4-14a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section, designated §15A-11-12, relating to quantifying and ensuring fair workers' compensation rates and developing a more equitable method of tracking and billing for the various classifications within volunteer fire departments and emergency rescue personnel"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4135 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-12-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to information required to be provided to the West Virginia State Police upon registration to the Sex Offender Registry; requiring registrant to provide all online identifiers from internet and mobile application accounts; and requiring registrant provide information about All Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles operated by the registrant"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4136 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to require certain training in specific areas such as English, math, and science of certified teachers who review portfolios of samples of a home instructed child's work"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Akers:

H. B. 4137 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §4-12-1, §4-12-2, §4-12-3, §4-12-4, §4-12-5, and §4-12-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Law Institute; updating the purpose and duties of the institute; adding new members; clarifying how vacancies shall be filled; authorizing reimbursement for the members; and exempting the institute from open meetings laws"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Akers:

H. B. 4138 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-12-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that any person convicted of a crime pursuant to §61-8B-1 *et seq.* shall be required to register pursuant to this article, and also relating to clarifying that a person convicted of the former §61-8B-6, relating to the offense of sexual assault of a spouse, which was repealed by an act of the Legislature during the 2000 legislative session, shall be required to continue to be registered pursuant to this article"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Martin:

H. B. 4139 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the state convict road force; making all inmates, regardless of sex, eligible to work on a state convict road force; and providing no road crew be mixed sex"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4140 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-1-3rr of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county commissions and authorizing posting legal ads on the county website in lieu of publication in local newspapers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4141 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed services of the United States from the payment of vehicle registration fees under the provisions of this chapter, except for a special initial application fee of \$10"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4142 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17D-2A-4, 17D-2A-6a, and §33-6-31g of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to motor vehicle safety; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner to develop and implement an electronic insurance verification program; requiring every driver have insurance; and requiring the Insurance Commissioner to propose rules necessary to implement requirements of the electronic insurance verification program"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4143 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-67-1, §16-67-2, §16-67-3, §16-67-4, §16-67-5, and §16-67-6, relating to the Women's Bill of Rights; providing short title; setting forth purpose; establishing application of

act; defining terms; allowing for language substitution; establishing certain single sex environments are not discriminatory; creating parameters for certain data collection; and allowing severability"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4144 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-5-2a, relating to granting eligible state employees annual Christmas bonuses based on state surplus revenues if those revenues exceed \$100 million annually"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4145 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5-34-1, authorizing the Governor's Office to create a school choice office"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4146 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-3-4d, relating to requiring vaccinations for anyone employed by the public school system, to be done in accordance with the pediatric schedule; prohibiting religious or philosophical exemptions by school personnel; requiring a 21 day quarantine period for anyone employed by the school system who participates in states who permit vaccine exemptions; and requiring vaccinations and proof of vaccinations by visitors to public schools"; to the Committee on Education then Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4147 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-9A-6, relating to the possession and use of tobacco products by a person under 21 years of age; setting out penalties; and providing exception for individuals assisting in tobacco compliance inspections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Lucas:

H. B. 4148 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-40-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to require applicants for real estate salesperson's licenses to submit proof of United States Citizenship"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4149 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-1-7 and §20-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to warrantless entry of private lands; setting forth limitations of entry onto private lands; clarifying the process for law enforcement entry onto posted private lands; and clarifying the use of surveillance cameras on or near posted private lands"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4150 - "A Bill amend and reenact §61-7-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the right of lawful medical cannabis card holders and their caregivers to own, purchase, and possess firearms"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Clark:

H. B. 4151 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5B-2-22, relating to establishing the West Virginia Aviation Access and Tourism Growth Act; expanding air service throughout West Virginia by enhancing regional airport

infrastructure; increasing tourism accessibility; supporting workforce development in aviation; and incentivizing strategic public-private partnerships that connect air travel with economic development"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate T. Howell:

H. B. 4152 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-13NN-1, relating to business owners contracting their employees to vocational programs and high school classes; ensuring compliance with worker classification laws; maintaining educational employment standards; providing a capped tax credit for wages paid to participating employees to limit fiscal impact; and ensuring minimal administrative costs to the state"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate T. Howell:

H. B. 4153 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §30-44-1, §30-44-2, §30-44-3, §30-44-4, §30-44-5, and §30-44-6, relating to the creation of the West Virginia Skilled and Ready to Work Internship and Apprenticeship Incentive Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4154 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §5-10-22o and §18-7A-26z, relating to the Public Employees Retirement Act; providing a cost-of-living adjustment to certain retirees of the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System who have been retired for over 10 years; and providing for the pro rata distribution of the cost-of-living adjustment to certain beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4155 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-18-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to Natural Resource Police Officer Retirement System; and including all West Virginia correctional classifications in the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4156 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-13A-9, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting mandatory hook-ups and installation fees for new or expanding sewer systems"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4157 - "A Bill to repeal §3-6-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that write-in candidates file with the Secretary of State before votes for said candidates can be counted"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4158 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-1-24, relating to requiring the random drug testing of legislators; requiring public disclosure of results or nonparticipation under certain circumstances; and generally requiring confidentiality"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4159 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-14-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to police vacancy positions; and changing the process of appointing eligible law enforcement officers after competitive examinations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4160 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §3-8-16, relating to requiring legislative approval before implementing any new federal guidance on elections, accepting any new federal funds for elections, and mandating that the Governor, Secretary of State, and the Legislature be notified when they receive communications from any federal agency regarding elections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4161 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to out of state license plate vehicles; making it illegal to have a vehicle parked at a residence with an out of state license plate for more than 90 days; and creating criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate T. Howell:

H. B. 4162 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-29-1, §11-29-2, §11-29-3, §11-29-4, §11-29-5, §11-29-6, and §11-29-7 relating to the creation of the West Virginia Economic Development and Property Revitalization Tax Credit Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate T. Howell:

H. B. 4163 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29B-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending the Freedom of Information Act provisions of the Public Records article of the code; requiring custodians of any public records to maintain a public accessible database; protecting the identity of persons submitting FOIA requests; requiring updates of public online data bases; and establishing criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate T. Howell:

H. B. 4164 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §3-4A-26a, relating to establishing a mandate, in conjunction with the use of electronic voting machines for elections, that poll workers manually count physical ballots at each precinct at the close of the election"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4165 - "A Bill directing the County Commission of Berkeley County to hold a referendum election at the next general election to change the term of office for county commissioners from six years to four years"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4166 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-1-6, relating to providing that the proclamation of the convening of the Legislature by the governor be issued not less than five days prior to the convening of the Legislature; requiring the governor to provide not less than five days' prior notice to all state legislators when calling a special session of the Legislature"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4167 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §4-1B-1, relating to the establishment of an independent citizen redistricting commission; establishing eligibility requirements for commissioners; creating process for selection of commissioner through the West Virginia Secretary of State's office; establishing timelines for application and selections of commissioners; establishing that the Secretary of State is the secretary of the commission; establishing powers and duties of commission; appropriating funds for commission to operate; creating the process and requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; providing the Supreme Court of Appeals with original jurisdiction over the commission; and establishing severability of section"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Masters:

H. B. 4168 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to vaccinations; clarifying the procedure for exemption; and clarifying the duties of the State Health Officer and Commissioner of Bureau for Public Health"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Masters:

H. B. 4169 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7A-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to aligning mental health examination requirements with those required for involuntary hospitalizations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4170 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §32A-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting fees by merchants to cash a check issued by a governmental entity"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4171 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5-10 and §17B-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to sex designation on birth certificates and identification documents; clarifying how sex is classified on an original birth certificate; and providing certain requirements to revise the sex on a driver's license, identification card, or instruction permit"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4172 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-17, §3-10-1, §3-10-8 and §6-2-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §7-2-8, relating to removing the office of County Surveyor from elections and ending the office in West Virginia"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4173 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §3-1-2b, relating to general election provisions; requiring all candidates for office to have their principal place of residence within the election districts for which they are seeking office; defining terms; setting forth facts which can be used to establish principal residence or domicile, and providing an exception"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kump:

H. B. 4174 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31-15-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,

§31-15-6d, relating to creating a legislative oversight committee to approve all West Virginia Economic Development Authority contracts"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4175 - "A Bill to repeal §17C-16-1, §17C-16-2, §17C-16-3, §17C-16-4, §17C-16-5, §17C-16-6, §17C-16-7, §17C-16-8, and §17C-16-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that automobiles be inspected"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4176 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §20-2-46n, relating to allowing youths and those carrying a Class Q special hunting permit to take antlered deer"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4177 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to property tax exemptions; providing for an exemption from increasing property tax for eligible individuals"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4178 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that any person who has obtained a business registration certificate to engage in business in West Virginia, may not be required to obtain a business registration license by a municipality or county"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4179 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-10b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the amend the penalties for any assault on a police officer or police dog"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Mallow:

H. B. 4180 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing motor vehicle registrations and license plates free of charge to volunteer firefighters who have at least five years of service"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 4181 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to forbidding the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission from taking any adverse action against middle or high school student athletes who participate in travel sports"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 4182 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5V-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending the definition of 'participating public employer"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 4183 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-22-13 and §17-22-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting nonprofit organizations from the fee requirements for obtaining a license or permit for outdoor advertising"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4184 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to consumers sale and service tax; and exempting safe gun storage devices from state sales tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4185 - "A Bill to repeal §61-7-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the possession of machine guns"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4186 - "A Bill amend and reenact §61-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related exempting active-duty service members from fees for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4187 - "A Bill amend and reenact §11-15-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to defining professional services and adding certified fire investigators as a professional service"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4188 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-2E-6, relating to the creation of a tax credit for companies who donate to pregnancy and birthing centers in this state"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Hornbuckle:

H. B. 4189 - "A Bill to amend §18-31-5 and §18-31-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to Hope Scholarship awards; placing a limitation on eligibility based on the income of the recipient family; and requiring reimbursement of counties for services or activities the county provides to Hope Scholarship recipients"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Horst:

H. B. 4190 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §62-12-30, relating to the restoration of civil rights; clarifying that a petition to restore firearms rights may include restoration of the right to serve on a jury; authorizing the automatic restoration of the rights to serve on a jury and possess firearms for certain nonviolent felons; clarifying the persons who may seek a petition to restore firearms rights; clarifying that the court has authority to restore certain rights to serve on a jury; creating definitions; clarifying applicability; and requiring the publication of certain guidance by the Attorney General"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 4191 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-97 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend and reenact §11-24-44 of the code, relating to increasing tax credit for employers providing child care for employees"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 4192 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-12-4, §5B-12-5, §5B-12-6, §5B-12-7, §5B-12-8, §5B-12-9, and §5B-12-10, relating to child-care assistance; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and declaration of public purpose; providing definitions; establishing

the administration of the program; promulgating administrative regulations; establishing a fund; clarifying employer responsibilities; clarifying termination of a tri-share agreement; creating incentives; and creating penalties"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 4193 - "A Bill to amend and reenact 18B-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the increase of tuition fees for Community and Technical Colleges on a per credit hour basis for all undergraduate credit hours attempted"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4194 - "A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §22-5-21, relating to community air monitoring programs; establishing the right of individuals to know in real-time about their exposures to pollutants; permitting the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to install and monitor air quality using fence-line monitors near facilities that emit air pollution; providing technical assistance to individuals and groups that wish to monitor the air quality in their communities; encouraging the Department of Environmental Protection to use the collected data; permitting individuals to submit the data collected regarding air pollution to the secretary; and enabling the secretary to follow up on any data found from fence-line air quality monitoring"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Hansen:

H. B. 4195 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §24-2-4i, relating to placing a two year a cap on electrical utility rates"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Drennan, Worrell, Hite, Amos and Crouse:

H. B. 4196 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16B-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Medication-Assisted Treatment Program Licensing Act; and requiring licensed programs to offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients recovering from methadone and suboxone"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 4197 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-16B-6b, relating to requiring coverage for PANDAS and PANS; providing definitions; clarifying the type of coverage; establishing billing procedures; clarifying treatments; and providing rule-making authority"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Coop-Gonzalez and Hornby:

H. B. 4198 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21-1B-2, §21-1B-3, and §21-1B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding five new sections, designated §21-1B-9, §21-1B-10, §21-1B-11, §21-1B-12, and §21-1B-13, relating to the labor commissioner; verifying legal employment status of workers; record keeping-requirements and employer compliance; defining 'employment verification' as the electronic verification system as 'E-Verify'; providing definitions for 'employee' and 'unauthorized worker'; investigations by the commissioner; prohibiting local governments from enacting ordinances that contravene or limit the commissioner; providing civil protections for employers using E-Verify; and right of entry and inspection by the commissioner or inspectors to determining compliance with the provisions of verifying the legal status of workers"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Hornbuckle:

H. B. 4199 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21-5C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring employees that receive gratuities be paid at least the established state minimum wage hourly rate"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4200 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the One-Stop Shop Permitting Program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4201 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Technology to promulgate a legislative rule relating to cyber reporting"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4202 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mine subsidence insurance"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4203 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the public entities insurance program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4204 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Preferred Medical Liability and High Risk Medical Liability Program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4205 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to alternative emission limitations during startup and shutdown operations"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4206 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to ambient air quality standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4207 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to standards of performance for new stationary sources"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4208 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to control of air pollution from combustion of solid waste"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4209 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to control of air pollution from hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4210 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emission standards for hazardous air pollutants"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4211 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to cross-state air pollution to control annual nitrogen oxides emissions, annual sulfur dioxide emissions, and ozone season nitrogen oxides emissions"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4212 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Water and Waste Management to promulgate a legislative rule relating to hazardous waste management system"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4213 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements governing water quality standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4214 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to carbon dioxide sequestration fee schedule"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4215 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to water well regulations"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4216 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to lead abatement licensing"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4217 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emergency medical services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4218 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4219 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to clinical laboratory practitioner licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4220 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to distribution of state funds for support of local boards of health"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4221 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to basic public health service standards for local boards of health"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4222 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to diabetes self-management education"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4223 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the exemption of Certificate of Need"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4224 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to nursing home licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4225 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule

relating to delegation of medication administration and health maintenance tasks to approved medication assistive personnel"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4226 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to assisted living residences"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4227 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to syringe services program licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4228 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to behavioral health centers licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4229 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5C-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health Facilities to promulgate a legislative rule relating to patient rights at state-operated mental health facilities"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4230 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction to promulgate a legislative rule relating to law enforcement training and certification standards"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4231 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Fire Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the fire code"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4232 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Emergency Response Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emergency planning and community right-to-know"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4233 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the West Virginia State Police to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the West Virginia State Police Career Progression System"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4234 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the West Virginia State Police to promulgate a legislative rule relating to contracted police or security services"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4235 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the West Virginia State Police to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the West Virginia State Police Member Grievance Procedure"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4236 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to private clubs"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4237 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Financial Institutions to promulgate a legislative rule relating to residential mortgage lenders, brokers, and loan originators"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4238 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Financial Institutions to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the installation, operation, and sharing of customer bank communication terminals and the utilization of nonexclusive access interchange system"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4239 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Financial Institutions to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the notice and treatment of joint accounts"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4240 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Fintech Regulatory Sandbox Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4241 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fingerprinting requirements for applicants for insurance producer license and insurance adjuster license"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4242 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to premium financing for life insurance for college students"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4243 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mass marketing of property and liability insurance"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4244 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the advertisement of accident and sickness insurance"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4245 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to insurance adjusters"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4246 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to insurance holding company systems"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4247 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to credit for reinsurance"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4248 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mental health parity"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4249 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Lottery Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to interactive wagering"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4250 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Racing Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to thoroughbred racing"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4251 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Racing Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Advance Deposit Account Wagering"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4252 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the valuation of timberland and managed timberland"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4253 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the valuation of public utility property for ad valorem property tax purposes"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4254 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to a tax credit for providing vehicles to low-income workers"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4255 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Downstream Natural Gas Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4256 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to High-Wage Growth Business Tax Credit"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4257 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to commercial patent incentives tax credits"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4258 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to on-line bingo and raffles"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4259 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Soft Drinks Tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4260 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to income tax credits for property taxes paid"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4261 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to preneed cemetery companies"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4262 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to motor vehicle equipment"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4263 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4264 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special purpose vehicles"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4265 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration forms and tags for registration, taxation, and control of dogs"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4266 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to grades and standards for apples"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4267 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to public markets"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4268 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the licensing of livestock dealers"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4269 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Grade A pasteurized milk"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4270 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to select plant-based derivatives and select plant-based derivative products of hemp and kratom"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4271 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to agritourism"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4272 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to exempted dairy farms and milk and milk products processing"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4273 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration of architects"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4274 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for registration of architects"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4275 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Attorney General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the establishment and qualification of third-party dispute mechanisms"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4276 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Attorney General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fair treatment of crime victims and witnesses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4277 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Attorney General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the prevention of unfair or deceptive acts or practices in home improvement transactions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4278 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Attorney General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the prevention of unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the sale of damaged goods or damaged products"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4279 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Attorney General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to administration of preneed burial contracts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4280 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Auditor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to standards for requisitions for payment issued by the state officers on the Auditor"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4281 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to qualifications, training, examination, and certification of instructors in barbering, hair styling, nail technology, aesthetics, waxing, and cosmetology"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4282 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to operational standards for schools of barbering, cosmetology, hair styling, nail technology, and aesthetics"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4283 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to barber apprenticeship"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4284 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to waxing specialists"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4285 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Contractor Licensing Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4286 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Examiners in Counseling to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4287 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Examiners in Counseling to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensed professional counselor license renewal and continuing professional education requirements"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4288 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Examiners in Counseling to promulgate a legislative rule relating to marriage and family therapist licensing"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4289 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Funeral Service Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to funeral directors, embalmers, apprentices, courtesy card holders, and funeral establishment requirements"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4290 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Landscape Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4291 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Landscape Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to application for waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4292 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure, practice requirements, disciplinary and complaint procedures, and continuing education for physician assistants"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4293 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education for physicians and podiatric physicians"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4294 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Medical Imaging Technologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4295 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4296 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to standards of ethics"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4297 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Municipal Pensions Oversight Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to exempt purchasing"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4298 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education and competence"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4299 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Board of Optometry"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4300 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to oral pharmaceutical certificates"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4301 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to schedule of fees"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4302 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure by reciprocity"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4303 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4304 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing procedures for osteopathic physicians"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4305 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to osteopathic physician assistants"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4306 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emergency temporary permits to practice during States of Emergency or States of Preparedness"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4307 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure and practice of pharmacy"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4308 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mail-order and non-resident pharmacies"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4309 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration of pharmacy technicians"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4310 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to pharmacist recovery networks"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4311 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to immunizations administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4312 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to pharmacy permits"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4313 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to pharmacists"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4314 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to inspections"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4315 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Physical Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general provisions for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4316 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Physical Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general provisions for athletic trainers"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4317 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Psychologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for licensure as a psychologist or a school psychologist"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4318 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Public Service Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the occupancy of customer-provided conduit"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4319 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing real estate brokers, associate brokers, and salespersons, and the conduct of brokerage business"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4320 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Secretary of State to promulgate a legislative rule relating to loan and grant programs under the Help America Vote Act for the purchase of voting equipment, election systems, software, services, and upgrades"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4321 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Senior Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to shared table initiative for senior citizens"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4322 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Social Work to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the fee schedule"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4323 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Economic Development to promulgate a

legislative rule relating to Tourism Development Districts"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4324 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Forestry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to rules for the certification of managed timberland"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4325 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Labor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to child labor"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4326 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the submission and approval of a comprehensive Mine Safety Program for coal mining operations in the state of West Virginia"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4327 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to small arms hunting"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4328 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to wildlife rehabilitation"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4329 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special boating"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4330 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to defining terms used in hunting and trapping"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4331 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to prohibitions when hunting and trapping"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4332 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to deer hunting"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4333 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special migratory game bird hunting"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate D. Smith:

H. B. 4334 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Rehabilitation Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Worrell and Hite:

H. B. 4335 - "A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-5-34; and to repeal §16-1A-1, §16-1A-2, §16-1A-3, §16-1A-4, §16-1A-5, §16-1A-6, §16-1A-7, §16-1A-8, §16-1A-9, and §16-1A-10, relating to Medicaid providers; establishing expedited enrollment timelines for the state's fiscal agent; establishing a uniform credentialing requirement for managed care organizations; requiring the exclusive use of electronic submissions; and directing the Department of Human Services to implement a unified statewide credentialing platform"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Worrell and Hite:

H. B. 4336 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16B-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to standards for a medication-assisted treatment program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

Motions

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the applicable provisions of House Rules 32 and 136, relating to demonstrative devices, privileges of the floor, were suspended for the Joint Assembly, and approved activities during the Session, to permit invited guests the privileges of the floor.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the provisions of House Rule 136, were suspended for credentialed medical personnel to attend to the needs of the body for the entirety of the Regular Session.

At 12:44 p.m., on motion of Delegate McGeehan, the House of Delegates recessed until 6:30 p.m.

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Evening Session

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The House of Delegates was called to order by the Honorable Roger Hanshaw, Speaker.

Messages from the Senate

A Message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption by the Senate, without amendment, of a concurrent resolution of the House of Delegates, as follows:

H. C. R. 1 - "H. C. R. 1 — "Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly therefor."

A Message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption by the Senate, without amendment, of a concurrent resolution of the House of Delegates, as follows:

H. C. R. 2 - "H. C. R. 2 — Amending Rule 31 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced members of the Board of Public Works; Chief Judge Daniel W. Greear and the Judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Chief Justice C. Haley Bunn and Justices of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; and members of the Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Delegates and took the seats reserved for them.

The Honorable Randy E. Smith, President of the Senate took his place to the right of the Speaker.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then announced the special committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and escort him into the Chamber.

The Committee then escorted His Excellency, the Governor, to the well of the House. (The Members rising)

The Speaker presented the Honorable Patrick Morrissey, who addressed the Joint Assembly:

Address by the Governor

GOVERNOR MORRISSEY: That's quite a scene getting over here, huh?

I am so grateful to be here tonight, and I want to start out by saying thank you to our wonderful escort. That was quite a trip and I'm really grateful for the gentleman who brought me over here. It means a lot.

Thank you so much, Speaker Hanshaw.

Thank you, Senate President Smith.

Isn't it a great day to be a West Virginian? Let me tell you, I never tire of being a West Virginian. I love it. The passion of my life.

First, a warm welcome to the Board of Public Works. Start with Attorney General J.B. McCuskey, Auditor Mark Hunt, Secretary of State Kris Warner, Treasurer Larry Pack, Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, and State Superintendent Michelle Blatt.

We have to welcome the Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Committee, Sarah Tucker. Where's Sarah? Let me tell you, we work with Sarah on the Rural Transformation. Sarah, you're doing a great job.

To the West Virginia Supreme Court, thank you. Thank you for your service. We're honored tonight to have the Chief Justice Haley Bunn, Justice Charles Trump, two of the new guys on the block, Justice Thomas Ewing and Justice Gerald Titus III, and Justice William Wooten. They're all here tonight. I think I'm mistaken. I don't see Justice Wooten.

We're also joined by members of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Dan Greear, Judge Charles Lorensen, and Judge Ryan White. To my cabinet officials, I appreciate your long hours and your hard work. You put up with a lot.

To the members of the House and Senate, thank you. Thank you for your public service. That means a lot to the people of our state.

I'd also like to take a moment and recognize our wonderful First Lady, Denise, who joins us here.

You know, tonight we stand before you not only as your governor and First Lady, but as two of West Virginia's newest grandparents. It's a good thing. I can tell you there's nothing like it. On January 2nd, Denise and I became proud grandparents to a beautiful baby girl, Lucille Marie. Born right here in Wild and Wonderful at WVU Children's Hospital in Morgantown. Pretty cool, huh? Now, I may be biased, but I think she's adorable, and I thank Jesus Christ, our Savior, for such an amazing gift. You know, I did ask my daughter if I could bring the baby here tonight, but she didn't think hanging out with this crowd would be such a good influence on her. We all know that the future of West Virginia, it belongs to our kids and to our grandkids, right? We can reach agreement on that, and I'm gonna fight like hell to make sure that future is bright.

I'm a hundred percent committed to delivering for Lucille and every child in our state. In West Virginia, we can be proud of a shining state in the mountains. You know, many West Virginians are still struggling to make ends meet. Our state, it's still hurting from the disastrous Biden economy. We know about that. We're experienced out-of-control grocery bills, skyrocketing health care costs, and significant increases in all forms of energy.

I'll tell you what, I traveled all across West Virginia, and I've listened to all of your concerns on affordability. I hear you, and together, I think all the people in this room, we're prepared to fix them. Tonight, I'm asking this legislature and every West Virginian watching to join us in achieving our common-sense goals.

Now, last year, I stood before you, and I talked about some hard truths, some budget pressures, obstacles to economic development, some poor health care and educational rankings. Tonight, I can report that we are making real progress. The Mountain State comeback is underway.

Let me just share some of what we've accomplished. In the past few months alone, we've announced more than \$4.5 billion in new private sector investment. Now, let me say that again, \$4.5 billion and a projected 4,200 good-paying jobs. Thanks, it's pretty good. And let me tell you, there is a lot more coming from that same area. We're getting ready for a very big role.

We passed a comprehensive microgrids law, which is attracting deep interest from companies across the country. That law, I believe it's going to become one of the single biggest economic development drivers in our state's history. Companies are calling, they want in. And when all is said and done, the types of investments under that law could total tens of billions of dollars. Thank you. It's true, this is game-changing for the Mountain State, and here's why it matters.

More investments, that means lower state income taxes, higher paying jobs, that's the plan. And we did it all together last year. Our economic development strategy, it's focused on the fundamentals.

That means not always the sexiest things, but focusing on things like developing business-ready sites that can accept large-scale projects, improving the infrastructure businesses need to invest, expand, and create jobs in the Mountain State. Last year, we focused a lot on site selection and remediation, but we also spent a lot of time on water and sewer. Thanks to you, we put 74 million dollars into water and sewer, and we need to continue that and keep getting that number higher.

You know why? Clean water and functional infrastructure, they lift up our standard of living and propel economic growth in our communities. We must also invest in our workforce. Through my Workforce Readiness and Opportunity Act, we're going to encourage micro-credentialing and making portable benefits available for West Virginia's growing independent worker base.

We'll also accelerate military personnel's ability to enter the workforce. Tonight, I'm also asking to increase funding for our higher education institutions. You know, when you're having a lot of conversations with people and companies, and we've been doing that the last few months, we've been trying to get some estimates of what we need.

I've been told, conservatively, we may need at least 15,000 to 20,000 new construction workers alone to meet the demand for projects in the next few years. You know what that means? That means more electricians, more plumbers, more skilled trade professionals who can power our growth. And that requires investing in our technical schools that train our workforce.

When we invest in that higher education and technical training, we're ensuring that good-paying jobs are available for all West Virginians. I think we can make that happen. I have no doubt about that.

Now, in years past, we've also failed to keep up with our infrastructure needs. It's a big area, especially given the length of our state's highway system. That's why my administration placed a new emphasis on infrastructure maintenance, improving roads, bridges, and yes, fixing potholes.

Apart from the current road fund, I'm going to ask the legislature to invest a hundred million dollars to supplement our road and bridge repair work. It's sorely needed. Of course, all of this means nothing if government stands in the way.

That's why we're cutting red tape like never before. You guys know this. Upon taking office, I declared an economic backyard brawl with our neighboring states.

We focused on fixing our regulatory climate so businesses could move faster, so they can invest with confidence, and create jobs here instead of elsewhere. Because of the work that we accomplished last year, West Virginia is poised to move fast on economic development and win more major projects. That's West Virginia Advantage.

Speed. Now, our one-stop permitting process that we all worked together on last year, that's going to allow companies to spend less time filling out forms and more time putting people to work. And that's what we need.

We need higher-paying jobs and more work. We've expanded universal licensing reciprocity. It's a great, great law. So qualified professionals can move to the Mountain State without delay. And actually, we've already seen progress in that area year over year, seeing over 10% improvement in some of the contractor areas because of that law. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Thank you to everyone who voted for that important law. It didn't get much attention, but it's terrific. And I have a message for everyone.

If you are ready to work, West Virginia is ready for you. Now, one of the legislators, she's not here tonight, but it helped make our universal licensing bill a success, was Senator Donna Boley. You know, after 41 years in the Senate, the longest tenure in state history, she's finally decided she's had enough of us.

But in all seriousness, for more than four decades, Senator Boley faithfully served the residents of the Mid-Ohio Valley. I hope you're watching, Senator Boley. We thank you for your magnificent service.

Now, as we work on the fundamentals of economic development, one area where we already stand out and we beat the competition is in tourism. By the way, isn't Chelsea Ruby doing a great job? Our tourism industry now supports more than 60,000 jobs and surpasses \$9 billion in annual economic impact. Tourism generated more than 1 billion dollars in tax (24:47) revenue last year. \$619 million of that went directly to support our state and our local governments. All of your work and all of our investments in tourism: they are paying off. That is why tonight, I'm asking this body for \$20 million to improve our state parks.

We need better lodging, more campsites, and improved roadways leading to these incredible destinations. I think it's going to make a big difference. Now, we know that tourism opens up new pathways into West Virginia.

We know that, but so too does high-speed Internet. Thanks to our work and the support of all of the legislators and our federal delegation, West Virginia secured \$546 million in new broadband investments from the Trump administration. It was a team effort.

Let me tell you, a lot of hard-working people here in this room and in the federal delegation made that happen. The wonderful part about it, this is going to mean more than 73,000 more locations will have access to high-speed Internet. We all know high-speed Internet, it's not a luxury in West Virginia. It's a basic necessity for everyday life. It operates small businesses or just bring families together on a Friday night to stream a movie. It's incredible.

Now, we also know just a few weeks ago, we secured another big win, this time for health care. In December, West Virginia was awarded \$199 million for one year to improve health care outcomes. Now, over the five years of the grant, we're looking at nearly \$1 billion in health care investments. Now, let me say that again, over \$1 billion in health care investments. Thank you. Listen, this is a pretty incredible win for West Virginia and we've been effectively working on it all year, but it's unparalleled in our state's history.

In fact, West Virginia received the highest per capita award of any of our surrounding states. I want to thank Secretary Kennedy and Administrator Oz for their commitment to West Virginia and I also want to thank President Donald J. Trump for his leadership. Once again, there were many people that stepped up to make this happen.

Our West Virginia congressional delegation, members of the state legislature, our state's legislative leadership, they helped make this investment possible, but there were others as well. We had over 40 different stakeholders who contributed and helped put this together, received over 3,000 pages of comments. All that now positions us well because we're going to show the nation how to make rural America healthy again.

Now, for generations in West Virginia, poor health has fueled an economic decline, which in turn worsened our state's health outcomes. Let me tell you, we're going to break that cycle and we're going to replace it with a new, more virtuous one, a cycle where better health care strengthens the workforce and improves productivity. This, in turn, is going to lift up our standard of living, it's going to grow our economy, and then as that virtuous circle continues, it's going to once again improve health care outcomes.

It's a great opportunity. Imagine if we could just move the needle a few points in our workforce participation. Just imagine what that would be like.

It's incredible. Through this process, we're connecting healthier West Virginians to job opportunities and preventing and reversing serious health problems through better nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle choices. Now, we know leading a healthier life, that's a personal journey for all West Virginians.

It's also personal for me. I can report to you today that I put in some serious miles in my first year, not only driving to every corner of the state, but also as a daily walker of the Mountaineer Mile. And I can dutifully report to you, I haven't missed a day yet. I am still grinding and you all know I'm persistent. When we launched the Mountaineer Mile, I met two incredible women, Kristie Tenney and Lauren Winans. They became immediate champions for healthier communities. It was great. They created a Mountaineer Mile movement. Kristie and Lauren, well they're here tonight and I want to recognize them. Ladies, can you please stand? They have done a great job all across North Central West Virginia and all parts of the state. They've been incredible.

Now, we know we have a lot of health care efforts and a lot of ideas coming and many from members of the state legislature. And right now, I'm looking at you Evan Worrell and Jason Barrett. Some of your works received national acclaim. The legislature's efforts to get the unhealthy ingredients and additives out of our food, well that set off a chain reaction that put West Virginia on the map.

My administration then followed up with proposals to eliminate the entitlement for soda under SNAP and work to bring work requirements to SNAP and Medicaid. Ladies and gentlemen, we are making progress. Tonight, I'm asking lawmakers to support our rural health care transformation by advancing legislative initiatives that promote prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility.

That includes helping to train our physicians in medical school about nutrition, could mean educating the public about new dietary guidelines, and reinstating the presidential fitness test. Our rural health care plan will transform West Virginia, but we must act fast and authorize it without delay. And if we do that, we will make West Virginia healthy again.

Now for generations, West Virginia powered America. Our coal miners, they traveled deep inside the earth to extract the rock that lit our homes and forged our steel. Our oil and gas workers, they broke their backs to heat our living rooms and to run our factories.

We helped win world wars on the back of our workers, and that is why we are and always will be America's energy state. And tonight, I'm here to tell you, our energy will (34:14) power America's future. Look, that's what our "50 by 50" Plan is all about.

You guys know this, it's an ambitious plan to more than triple our power generation by 2050. We'll be prioritizing reliable baseload power through coal, natural gas, nuclear, while supporting all major energy sources. But we're building an energy strategy that's going to increase that power generation from 16 gigawatts now to over 50 gigawatts by 2050.

And you know what that does? That will power America for the next half century and beyond. And with the threats we have from China, that is incredibly important to do. But this plan, our energy work, it's not just about generating electricity, it's about generating opportunity, creating high-paying jobs, and strengthening our economy.

And it charts a bold path forward that will lift up our people. Now with President Trump in the White House, we know that we have a true partner who understands West Virginia, right? And as the President works to reinvigorate America's manufacturing base, Mountaineers can take pride in knowing that effort will be powered by West Virginia. Now just four months since announcing 50 by 50, West Virginia has secured more than \$4.2 billion in new energy investments.

Good. And once again, we're on the one-yard line on a lot of stuff. There's a lot more coming where that's from.

But none of it would be possible without our energy producers, our technicians, our drillers, and our miners. Please join me tonight in thanking our coal and natural gas partners who have been working with West Virginia through thick and thin. Listen, West Virginia has power, and by God we're going to use it.

Now over the last year, we've also made government smaller. Our state government is too large. Too many agencies, too many boards, and too much bureaucracy standing in your way. That's why we've been so focused on fiscal responsibility and repurposing government. We're always looking

for new ways to return more of the taxpayers' hard-earned money. It's the people's money. Over the last year, we've made some tough decisions. You guys know that. We brought back the six-year budget estimates.

We streamlined departments, audited agencies. We're going to be talking about a lot of that in the upcoming weeks. And we got the government out of the long-term care facility business, a business the state never should have been in.

Thank you. Now we've also made some progress on PEIA. After years of double-digit premium increases, we spent a lot of time with the House and Senate on this over the summer. PEIA premiums this year, they're going to be limited to three percent. Let me say that again. That's not 10. That's not 14. It's three. Now, but to truly position PEIA for long-term success, however, I'm going to ask the legislature to work with me on some real reforms.

This is important. We get it right. You guys are going to see in the budget that comes out tonight, you know, we have a fairly flat budget, but you see a couple key areas with significant increases.

We have to get a hold of that for the long run. I'm asking for your help to make that happen. Now the same commitment that we have in confronting hard realities is also going to guard or guide our work in other areas as well.

The child welfare system that we know about has faced challenges for far too long. We can change that. Yeah. Look, and we must change that. This is about our kids and our grandkids. We have to do that.

Over the last year, we know we've advanced initiatives to increase transparency, much more transparent system. We know we've done a lot to reduce CPS backlogs and to produce better trained CPS workers and have more accountability with our officials. And we've developed a plan to attack the root causes of this decades long crisis.

First, I think we can all agree West Virginia has sent too many of our foster kids out of state to receive care they should receive right here at home. Yeah. Hey, these placements, they're very costly and they separate children from their families and communities, and they often lead to longer stays and worse outcomes. That's why I've called for the establishment of the Bring Them Home Fund. With a modest investment of \$6 million that the state will eventually get back, we can rehabilitate existing state facilities, transform them into world-class centers of care, and begin bringing our children back home. Thank you.

Look, over the long run, I believe this approach is going to save our state many tens of millions of dollars, and it's going to provide our children with the stability, the care, and the foundation they need to grow, heal, and to prosper. Let's bring our kids home where they belong. That's so important.

Our next initiative, we're proposing a school within a school program for at-risk students. A couple different versions of this, but there are some good initiatives we're looking to use to use immersive baking, immersive project-based learning that strongly focuses on STEM and real-world skills. We've seen how this worked in West Virginia and other states.

We've seen 81% decrease in behavior incidents and a 63% increase in attendance. We think it could be helpful. We also need to focus more, our third initiative, on faith-based initiatives.

Critical to utilize the vital long-term care, long-term support of faith-based communities. Now, we all know faith-based communities work, community-powered networks. We think they could significantly reduce placement disruptions and caregiver burnout by providing essential support like respite care, meals, and mentorship. I believe the Lord's influence can make a real difference. Faith-based efforts work.

Fourth, our truancy diversion initiative is designed to catch kids before they fall through the cracks. It seeks to address chronic absenteeism through interventions such as truancy courts. By helping kids before they enter the child welfare system, we can save more children and save

thousands of dollars on investigation and court costs. Ultimately, that will also keep more kids in school.

That's what we want. Now, keeping kids safe, well, that also means taking on the drug epidemic that has devastated our state. As Attorney General, I spent a lot of time on these issues and many years fighting to hold drug companies accountable for their actions.

I worked closely with the counties and the cities to bring over \$1 billion back to the state in settlement monies. Over \$1 billion. That work, along with our new enforcement strategies and partnerships with President Trump, it's making a big difference in reducing the number of drug overdoses in our state.

The most recent statistics we've seen are encouraging. Between June of 2024 and May of 2025, there was a nearly 40 percent decline in drug overdose deaths. It's pretty good.

But we can't let up, right? We can't let up, and we have to continue to attack the root causes of this terrible epidemic. If we do that, along with continuing to partner with President Trump on border security and fighting crime, that's going to make a difference. And thank God we have a President, Donald J. Trump, who enforces borders. Do you agree? Amen.

It's been a busy year. We've also made progress in upholding our West Virginia values, our defense of life, our robust support of the Second Amendment, and our opposition to woke philosophy.

We also continued the fight for religious liberty, and it will continue again. We clearly define men and women in state code. I signed the Riley-Gaines Act and made it clear. Listen, West Virginians aren't confused. We know the difference between men and women.

On a related note, I wanted to applaud our State Attorney General, J.B. McCuskey. They were up at SCOTUS yesterday for arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. For years as Attorney General, I fought to keep men out of women's sports. In fact, I filed the appeal to SCOTUS that was ultimately heard yesterday. Girls should never be forced to play sports against boys. Period. Amen. Never. Yeah.

I wish all the best luck to the Attorney General on that landmark case,

and rooting him for a big victory.

Now, we have a few more wins ready for this body. You guys ready? And now we're ready. We can act on them.

Tonight, I am asking for a 3% pay raise for all state workers. These state employees, look, they're working hard. They're teaching our kids. They're fixing our roads and bridges. They're guarding our prisons. And they're policing our streets.

They show up every day to serve others, often putting the needs of their communities ahead of their own. They've all earned a pay raise. But we can't stop there.

To kickstart economic growth and return more money back to the people, I am asking the legislature to pass a 10% income tax cut. Thank you. I see a lot of claps.

We're going to work to get that number up a little bit, right? We're also asking the legislature to conform the permanent tax changes signed into law by President Trump. This move, coupled with expansions to the historic rehab tax credit, the West Virginia Tourism Development Act, and simplifications to our state's tax code, that's going to facilitate more capital investment into our state. And here's why it matters. It's going to keep more money in the pockets of West Virginians, and it's going to make life more affordable. West Virginia, we need tax relief now. And as you'll see in the budget, I'm going to ask members of the House and Senate, we can afford this tax cut.

It's going to require work this year and for many years in the future, but we have to provide that tax relief.

Now already, through six months of this fiscal year, West Virginia is enjoying \$128 million surplus. We can use these dollars and savings generated by other offsets to reach that 10% level. And then we can have them take effect right away to help address the affordability challenges we have right here in our state. Now, if we do this, and we must, this is going to allow our state to keep pace with Kentucky, with Ohio, and other states. There were nine states that cut income taxes last year, I've been told.

West Virginia needs to be in that list in 2026. Now, our dedication to fiscal responsibility, that's allowing us to make these decisions. It's also allowing us to fully fund the HOPE scholarship.

Thank you. Look, we've built it into our baseline so that HOPE funding is locked in, not dependent upon surpluses. So we're proposing to prepay all of next year's HOPE scholarship as a commitment to this policy.

We're being fiscally responsible and showing support for HOPE. But we're doing this to help families like the McCutcheons who are here with us tonight. Pastor Joey McCutcheon and his wife Bethanie, well, they once dreamed of having their children educated in a Christian school.

Before the HOPE scholarship, that dream was out of reach. Like many West Virginians, the cost of sending their kids to private school was simply too high. But now, thanks to the HOPE scholarship, all three of their children are not just making it, they are thriving. Let's give a round of applause to the McCutcheons.

We're also investing heavily in public education. We're implementing letters, a policy grounded in the science of reading. Educators who complete the letters training, you know, they end up demonstrating significantly stronger understanding in how reading develops and how to teach it. Really important. Talk to a lot of governors about this.

Mississippi, they were once at the bottom of the national educational rankings before they implemented it. They moved up a lot. Now West Virginia can as well.

We also want to expand digital literacy to better use technology to support learning in our K-12 schools and at our state colleges. Modern tools, well certainly, can help personalize instruction, provide extra tutoring, and offer students with access to quality educational resources. It all starts with equipping every child with the skills needed for a good-paying job so they can pursue their dreams and those dreams with or without a four-year college degree.

Now no matter how much we invest in our children's future, it's ultimately going to mean very little if we fail to protect the communities they call home, right? Finding a solution to our state's flooding problems, that remains high on my list of priorities. Delegate for McDowell, we spent a lot of time talking about that. That's why we're launching a new pilot initiative called SENTRY and we're asking the legislature for \$10 million to fund this pilot.

Let me explain it. Unfortunately for families in flood-stricken areas, traditional warnings come too late. We see that traditional river gauges, they can tell us when water is risen to flood stage, but by then the flood's already underway.

SENTRY promises to be different, to modernize how West Virginia detects risks and warns the public. We had a lot of deaths this year due to flooding. I believe if we expand sensors in key areas, we can build predictive models and react to leading indicators instead of lagging indicators.

Those forecasts, they actually promise to identify flood risk one to six hours ahead with a target accuracy of more than 90 percent. This is about saving lives. It's about giving West Virginians time, time to act, time to move, and time to stay safe.

Thank you. Thank you.

Now the National Guard, they've always been instrumental in responding to floods and countless other emergencies across our state. Spent a lot of time with the National Guard this year. I want to

thank General Seward. Where's General Seward? I want to thank General Seward for his leadership in guiding the men and women of the Guard.

In November, I think all of us in West Virginia were devastated by a brutal terrorist attack on Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe and Specialist Sarah Beckstrom. While on patrol, they were ambushed and shot at point-blank range. Specialist Beckstrom, she succumbed to her injuries and was laid to rest at the West Virginia National Cemetery.

Staff Sergeant Wolfe, through the grace of God and through the prayers that his mother, Melody, stimulated, he continues his recovery. Tonight, we are honored to have Sarah's parents, Evalea and Gary Beckstrom, with us. And we are also honored to be joined by Andrew's father, Jason.

I ask the state of West Virginia has your undying gratitude and respect, your strength, your faith and your love for these heroes. It inspires us all. This day and every day, the Guard serves with distinction.

In fact, recently, while on patrol in the nation's capital, a group of West Virginia Guardsmen noticed smoke coming from an apartment complex. Without hesitation, they gained entry, they contained the fire and they escorted residents to safety, all before emergency services arrived. Their quick thinking, their courage and their commitment to protecting others helped save lives.

And two of those Guardsmen, Sergeant Devin Cantwell and Private First Class Tyler Farley are here with us tonight. Please join me in thanking them for their service and their heroism. Thank you.

By the way, we could do eight of these for the Guard. These guys are unbelievable. At the heart of our state's story is the courage of those who serve, even in the face of unthinkable danger.

And we're reminded of that courage in a different area last November, when we lost Stephen Lipscomb to the Rolling Thunder Mine. I'd like to recognize Heather, Steve's wife, who joins us here at the Capitol. As she faced the devastating loss of her husband, West Virginians rallied around her and the rest of the Lipscomb family. Thank you.

Now the courage demonstrated by the rescue and dive teams, that will never be forgotten.

I spent some time up there at that mine. What these people were doing was unbelievable. One of those men, Tucker Palmatier, he's of White Sulphur Springs. He's here with us tonight with his wife, Rebecca. Tucker was the first rescue diver into the mix. Tucker showed no hesitation diving deep into the flooded mine, facing pitch black water, collapsed rock, and narrow passages. That bravery reflects the very best of West Virginia.

Tucker, I ask that you rise so the people of this great state can recognize you. Thank you. Thank you, Tucker.

The choices we make now are going to shape West Virginia's future. 2026, it's going to be a very memorable year. One of the celebrations that I'm looking forward to most is the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

Right here in Charleston, we're going to host a major signature celebration that brings West Virginians together to honor our history, our values, and our future. America is an extraordinary nation. Our story is one of courage, sacrifice, faith, and freedom. And aren't we all proud to celebrate 250 years of the United States of America? Listen, we're going to have a busy summer because from our small towns to our largest cities, we're going to have rip-roaring events. We're going to honor the men and women who built this nation, defended our freedom, and kept the American dream alive for generations. Tonight, I share the progress we have made.

But our work is far from finished. We're not here to pound chests. We're not here to celebrate the end of a journey. We're all here to strengthen the foundation for our children for generations to come. West Virginia is a different place than it was just last year. We're more competitive. We are more prepared. And we're more determined to create opportunity.

As I shared earlier, I'm a proud new grandfather. And just like any grandfather or parent, we make sacrifices and hard choices so that the world our kids and grandkids inherit will be better, right? That's the spirit that built West Virginia. And that is the spirit that's driving us forward today. The future we are shaping is one where families can thrive, workers can succeed, and businesses can grow. Where kids and grandkids have the opportunity to achieve big dreams right here in West Virginia.

Members of the legislature, the state of our state is getting stronger. We are building a better West Virginia. And we are just getting started. Thank you. God bless you. And may God bless the great state of West Virginia.

Thank you.

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The Speaker declared the Joint Assembly dissolved.

The Speaker then called the House of Delegates to order.

Bills Introduced

**By Mr. Speaker (Mr. Hanshaw) and Delegate Hornbuckle
[By Request of the Executive]:**

H. B. 4027 - "Budget Bill"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Miscellaneous Business

Pursuant to House Rule 94b, forms were filed with the Clerk's Office to be added as a cosponsor of the following:

H. B. 4028: Delegates Ellington, Heckert, Statler, and Toney;

H. B. 4080: Delegates Chiarelli, Hite, Holstein, Hornby, Martin, Phillips, and Stephens,;

H. B. 4081: Delegates Ellington, Hanshaw, Rohrbach, and Stephens;

H. B. 4083: Delegates Anders, McGeehan, and Ridenour;

H. B. 4090: Delegates Crouse, Dillon, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Mazzocchi, Pinson, Pritt, and White;

H. B. 4148: Delegates Crouse, Kyle, Shamblin, and Worrell;

And,

H. B. 4198: Delegates Brooks, Ferrell, Foggin, Hornby, Linville, Mazzocchi, McGeehan, Phillips, Pritt, and Ridenour.

At 8:09 p.m., on motion of Delegate McGeehan, the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2026.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
9:00 A.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
9:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
1:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
2:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 434M**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS
3:00 P.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
4:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

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