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Charleston, West Virginia, Monday, February 2, 2026

The Senate met at 11:10 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by the Very Reverend Donald X. Higgs, Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Vince S. Deeds, a senator from the tenth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, January 30, 2026,

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

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

The Clerk presented the following communications from various state agencies as required by the provisions of law:

Development Office (Tax Increment Financing Report) (§7-11B-15)

Human Services, Department of (James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Commission) (§16-5Q-2)

The Senate 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 4415—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-5-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to federal correctional institutions; adding federal correctional institutions to the list of correctional facilities in which it is a criminal offense to deliver anything unlawfully to a person in custody or confined therein; related to adding telecommunications device as a prohibited object that may be delivered or transported, or caused

to be delivered or transported, into a correctional institute as defined therein; related to updating and expanding the definition of telecommunications device; also amending, enhancing, and modifying criminal penalties relate to crimes contained within §61-5-8 of this code.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Bill 617, Banking and Financial Services Provider Protections for Eligible Adults from Financial Exploitation.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 617 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—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 establishing the Banking and Financial Services Provider Protections for Eligible Adults from Financial Exploitation article; providing findings, purpose, and intent; defining terms; permitting disclosure of eligible persons financial information to certain third parties; requiring disclosure to designated state agency; authorizing depository institutions to delay, refuse, or prevent certain activities and transactions to prevent financial exploitation of an eligible adult; providing exemption from certain privacy laws; and providing for private cause of action where certain circumstances are satisfied.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Willis II,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 617), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 Hamilton, Deeds, and Weld:

Senate Bill 696—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting women's wrestling in public high schools and public charter schools in this state as a sanctioned sporting event.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senators Hamilton and Deeds:

Senate Bill 697—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-4-49 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §17-4-56, relating to the state road system; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; creating standards in determining a change of use of existing entrances; providing exemptions and a grandfather clause; removing permit requirements; clarifying the Division of Highways authority; and authorizing rules.

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

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 698—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the use of FD&C Blue No. 1, FD&C Blue No. 2, FD&C Green No. 3, FD&C Red No. 3, FD&C Red No. 40, FD&C Yellow No. 5, and FD&C Yellow No. 6 in dietary supplements as those are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 699—A Bill to amend and reenact §24A-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting common carriers and contract carriers engaged in the business of transporting solid waste for commercial or industrial customers to disposal or recycling locations.

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

By Senator Morris:

Senate Bill 700—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-10-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing city attorneys or municipal court clerks to file judgment liens for unpaid fines and delinquent payment plans.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Tarr and Rose:

Senate Bill 701—A Bill to amend and reenact §11A-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the sheriffs' tax collection commission.

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

By Senator Azinger:

Senate Bill 702—A Bill to amend and reenact §46A-4-107 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to regulated consumer lenders; setting a new maximum annual interest rate for regulated consumer lenders to charge on loans up to \$35,000; and removing a cap on nonrevolving loans when determining a finance charge.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Woodrum:

Senate Bill 703—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §30-30A-1, §30-30A-2, §30-30A-3, §30-30A-4, §30-30A-5, §30-30A-6, §30-30A-7, §30-30A-8, §30-30A-9, §30-30A-10, §30-30A-11, §30-30A-12, §30-30A-13, §30-30A-

14, §30-30A-15, and §30-30A-16, relating to adopting the Social Work Licensure Compact; establishing purpose; defining terms; establishing requirements for state participation in compact; establishing requirements for a social worker participating in the compact; providing procedure for issuance of multi-state license; establishing the authority of the compact on member states; stating process for reissuance of license by new home state; providing for treatment of licenses for military members; describing authority of remote and home states to take adverse action against licensee; creating the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; establishing commission membership, duties, and powers; providing for the creation of a data system to be utilized by members states; authorizing rulemaking; providing for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of compact; specifying effective date; providing for construction and severability; providing for consistent effect; and mandating that provisions of compact supersede when in conflict with other state laws.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Senator Oliverio:

Senate Bill 704—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §9A-7-1, §9A-7-2, §9A-7-3, §9A-7-4, and §9A-7-5, relating to creating the Veterans' Empowerment and Trust Safeguard Act; defining terms; prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for assisting another in obtaining veterans' benefits, except as permitted by federal law; prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for referring an individual to another person to assist with obtaining veterans' benefits; prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for services rendered prior to action by the Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting a person from guaranteeing an individual is certain to receive specific veterans' benefits; prohibiting a person from receiving excessive or unreasonable fees for assisting another in obtaining veterans' benefits; prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for assisting another in obtaining veterans' benefits without a written fee agreement, to be filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs; prohibiting the provision of medical evidence or expert witness testimony in connection with a veterans' benefits matter where fees are not predetermined; establishing violations of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act; and providing for exceptions.

Referred to the Committee on Military.

By Senator Weld:

Senate Bill 705—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-3-61, relating to establishing the offense of theft by conversion; establishing criminal penalties; providing for restitution; and establishing venue.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Jeffries:

Senate Bill 706—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the amount of severance tax on newly drilled oil and natural gas wells.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Woodrum, Barnhart, Deeds, and Weld:

Senate Bill 707—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-8-14a, relating to crimes involving abuse or desecration of human

remains; providing definitions; creating criminal offenses; clarifying sentencing; providing exemptions; and clarifying the venue for prosecution.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senators Woodrum and Hart:

Senate Bill 708—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-4B-1, §17-4B-2, §17-4B-3, §17-4B-4, §17-4B-5, §17-4B-6, §17-4B-7, §17-4B-8, §17-4B-9, §17-4B-10, §17-4B-11, §17-4B-12, §17-4B-13, and §17-4B-14, relating to public river access and public safety in connection with bridge projects and hazardous river segments; creating a short title; providing legislative findings and purpose; providing definitions; clarifying how to evaluate river access during bridge projects; establishing when to undertake public access improvements; prohibiting eminent domain; requiring safety and design standards; prioritizing public safety; authorizing informational signage in certain situations; clarifying liability; authorizing inter-agency coordination; providing grant and funding authority; and providing legislative review.

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

By Senator Morris:

Senate Bill 709—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-18-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the collection of delinquent special emergency ambulance fees by the county commission.

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

By Senator Morris:

Senate Bill 710—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.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Morris:

Senate Bill 711—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-4-56, relating to highway drainage; prohibiting the discharge of concentrated highway runoff onto private property; defining "lawful outfalls"; authorizing the Division of Highways to convey drainage beyond the right-of-way; permitting limited off right-of-way maintenance activities; and establishing standards of reasonableness and liability limitations.

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

By Senator Morris:

Senate Bill 712—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-2A-26, relating to permission to install cattle guards on certain public roads by the Division of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Senator Chapman:

Senate Bill 713—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-2 and §18A-4-8a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for a 10 percent pay raise for all public school staff.

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

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 714—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-10-1, §30-10-3, §30-10-4, §30-10-5, §30-10-6, §30-10-8, §30-10-9, §30-10-10, §30-10-11, §30-10-12, §30-10-13, §30-10-14, §30-10-15, §30-10-16, §30-10-17, §30-10-18, §30-10-19, §30-10-20, §30-10-21, §30-10-22, and §30-10-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to the practice of veterinary medicine; defining terms; editing the powers and duties of the Board of Veterinary Medicine; amending licensing requirements; changing the scope of practice of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and certified animal euthanasia technicians; amending requirements for veterinary technicians and certified animal euthanasia technicians; providing for temporary permits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians; setting exemptions; altering display of license requirements; increasing penalties; updating telehealth; and correcting terms throughout.

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

By Senator Willis:

Senate Bill 715—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-6-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the director of personnel; and requiring that a state agency or an appointing authority give first consideration to disabled law-enforcement officers when considering applicants for employment with the state.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Woelfel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 25—Designating February 3, 2026, as Marshall University Day at the Capitol.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

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

Senate Resolution 20, Recognizing and honoring victims of Agent Orange exposure during Vietnam War.

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.

Senate Resolution 23, Designating February 2, 2026, as Future Farmers of America Day.

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

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

Senate Resolution 24, Congratulating Jeff and Jim Kochenderfer as WV Outstanding Tree Farmers of Year.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 61, Prohibiting acceptance of illegal ballots cast in any election.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 61 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—33.

The nays were: Garcia—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 61) passed with its title.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 167, Relating to meetings for local levying bodies.

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

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 167) passed with its title.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 233, Clarifying qualifications to be licensed to administer polygraphs.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 233 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 233) passed with its title.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 374, Authorizing Department of Commerce to promulgate legislative rules.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 374 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 374) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 374) takes effect from passage.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 403, Relating to expanding definition of "tourism attraction".

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

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 403) passed with its title.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 427, Relating to loan form.

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

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 427) passed with its title.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 506, Permitting certain use of county-owned wireless tower.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 506 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barnhart, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, 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)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 506) passed with its title.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 256, Authorizing DEP to promulgate legislative rules.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

Senate Bill 536, Relating to qualifications for serving on certain academic boards.

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

Senate Bill 556, Modifying priority of insurance coverage for drivers of certain vehicles to make consistent with federal law.

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 573, Relating to requirements for disclosures and recordkeeping by persons making mortgage loans.

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

Senate Bill 574, Relating to bank merger by interstate branching.

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

Senate Bill 581, Eliminating requirement that commissioner approve joint account forms used by banking institutions.

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

Senate Bill 582, Relating to requirements for licensure as mortgage lender or broker.

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.

Senate Bill 155, Relating to adjunct teaching permits.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 210, Modifying oversight provisions for Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 532, Relating to certified public accountants.

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

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

The Senate then proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Morris.

The Senate next proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

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 resolution on January 30, 2026:

Senate Bill 20: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 24: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 30: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 423: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 478: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 538: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 539: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 540: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 543: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 560: Senator Barrett;

Senate Bill 617: Senators Rucker, Deeds, and Taylor;

Senate Bill 673: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 676: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 677: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 679: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 682: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 693: Senator Hamilton;

Senate Bill 694: Senator Deeds;

And,

Senate Resolution 23: Senators Rose, Deeds, and Chapman.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 11:53 a.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Tuesday, February 03, 2026
11:00 AM**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- S. R. 20 - Recognizing and honoring victims of Agent Orange exposure during Vietnam War
- S. R. 25 - Designating February 3, 2026, as Marshall University Day

THIRD READING

- Eng. S. B. 536 - Relating to qualifications for serving on certain academic boards
- Eng. S. B. 556 - Modifying priority of insurance coverage for drivers of certain vehicles to make consistent with federal law - (Com. title amend. pending) (original similar to HB4877)
- Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 573 - Relating to requirements for disclosures and recordkeeping by persons making mortgage loans (original similar to HB4792)
- Eng. S. B. 574 - Relating to bank merger by interstate branching
- Eng. S. B. 581 - Eliminating requirement that commissioner approve joint account forms used by banking institutions (original similar to HB4791)
- Eng. S. B. 582 - Relating to requirements for licensure as mortgage lender or broker (original similar to HB4790)

SECOND READING

- S. B. 155 - Relating to adjunct teaching permits
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 210 - Modifying oversight provisions for Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 256 - Authorizing DEP to promulgate legislative rules
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 532 - Relating to certified public accountants

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2026

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Education	(Room 451M)
9:30 a.m.	Government Organization	(Room 208W)