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The Senate met at 11:06 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Retired Pastor Paul Coon of Belle, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Amy N. Grady, a senator from the fourth district.

Pending the reading of the Journals of Friday, January 23, 2026, and Monday, January 26, 2026,

At the request of Senator Hamilton, unanimous consent being granted, the Journals were approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

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

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 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.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

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

**Eng. House Bill 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.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

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

**Eng. House Bill 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.

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

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 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 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.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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

**Eng. House Bill 4352**—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-128 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting cameras in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster homes; exemptions; prohibitions.

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

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Weld, from the Committee on Military, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Military has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 194**, Updating definition of "disabled veteran taxpayer".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Weld,  
*Chair.*

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

Senator Weld, from the Committee on Military, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Military has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 208**, Exempting certain military records from public release.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Weld,  
*Chair.*

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

On motions for leave, severally made, the following bills were introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

**By Senators Garcia and Woelfel:**

**Senate Bill 600**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-31-2, §18-31-5, §18-31-6, §18-31-7, §18-31-8, and §18-31-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Hope Scholarship Program; providing that an eligible recipient of a Hope Scholarship must be a child of a parent or parents with a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$100,000; providing that any funds remaining in a Hope Scholarship account at the end of a fiscal year are to be transferred to the county school system in which the student resides; and requiring that Hope Scholarship students be provided an education in the state of West Virginia and that Hope Scholarship funds be spent on education services and education service providers located in the state.

Referred to the Select Committee on School Choice; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Garcia:**

**Senate Bill 601**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §62-12A-1, §62-12A-2, §62-12A-3, §62-12A-4, §62-12A-5, §62-12A-6, and §62-12A-7, relating to authorizing medical parole for certain inmates in the custody of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation; defining terms; providing for petition for medical parole and process for completing and submitting petition; providing for review of petitions by superintendents of correctional institutions; providing for notice of medical parole to interested parties, for hearings, and for development of terms and conditions of release; setting requirements for commissioner's final decision on petitions; establishing process for reconsideration and review of decisions denying medical parole; establishing reporting requirements; and providing rule-making authority.

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

**By Senators Hamilton, Azinger, Bartlett, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Helton, and Roberts:**

**Senate Bill 602**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-1-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §17C-5-2c; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §17B-8-1, §17B-8-2, §17B-8-3, §17B-8-4, and §17B-8-5, relating to interdicted licenses and identification cards; providing definitions; establishing the application process; creating fees; providing training; providing rule-making authority; and establishing the court's authority.

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

**By Senator Thorne:**

**Senate Bill 603**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-1C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Property Valuation Training and Procedures Commission; and requiring that one citizen member of the commission have a demonstrated background in, or knowledge of, agriculture.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 604**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5R-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 605**—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.

Referred to the Select Committee on School Choice; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 606**—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-1A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to employee exemptions from employer-mandated vaccinations.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senators Charnock and Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 607**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-29-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorization of federally approved project delivery methods for airport capital improvement projects.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 608**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to a religious exemption to mandatory vaccination requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 609**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18B-1-12, relating to exempting students of higher education from compulsory vaccination requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 610**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to medical exemption to mandatory vaccination requirements; replacing the commissioner's right to produce a certificate of exemption with the right of a treating physician or advance practice provider to produce a certificate; eliminating the position of State Immunization Officer; and providing that a child is exempt from the mandatory vaccination requirements when a physician or advanced practice provider presents a written statement.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Garcia:**

**Senate Bill 611**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to codifying the common-law definition of "involuntary manslaughter"; and specifying that a defendant's act must proximately cause the death of another.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Rucker, Azinger, Bartlett, Deeds, Fuller, Hamilton, Helton, Martin, Morris, Queen, Rose, Thorne, Weld, and Willis:**

**Senate Bill 612**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to establishing November 7 of each year as Victims of Communism Day, to be observed in the public schools of this state; and requiring high school students enrolled in the United States government class required by code must receive at least 45 minutes of instruction on Victims of Communism Day.

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

**By Senator Willis:**

**Senate Bill 613**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-1F-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to capping interest rates on debts of active services members to six percent per annum.

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

**By Senator Willis:**

**Senate Bill 614**—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-9-102 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to domestic relations; allocation of custodial responsibility and decision-

making responsibility of children; and adding meaningful contact between a child and his or her step-siblings when considering the best interest of the child.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Hart, Smith (Mr. President), Azinger, Chapman, Deeds, Fuller, Helton, Phillips, Rose, Thorne, and Z. Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 615**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §61-17-1, relating to illegal immigration; requiring persons with illegal immigration status to be turned over to ICE; and creating criminal penalties for subsequent offenses.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Weld:**

**Senate Bill 616**—A Bill to repeal §30-42-1, §30-42-2, §30-42-3, §30-42-4, §30-42-5, §30-42-6, §30-42-7, §30-42-8, §30-42-9, §30-42-10, §30-42-11, §30-42-12, §30-42-13, §30-42-14, §30-42-15, §30-42-16, §30-42-17, §30-42-18, §30-42-19, and §30-42-20, relating to the termination of the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Willis:**

**Senate Bill 617**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §31A-2C-1, §31A-2C-2, §31A-2C-3, §31A-2C-4, §31A-2C-5, §31A-2C-6, and §31A-2C-7, relating to enacting Banking and Financial Services Provider Protections for Eligible Adults from Financial Exploitation; providing findings, purpose, and intent; providing definitions; permitting disclosure of eligible persons financial information to certain third parties and designated government agencies; authorizing depository institutions to delay, refuse, or prevent certain activities and transactions to prevent financial exploitation of an eligible adult; and proscribing immunities for depository institutions.

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

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 618**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding three new sections, designated §18B-1D-13, §18B-1D-14, and §18B-1D-15, relating to prohibiting state funds from being used for certain degrees; and creating an effective date.

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

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 619**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, §18-2L-3, and §18-2L-4, relating to the Stop the Bleed Act; defining terms; establishing requirements for implementation of the act; and addressing funding.

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

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 620**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17C-2-10, relating to permitting allopathic and osteopathic physicians to be exempt from specified traffic laws in emergency situations when responding to an emergency call; providing that physicians must still exercise due care for safety; and providing for rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 621**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §11-21-98 and §11-24-45, relating to providing a tax credit against the state corporate net income tax and the state personal income tax for expenditures related to the operation of existing employer-provided or employer-sponsored child care facilities; defining terms; providing for rulemaking; setting the amount of the credit; providing for limitation of the credit; providing for transferrable credit available to non-profit corporations; and providing for a recapture process.

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

**By Senator Phillips:**

**Senate Bill 622**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13BB-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the mine safety technology tax credit.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Helton:**

**Senate Bill 623**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13-2o and §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §11-6N-1, §11-6N-2, §11-6N-3, §11-6N-4, §11-6N-5, §11-6N-6, §11-6N-7, §11-6N-8, §11-6N-9, and §11-6N-10, relating to establishing economic incentives for data centers to locate within the state; specifying a short title; defining terms; providing legislative findings and purpose; establishing eligibility criteria; clarifying property tax treatment for eligible data centers; creating tax exemptions; creating an application process; requiring compliance and recapture; authorizing rule-making authority; and providing an effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Tarr:**

**Senate Bill 624**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12l and §11-24-6b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the sunset date for modification to personal and corporate income tax for qualified opportunity zone businesses.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Woodrum:**

**Senate Bill 625**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-13A-18a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the responsibility of a board of a public service district to cooperate

with a county commission in the sale of assets of a public service district that is being dissolved, sold, or merged with another public service district.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Helton:**

**Senate Bill 626**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5F-2-1a, §16B-2-1, and §16B-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Office of the Inspector General; removing the Inspector General from inclusion in the Department of Health; removing the requirement that the Department of Health provide administrative support; clarifying that the Inspector General has the power to conduct performance audits, financial audits, evaluations, and attestations engagements of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Health Facilities and their independent contractors; requiring reporting; and requiring notification to the prosecuting attorney and law-enforcement in the event that the Inspector General believes a criminal law has been violated.

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

**By Senator Deeds:**

**Senate Bill 627**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2L-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Build WV Act; replacing the project cost with a cap on new tax credit liability; clarifying that the cost cap applies only to new project approvals; allowing credit for smaller projects in rural areas; requiring periodic review and adjustment to reflect demand and usage; and establishing a Build WV Credit Reserve Fund, adjusted annually.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Azinger:**

**Senate Bill 628**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-8-33, relating to prohibiting the publishing or distribution of material harmful to minors on the Internet.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Azinger:**

**Senate Bill 629**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-2S-1, §16-2S-2, §16-2S-3, §16-2S-4, §16-2S-5, §16-2S-6, and §16-2S-7, relating to prohibiting gender transition surgeries, treatments, and therapies to minors; establishing penalties for practitioners in violation of regulations; safeguarding the mental and physical health of minors; prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting conflicting policies; creating whistleblower protection; and prohibiting taxpayer subsidization of gender transition treatments.

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

**By Senator Azinger:**

**Senate Bill 630**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8-9, §61-8-27, §61-8A-1, §61-9-1, §61-9-3, §61-9-4, §61-9-5, §61-9-6, §61-9-8, §61-9-9, and §61-9-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,

as amended, relating to protecting minors from exposure to indecent displays of a sexually explicit nature, including but not limited to, transvestite and/or transgender exposure in performances or displays to minors.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Smith (Mr. President):**

**Senate Bill 631**—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-21A-3, §19-21A-4, §19-21A-7, §19-21A-8, §19-21A-11, §19-21A-12, and §19-21A-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to controlling interests in flood control dams and similar structures; revising definitions; authorizing State Conservation Committee to construct, operate, improve, and maintain flood control dams and similar structures and to contract with other entities to do so; removing authority of conservation districts to employ dam monitors; removing authority of conservation districts to construct, operate, improve, and maintain flood control dams and similar structures and to contract with other entities to do so; mandating conservation districts to transfer interests in flood control dams and similar structures, and any associated property, to the West Virginia Conservation Agency by certain date; and requiring conservation districts to transfer all funds and accounts associated with flood control dams and similar structures to the West Virginia Conservation Agency by certain date.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**By Senators Woodrum and Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 632**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §22-37-1, §22-37-2, §22-37-3, §22-37-4, §22-37-5, §22-37-6, §22-37-6a, §22-37-7, §22-37-8, and §22-37-9, relating to creating the Atmospheric Intervention Oversight and Public Safety Act; prohibiting unauthorized atmospheric intervention; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to permit or condition or deny applications for atmospheric interventions; authorizing the Air National Guard to assist in detection and monitoring of suspected unauthorized atmospheric intervention at the request of the Governor; permitting the state to pursue enforcement actions and interstate cooperations against violations of this act; setting penalties for violations; establishing funding; and providing for severability.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Woodrum, Oliverio, and Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 633**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-28-1, §5-28-2, and §5-28-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §5-28-1a, relating to the West Virginia Commission on Holocaust Education; establishing legislative findings; modernizing commission membership in light of the passing of Holocaust survivors and second-generation witnesses; strengthening safeguards for historical accuracy and mission integrity; authorizing limited commission-appointed voting members; authorizing non-voting advisory members, including students; clarifying governance, transparency, and duties; and ensuring Holocaust education remains the central and primary purpose of the commission.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Garcia:**

**Senate Bill 634**—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, §16-67-6, §16-67-7, §16-67-8, and §16-67-9, relating to legalizing adult consumption of cannabis; setting forth

legislative purpose and findings; defining terms; legalizing the possession of one ounce or less for the consumption of cannabis or cannabis products by adults; providing for county option elections to legalize the manufacture, display, purchase, transfer, transport, or sale of cannabis; providing for lawful operation of cannabis-related facilities in counties authorizing manufacture and sale of cannabis; authorizing rulemaking by the Bureau for Public Health; authorizing municipalities to regulate manufacturing and sales locations; providing for a licensing process for cannabis-related facilities; providing for excise and local sales taxes on cannabis transactions; creating Cannabis Transfer Tax Fund to collect excise tax revenues and dedicating proceeds of the fund; providing legal limitations on authorization of adult use of cannabis; specifying that employers and property owners may continue to prohibit or limit use of cannabis; and providing that this article shall not impact the Medical Cannabis Act.

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

Senators Martin and Queen offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 15**—Recognizing the 154th anniversary of Glenville State University.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senator Woodrum offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 16**—Designating January 27, 2026, as Civil Air Patrol Day at the Legislature.

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

Senator Morris offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 17**—Designating January 27, 2026, as West Virginia Banker's Day at the Legislature.

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

Senators Chapman, Charnock, Grady, and Rucker offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 18**—Designating January 27, 2026, as Sexual Violence Awareness Day at the Legislature.

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

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

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, M. Maynard, Z. Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Hart—1.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 18) adopted.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

**Senate Resolution 14**, Recognizing James and Lucille Pennington on receiving the 2025 West Virginia Logger of the Year award.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was laid over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 55**, Establishing criminal offense for obstructing or hindering home incarceration supervisor or social services worker.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 281**, Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 309**, Authorizing DOT to promulgate legislative rules.

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

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 4**, Relating to crimes against public justice.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 84**, Prohibiting law enforcement from placing surveillance cameras on private property.

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

**Senate Bill 388**, Requiring public elementary or secondary school make Aitken Bible available to certain classrooms.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 390**, Altering conditions for flood resiliency disbursements.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 400**, Updating personal income tax definitions and provision of law relating to gaming and gambling losses.

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

**Senate Bill 443**, Granting municipal fire marshals authority to assist in lawful execution of law-enforcement officer's official duties.

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

**Senate Bill 445**, Adding Potomac State College as eligible institution for participation in Learn and Earn Program.

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

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Taylor.

At the request of Senator Taylor, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate then stood in observance of a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Miana Moran, an 11-year-old girl from Taylor County.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Taylor were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

At the request of Senator Taylor, unanimous consent being granted, it was ordered that the Journal show had Senator Taylor been present in the chamber on Thursday, January 22, 2026, he would have voted "yea" on the adoption of Senate Resolution 9 and Senate Resolution 10; and on Friday, January 23, 2026, he would have "yea" on the passage of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 15, Eng. Senate Bill 66, Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 137, and Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 207 and "yea" on the adoption of Senate Resolution 13.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, a leave of absence for the day was granted Senator Hart.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills and resolutions on January 23, 2026:

**Senate Bill 4:** Senators Rucker and Tarr;  
**Senate Bill 19:** Senator Hart;  
**Senate Bill 20:** Senator Hart;  
**Senate Bill 48:** Senator Hart;  
**Senate Bill 84:** Senator Hart;  
**Senate Bill 89:** Senator Grady;  
**Senate Bill 92:** Senator Grady;  
**Senate Bill 102:** Senator Grady;  
**Senate Bill 194:** Senator Tarr;  
**Senate Bill 208:** Senator Tarr;  
**Senate Bill 231:** Senator Bartlett;  
**Senate Bill 241:** Senator Grady;  
**Senate Bill 437:** Senator Morris;  
**Senate Bill 568:** Senator Morris;  
**Senate Bill 587:** Senators Morris, Rose, and Weld;  
**Senate Bill 590:** Senator Rose;  
**Senate Bill 591:** Senators Rucker and Rose;  
**Senate Bill 593:** Senators Rucker and Rose;  
**Senate Bill 595:** Senator Rose;  
**Senate Bill 598:** Senator Rose;  
**Senate Joint Resolution 2:** Senator Morris;  
**Senate Joint Resolution 9:** Senator Hart;  
**Senate Joint Resolution 11:** Senator Morris;  
**Senate Joint Resolution 14:** Senator Morris;  
**Senate Resolution 12:** Senator Morris;

And,

**Senate Resolution 13:** Senator Morris.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 11:35 a.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 11 a.m.

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