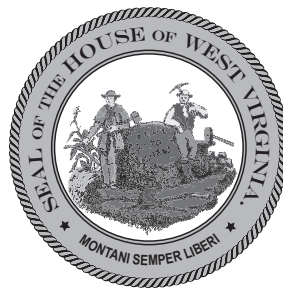


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[DELEGATE HANSHAW, MR. SPEAKER, IN THE CHAIR]

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

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

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Monday, February 24, 2025, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Committee Reports

Delegate Akers, Chair of the committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration:

H. B. 2400, Prohibiting the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to any person who has not specifically requested one from the county clerk,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2400 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to absentee ballots; requiring applications for absentee ballots to be available at the office of the county clerk and online at the Secretary of State's official website; permitting first responders to vote by electronic absentee ballot in certain emergency circumstances; defining "qualified first responder" and providing examples; providing for submittal and acceptance of qualified first responder absentee voting applications; providing for transmittal of ballots to qualified first responders; providing for processing of received electronic absentee ballots cast by qualified first responders; prohibiting an election official from providing an unsolicited application for absentee voting to any voter; prohibiting any person from providing more than 10 unsolicited applications for absentee voting to any voter; creating a misdemeanor penalty upon conviction for such prohibited activity; and providing exceptions,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Delegate Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Public Works, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy and Public Works has had under consideration:

H. B. 2065, To allow Gold Star parents to receive one free Gold Star vehicle registration for personal use,

And,

H. B. 2344, Relating generally to traffic safety,

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

Delegate Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Public Works, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy and Public Works has had under consideration:

H. B. 2157, Provide one trip temporary vehicle permits to be purchased and printed online,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2157 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to allow the purchase of special one trip or one-way permits to be made and paid for online; and deleting obsolete language,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

**Messages from the Executive
and Other Communications**



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

February 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for filing in your office, pursuant to the provisions of law, are the following bills:

House Bill No. Two Thousand Twenty-Four (2024), which was presented to me on February 18, 2025.

House Bill No. Two Thousand Twenty-Five (2025), which was presented to me on February 18, 2025.

You will note that I have approved these bills on February 24, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patrick Morrisey", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis, Clerk

Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 8 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-201 and §49-4-206 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the installation of newborn safety devices at emergency medical service facilities, police departments, or sheriff's detachments that have been designated as safe-surrender sites; and providing conditions for the same"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 151 – "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §61-2-10c; and to repeal §19-20-24, relating to police dogs and other public safety animals; creating offenses related to willfully causing physical injury, serious physical injury, or death to public safety animals; allowing for defense of public service animals; providing an exemption; defining terms; establishing criminal penalties; and specifying that the felony offenses set forth are qualifying offenses for recidivist sentencing purposes"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 240 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §61-8B-6, relating to extortion, attempted extortion, sexual extortion, and aggravated sexual extortion; defining terms; including a threat to any other thing of value for purposes qualifying extortion offense; increasing criminal penalties for extortion or attempted extortion by threats; creating crime of sexual extortion; establishing criminal penalties for sexual extortion; providing circuit courts optional dispositional conditions when minor adjudicated for a sexual extortion offense; creating crime of aggravated sexual extortion; establishing criminal penalties for aggravated sexual extortion; and providing for jurisdiction for prosecution of sexual extortion offenses in multiple counties"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 275 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement for cooks and custodians who are 21 years of age or older to have a high school diploma or equivalent as a condition of employment by a county board of education"; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 282 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the expiration date for certain provisions that pertain to allowing a person receiving retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement System to accept employment as a critical needs substitute teacher for an unlimited number of days each fiscal year if certain conditions are satisfied; and creating exceptions to posting related requirements applicable when a retired teacher is employed as a critical needs substitute"; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 283 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-7c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the grade levels that the course of study in personal finance can be completed in for the purpose of counting toward satisfying the personal finance course requirement for high school graduation; and providing that the expansion of the grade levels applies retroactively"; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolutions Introduced

Resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Delegates Young, Akers, Ferrell, Hall, T. Howell, Jeffries, Leavitt, Lewis, Pushkin and Shamblin:

H. C. R. 67 —"Requesting the Division of Highways name a planned bridge in Kanawha County, beginning at Latitude 38.355694, Longitude -81.713474, carrying Jefferson Road, County Route 601, over Kanawha Boulevard and Davis Creek, ending at Latitude 38.353792, Longitude -81.711736, the "U. S. Army 2LT Darwin Keith 'Gus' Kyle Memorial Bridge—a Medal of Honor Recipient""; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Rules

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

By Delegate Young:

H. J. R. 26 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia repealing section ten of article XII thereof, relating to the elimination of the Independent Free School provisions from the Constitution; numbering and designated such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules.

And,

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Lewis, Pushkin, Hansen and Garcia:

H. J. R. 27 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending article IV thereof by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, relating to the possession, manufacture, and sale of cannabis by adults 21 years of age or older; the expungement of criminal records as it pertains to cannabis convictions; numbering and

designating the proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules.

Bills Introduced

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

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Hornbuckle

[By Request of the Executive]:

H. B. 2011 - "A Bill making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining unappropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to the Department of Human Services, Health Care Provider Tax, Medical State Share Fund, fund 5090, fiscal year 2025, organization 0511 by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate B. Smith:

H. B. 2935 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §9-11-1, §9-11-2, §9-11-3, §9-11-4, and §9-11-5, relating to creating the West Virginia Comprehensive Approach to Homelessness, Substance Abuse, and Prisoner Reintegration Pilot Program; defining the mission of the program; and providing for the administration of said program"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 2936 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §59-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to waiving the \$100 fee for a new for-profit business or domestic corporation to obtain a license in this state"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 2937 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-113 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring child-care subsidies to be based on monthly enrollment rather than daily attendance"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Anders, Kump, Coop-Gonzalez, White, Ferrell, Butler, Dillon, Ridenour, T. Howell, Mazzocchi and Kimble:

H. B. 2938 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §60A-2-204a, relating to allowing the sale, distribution, or possession of ivermectin without a prescription"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Kyle, Coop-Gonzalez, McCormick, Ward, Dean, Campbell, T. Howell, Hornby and Browning:

H. B. 2939 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-9A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18-9A-13, relating to the creation of the Remote Schools Support Act"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Adkins, T. Clark, Browning, Bridges, Parsons, B. Smith, Pritt and Masters:

H. B. 2940 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17C-13-9, relating to prohibiting parking meters at handicapped spaces and eliminating late or overdue parking tickets for individuals with disabilities"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Ferrell:

H. B. 2941 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-27A-1, §30-27A-2, §30-27A-3, §30-27A-4, §30-27A-5, §30-27A-6, §30-27A-7, §30-27A-8, §30-27A-9, §30-27A-10, §30-27A-11, §30-27A-12, §30-27A-13, §30-27A-14, and §30-27A-15, all relating to establishing the Interstate Cosmetology Licensure Compact; defining terms; providing requirements for membership; establishing data process; providing regulations for multistate licensures; establishing the Interstate Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission; establishing an effective date; providing for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement powers; granting rulemaking authority; establishing construction and severability; and providing for disputes with other states' laws"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Street, Zatezalo, Anderson and Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 2942 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-34-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to the administration of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Design-Build Pilot Program, extending and revising the sunset provision to December 31, 2027"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Zatezalo, Anderson, Street and Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 2943 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-18-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to extending the sunset date of the hazardous waste management fee for five years to allow the agency to generate the required revenue to cover the state match for federal grant funds"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Kump and Horst:

H. B. 2944 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to making it illegal to have a vehicle parked at a residence with an out of state license plate for more than 90 days; and providing for fines for violations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Chiarelli and Young:

H. B. 2945 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-12-2, §15-12-3, §15-12-4, §15-12-5, §15-12-7, §15-12-8, and §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §15-12-2b of said code; relating to the registration requirements in the Sex Offender Registration Act; providing for definitions; and clarifying how those required to register sex offenders, who have no permanent residence, can satisfy their legal obligation"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Statler, Toney and Ellington:

H. B. 2946 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting West Virginia campus police officer retirement income from personal income tax after specified date"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Pushkin and Young:

H. B. 2947 - "A Bill to amend §4-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to legislative business for members and designated employees; and clarifying that the legislature cannot impede the judiciary's duties to assure the fair administration of justice when it or a member of a legislative body is a party in a proceeding relating to legislative actions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Ferrell, DeVault, Sheedy, Pritt, Phillips, Linville and Hall:

H. B. 2948 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-24A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to obtaining titles to abandoned or junked motor vehicles abandoned on the

property or place of business of an automobile dealer, licensed automobile auction, motor vehicle repair facility or towing company; and removing the requirement that the loan value of the motor vehicle be less than \$9,500 to allow the automobile dealer, licensed automobile auction, motor vehicle repair facility or towing company to obtain a certificate of title and registration for the abandoned motor vehicle or junked vehicle"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Butler and Ridenour:

H. B. 2949 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9A-1-13, relating to prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for assisting another person to obtain veterans' benefits, except as permitted under federal law"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Cooper:

H. B. 2950 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §39-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the acknowledgment of a deed or writing, by a husband or wife for the sale or conveyance of real estate, stating a value of \$12,000 or less"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Hillenbrand, Masters, Barnhart, Ferrell, Anders, Sheedy, Mallow, Hite, Ridenour and Horst:

H. B. 2951 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9u of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating sales and service tax exemption for small arms and small arms accessories"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 2952 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-21-98, relating to authorizing a child or childcare tax credit; creating definitions; creating a tax credit for eligible children; and clarifying the amount to be refunded to the individual"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Young and Lewis:

H. B. 2953 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §46A-9-1, §46A-9-2, §46A-9-3, §46A-9-4, §46A-9-5, §46A-9-6, §46A-9-7, §46A-9-8, §46A-9-9, §46A-9-10, and §46A-9-11, relating to consumer data privacy; defining terms, requiring privacy for certain identifying personal information; establishing a consumer right to request copy of personal data collected; establishing a consumer right to have personal information deleted or corrected; establishing a consumer right to request personal data sold or shared; establishing a consumer right to opt-out of the sale or sharing of personal information to third parties; prohibiting discrimination against consumers who exercise their right under this article; establishing procedures for requests for personal information under this article; establish a form to opt-out of sale or sharing of personal information; creating a private cause of action; empowering the West Virginia Division of Consumer Protection to establish rules under this article for enforcement; and empowering the West Virginia Division of Consumer Protection to bring suit for violation of this article"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Kimble, Anders, White, Mazzocchi, Ridenour, McGeehan, Phillips, Jeffries, Butler, D. Cannon and Worrell:

H. B. 2954 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, requiring medical professionals to report to the Bureau for Public Health all injuries and side effects from vaccines and produce an annual report for the Legislature; requiring medical professionals that deliver vaccines to receive educational materials from the Bureau for Public Health about negative side effects from vaccines and to be formally trained every five years; and

requiring the commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health to make available a mechanism for individuals, including parents, to report adverse impact from vaccines"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Williams, Pushkin, Hansen and Garcia:

H. B. 2955 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-31-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to limiting the use of state funding under the Hope Scholarship Program for out-of-state private schools and providers"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Stephens:

H. B. 2956 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-34-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, relating to expanding Laken's Law to include grades 3 to 12 for fentanyl, heroin, and opioids awareness, prevention, and abuse instruction"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates W. Clark, Lucas, Kyle, Browning, Brooks, McCormick, B. Smith, Adkins, Funkhouser, Foggin and Pinson:

H. B. 2957 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14e of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to fees collected for agricultural related special license plates to be deposited in the Agriculture Fees Fund"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Chiarelli, McCormick, Statler, Rohrbach, Browning, Lucas and Amos:

H. B. 2958 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-3B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to trespassing on premises of an institution of higher education"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Horst and Masters:

H. B. 2959 - "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 Delegates McCormick, Jennings, Statler, Chiarelli and Street:

H. B. 2960 - "A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-9-1, relating to a pilot program for snow removal; requiring requests for proposals; establishing a time limit; establishing liability; creating criminal penalties; and providing terms for cancelling a contract"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Ridenour, Maynor, Ward, Butler, Hillenbrand, Mallow, Roop, Jennings, Petitto, Akers and Phillips:

H. B. 2961 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 193, as amended by adding a new article, designated §37-3A-1 and §37-3A-2, relating to prohibiting ownership and possession of real property by foreign adversaries"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Horst, G. Howell, Mallow, D. Cannon, Crouse and Miller:

H. B. 2962 - "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 Delegates Criss and Barnhart:

H. B. 2963 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §31A-1-7, relating to acquisition, formation, or control in banking; clarifying that when

a West Virginia state chartered bank sells or transfers all of substantially all of its assets and liabilities to another entity, that such buyer or transferee must be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; providing the right to seek equitable relief to the Commissioner of the Board of Banking and Financial Institutions and to interested parties to prevent prohibited transactions by unqualified buyers; clarifying that the prohibition on the acquisition or transfer of a West Virginia state chartered bank by buyers or transferors that are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation does not apply to any agreement that was originally executed prior to the date of enactment of this section, or to any subsequent amendment or modification to any such agreement; and creating civil penalties"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates DeVault, Mallow, Ferrell and Fehrenbacher:

H. B. 2964 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-29-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing members of regional airport boards to be a resident of the municipality or county in which the airport is located"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Ellington, Willis, Statler, Jennings, W. Clark, D. Smith, Crouse, White, T. Clark, Pritt and Hornby:

H. B. 2965 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-16-27, relating to transferring money currently paid by employers of state employees to PEIA into a Health Savings Account ('HSA'); allowing for the employee to choose his or her healthcare insurance plan based upon a monthly allocation; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Linville, Marple, Hornby, Flanigan, Ridenour and Fluharty:

H. B. 2966 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-8-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §3-8-8a, relating to requiring certain disclosures of election expenditures; clarifying when contributions are required to be disclosed; creating exceptions; clarifying that certain federal entities must make certain state disclosures; requiring disclosure of covered transfers; stating legislative findings; defining terms; providing requirements for disclosure of donations related to the transfer of certain sums of money regarding campaign-related disbursements; requiring certain disclosures be made within 48 hours; specifying information required in the disclosures; clarifying the relationship between covered transfers and other regulated areas of election expenditures; creating criminal penalties; and authorizing rulemaking"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Pushkin, Hansen and Young:

H. B. 2967 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §33-6B-3, §33-20-3 and §33-20-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to prohibiting the number of inquiries reflected in a credit report or credit score report from adversely affecting an application for insurance; limiting the use of a credit score to banking institution credit scoring for casualty insurance rate filings; prohibiting reliance on information which is false or potentially false; and limiting the use of a credit score in casualty insurance rate filings"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Ellington, Hornby, W. Clark, D. Smith, Crouse, White, T. Clark, Coop-Gonzalez and Miller:

H. B. 2968 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-16-33, relating to the cessation of PEIA as a public healthcare entity; providing for the continuation of PEIA as a private healthcare insurance company; providing for a monthly payment to the employment into a Health Savings Account ('HSA'); and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates T. Howell, Clay, Mazzocchi, Amos, Canterbury, Petitto, Jennings, Dittman, Campbell, Dillon and B. Smith:

H. B. 2969 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the homestead exemption allowed"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Moore, B. Smith, Jeffries, Campbell, D. Cannon, Cooper, Canterbury, Ridenour, Kimble, Ferrell and Green:

H. B. 2970 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to absentee voting; and requiring certain information be included on a form and inserted into the envelope with an absentee ballot returned by a qualified absentee voter, which information is sufficient for election officials to confirm the voter's identity with a high degree of confidence without publishing the voter's personal information or signature image"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Moore, Drennan, Leavitt, Brooks, Dillon, McCormick and Campbell:

H. B. 2971 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9s of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating the back-to-school sales tax holiday amount"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Moore, Dittman, Drennan, Dillon and Coop-Gonzalez:

H. B. 2972 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-1B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the exceptions for timbering operations"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Campbell, Gearheart, Ferrell, Stephens, T. Clark, Eldridge, McCormick, Moore, Pritt and Heckert:

H. B. 2973 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring legal injunctions and legal actions involving the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission to be filed in Kanawha County; and clarifying where schools and private citizens located in Kanawha County may file suit"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Anders, Kump, Coop-Gonzalez, White, Dillon, Ridenour, Mazzocchi, T. Howell, Kimble, Masters and Crouse:

H. B. 2974 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to add a new article designated §5-32-1, §5-32-2 and §5-32-3, relating to creating the Second Amendment Preservation Act; stating a short title; providing legislative findings; prohibiting regulation of intrastate firearm sales and transfers; providing civil and criminal penalties; authorizing Attorney General to defend and prosecute; and addressing sovereign immunity"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Special Calendar

Third Reading

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2042, Relating to allowing a guardian ad litem to request the appointment of a court appointed special advocate; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 9**), and there were—yeas 95, nays 1, absent and not voting 4, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Steele.

Absent and Not Voting: Burkhammer, Dittman, Green and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2042) passed.

Delegate Akers moved to amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

H. B. 2042 — A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-601 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to procedures in cases of child neglect or abuse; allowing a prosecuting attorney on behalf of the Department of Human Services, attorneys for a parent, or a guardian ad litem to request the appointment of a court appointed special advocate if that circuit court is serviced by a court appointed special advocate.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2066, Creating a crime for the destruction of first responder equipment; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 10**), and there were—yeas 93, nays 4, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Coop-Gonzalez, Foggin, Martin and Steele.

Absent and Not Voting: Burkhammer, Dittman and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2066) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2363, Clarifying the groups of persons to whom the criminal prohibitions related to child pornography are inapplicable when such persons are performing their official or employment duties; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 11**), and there were—yeas 97, nays none, absent and not voting 3, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Burkhammer, Dittman and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2363) passed.

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

Second Reading

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2354, Banning certain products from food in West Virginia;

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

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the bill was postponed one day,

First Reading

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2047, Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children; on first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2123, Modifying the criminal penalties imposed on a parent, guardian or custodian for child abuse; on first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading,

And,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2170, Allowing volunteer fire departments to use fire protection funding for certain purchases; on first reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the bill was postponed one day.

Leaves of Absence

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates Burkhammer, Dittman and Vance.

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. 2006: Delegates Dittman, Drennan, T. Howell, Kimble, Mazzocchi, Moore, Pettito, White;

H. B. 2129: Delegates Dillon, Heckert, and Horst;

H. B. 2164: Delegates D. Cannon and Pritt;

H. B. 2344: Delegate Eldridge;

H. B. 2381: Delegate Kyle;

H. B. 2409: Delegate Kimble;

H. B. 2445: Delegate Bridges;

H. B. 2480: Delegate Crouse;

H. B. 2515: Delegate Pritt;

H. B. 2560: Delegate Dillon;

H. B. 2678: Delegate Dillon;

H. B. 2714: Delegate D. Cannon;

H. B. 2789: Delegate Pritt;

H. B. 2838: Delegate Kump;

And,

H. J. R. 3: Delegate Young.

Pursuant to House Rule 94b, a form was filed with the Clerk's Office to be removed as a cosponsor of the following:

H. B. 2622: Delegate Horst;

And,

H. B. 2876: Delegate Jeffries.

At 11:38 a.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

15th Day

11:00 A.M.

SECOND READING

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| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2047 - | Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2123 - | Modifying the criminal penalties imposed on a parent, guardian or custodian for child abuse |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2354 - | Banning certain products from food in West Virginia |

FIRST READING

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| H. B. 2065 - | To allow Gold Star parents to receive one free Gold Star vehicle registration for personal use. |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2157 - | Provide one trip temporary vehicle permits to be purchased and printed online |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2170 - | Allowing volunteer fire departments to use fire protection funding for certain purchases |
| H. B. 2344 - | Relating generally to traffic safety |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2400 - | Prohibiting the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to any person who has not specifically requested one from the county clerk |

HOUSE CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

15th Day

11:00 A.M.

NO BILLS

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & BANKING AND INSURANCE
9:00 A.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
1:00 P.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTS
9:30 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE LEGAL SERVICES
10:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND TOURISM
1:00 P.M. – GOV ORG COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
2:00 P.M. – GOV ORG COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS
3:00 P.M. – HEALTH COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL CHOICE
1:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 432M**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS
3:00 P.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
6:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 432M**

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