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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 Friday, March 14, 2025, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Committee Reports

Mr. Speaker (Mr. Hanshaw), Chair of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 5, William "Bill" Harrison Lowther Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 6, Private Sidney Washington Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 7, U.S. Army Pfc John Wesley Meadows Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 8, PFC Lester E. Maynard Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 9, Robert S. Pomeroy Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 10, USMC PFC Robert Thomas Taylor Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 11, Thomas A. Azinger Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 12, Charles "Charlie" Goff Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 13, Corporal James E. Jackley Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 15, US Marines PFC Delbert Carles Roles Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 18, Paul J. Hofe Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 20, Tustin Brothers Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 21, U. S. Army Private Terry F. Tustin Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 22, James M. Ellis Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 23, US Army PFC Calvin E. Spade Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 24, Postlethwait Brothers Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 25, Waynesburg Pike Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 26, Jimmy M. Hutchison Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 27, BG Edmund "Frank" Roleff, WVNG Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 28, Frank Lee Maddy Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 29, Sheriff Jeremy Taylor Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 31, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Quewanncoll "Que" Stephens, Sr. Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 32, U. S. Army PVT Leon 'Deacon' Stover Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 34, U. S. Merchant Marine Joseph Ward Teter Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 35, U.S. Air Force Thomas M. Oxley Memorial Road,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 36, US. Marine Corps PFC Darrel Lee Burgess Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 37, CPT Ray Leslie Memorial Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 39, Gold Star Mother Catherine Blake Highway,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 42, U.S. Army Corporal Kenneth H. Tinsley Bridge,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 44, Corporal Charles W. Wolfe Memorial Bridge,

And,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 45, Charlotte Denise Seymour Hill Memorial Bridge,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each be adopted.

Mr. Speaker (Mr. Hanshaw), Chair of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration:

H. C. R. 78, Urging the Commissioner of Highways to prioritize completion of I-73, the King Coal Highway,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 78 - "Requesting the Division of Highways to make the completion of I-73, the King Coal Highway, in its entirety a high priority project,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute be adopted.

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. 3231, Relating to withholding tax on income of nonresidents from natural resources royalty payments,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3231 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-21-71c, relating to tax on income of nonresidents for natural resources royalty payments received from lessees; providing legislative findings; defining terms; providing for withholding of estimated tax liabilities from natural resources royalty payments for nonresidents by lessees; providing exceptions to the tax withholding requirements under certain circumstances; providing that withheld amounts be paid by lessees to the Tax Commissioner on behalf of the nonresidents; providing for refunds to nonresidents for overpayment; requiring annual withholding statements, reconciliation, and filing requirements; requiring electronic filing under specified circumstances; providing for criminal and civil penalties in certain circumstances for non-compliance; providing for rulemaking; and providing an effective date,"

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

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3231) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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. 2451, To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2451 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-40-1, §8-40-2, §8-40-3, §8-40-4, §8-40-5, and §8-40-6, relating to facilitating the creation of home based businesses; providing for definitions; providing for permitted use; providing for prohibitions; creating reasonable regulations; providing for limited conditions; and providing for review,"

H. B. 2835, Relating to creating the West Virginia Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2835 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-6-8, relating to creating the West Virginia Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse; establishing its purposes, policies, and standards; providing for its funding; and establishing reporting requirements,"

H. B. 2878, To require railroad companies to provide alternative entry and exit ways,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2878 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-4-8 and §31-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to use of state roads for rail crossing; requiring cooperation between the rail company and the Division of Highways when construction or maintenance activities are conducted by the company; and requiring railroad companies to provide alternative entry and exit ways in certain circumstances,"

And,

H. B. 3144, Wireless Infrastructure and Facilities Siting and Co-location,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3144 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new chapter, designated §31J-1-1, §31J-1-2, §31J-1-3, §31J-1-4, §31J-1-5, and §31J-1-6, all relating to wireless tower facilities and infrastructure; providing for conditions of permitting and applications for siting and colocation of wireless tower facilities and equipment; providing definitions; clarifying the timing and conditions to act on siting applications; clarifying the timing and conditions to act on wireless facilities and equipment modifications; establishing process and procedures for review of applications for siting and modifications; creating civil penalties; codifying the adoption of a construction code to be applicable to wireless infrastructure; providing for remedies; providing for and defining fees for applications; providing conflict of law provisions; and preserving state preemption,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes 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. 2002, Establishing One Stop Shop Permitting Process,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2002 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article designated §5A-13-1, §5A-13-2, §5A-13-3, §5A-13-4, §5A-13-5, and §5A-13-6, relating to the creation of the One Stop Shop Permitting Program in West Virginia; providing for the creation of a Permitting Dashboard to operate as a "one-stop-shop" for obtaining and renewing permits, licenses, and business registrations; identifying the offices, departments, divisions, and agencies that shall participate in the One Stop Shop Permitting Program; establishing certain permitting and renewal fees; creating a refund requirement for late processing of a permit; maintaining the option to file applications for permits directly with participating agencies until July 1, 2027; protecting confidential information submitted with applications; and empowering the secretary of administration to promulgate rules to implement this program including rules related to deadlines and fees including for expedited processing of applications; establishing effective dates; and providing for certain limited exceptions,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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. C. R. 46, U.S. Army Ronald Gene Sypolt Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 46 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 39-072/00-005.99) (39A142), (39.31693, -79.69367) locally known as FLAG RUN BRIDGE, carrying WV 072 over FLAG RUN in Preston County, the 'U.S. Army SP4 Ronald Gene Sypolt Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 47, Clinton "Randy" Dean 101st Airborne Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 47 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name a bridge bearing the Bridge Number: 39-072/00-001.85) (39A236), (39.28332, -79.73050) locally known as Etam Bridge, carrying WV 072 over Buffalo Creek in Preston County as the 'U.S. Army Sgt Clinton 'Randy' Dean 101st Airborne Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 50, Alfred E. Garrison Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 50 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number: 52-N00/99-000.03 () (52A902), (39.68368, -80.45805) locally known as Wetzel Street Bridge, carrying City N00/99 over Church Fork in Wetzel County, the 'U.S. Army PFC Alfred E. Garrison Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 51, U.S. Army Roy Lee Hill Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 51 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 53-032/003.45, locally known as the Peewee Pony Truss (SSPT), carrying CR 032 over Right Fork Reedy Creek in Wirt County, the 'U. S. Army PFC Roy Lee Hill Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 54, PFC Howard Bissett Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 54 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 52-009/00.004.54(52A159) at Latitude/Longitude 39.70766, -80.53262, locally known as Sugar Run Bridge carrying CR 09 over West Virginia Fork of Fish Creek in Wetzel County, the 'U.S. Army PFC Howard Bissett Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 55, Vance Brothers Six Military Veterans Highway,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 55 - "Requesting the Division of Highways rename the section of road beginning at (37.765157, -80.466491) and ending at (37.787638, -80.452570), known locally as the Seneca Trail, to the 'Vance Brothers Six Military Veterans Highway' and have signs placed identifying it as such,"

H. C. R. 56, Tom Bill Dudley Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 56 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 13-060/87-000.15 () (13A243), (37.79351, -80.30456) locally known as Greenbrier Avenue Bridge, carrying CR 060/87 over Howard Creek in Greenbrier County, the 'U.S. Army SP4 Thomas William 'Tom Bill' Dudley, Sr. Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 60, Janice Cosco Memorial Bridge Longest Serving Marion County Clerk,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 60 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number: 25-079/00-135.62 () (25A260), (39.46437, -80.13663) locally known as PLEASANT VALLEY BRIDGE, carrying I-79 over Mar. Co. Rt. 64 in Marion County, the 'Janice L. Cosco Memorial Bridge' with accompanying signage stating, 'Marion County's Longest Serving Clerk,'"

H. C. R. 61, U.S. Navy Seaman First Class Guy Harlow Waugh Memorial Road,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 61 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of State Route 16, specifically beginning at the northern city limits of Gauley Bridge, West Virginia and continuing for a mile in Fayette County, the 'U.S. Navy S1c Guy Harlow Waugh Memorial Road,'"

H. C. R. 62, U.S. Army PFC Henry James Miller Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 62 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number: 39-066/00-002.25 () (39A218), (39.3584862709588, -79.8283876471375) locally known as YORK RUN BOX CULVERT, carrying Yorks Run Road over York Run, the 'U.S. Army PFC Henry James Miller Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 63, Gary W. Spinks Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 63 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 34-001/00-006.32 (34A002), at Latitude 38.5011610265538, Longitude -80.7633140291533, and locally known as Birch River Bridge, carrying Widen Dille Road over Birch River in Nicholas County, the 'U.S. Army Spec 4 Gary W. Spinks Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 67, 2nd LT Darwin Keith "Gus" Kyle Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for 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 2nd Lt Darwin Keith 'Gus' Kyle Memorial Bridge—a Medal of Honor Recipient', with a Medal of Honor symbol after his name,"

H. C. R. 68, Jim Marcum and Airlie Wallace Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 68 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number: 30-003/05-016.21 () (30A288), (37.90962, -82.24858) locally known as Breeden Bridge, carrying CR 03/05 over West FK of Twelvepole CK in Mingo County the 'Jim Marcum and Airlie Shai Wallace Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 69, Landen, Fannie , Katherine, Ab and Laura Baisden Family Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 69 - "Requesting the Division of Highways to add an additional sign to bridge number 30-3/5-13.59 (30A016) on County Route 3/5 in Mingo County, West Virginia, currently named the 'Baisden Family Memorial Bridge,' with a sign reading 'Landen, Fannie, Katherine, Ab, and Laura Baisden' added below the current signage,"

H. C. R. 71, Leonard N. Miller Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 71 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 44-010/00-001.09 (44A024), locally known as MT OLIVE BRIDGE (SCBB), beginning at Latitude 38.815807, Longitude -81.430185, ending at Latitude 38.815550, Longitude -81.430992, carrying Reedyville Road, CR 10, over Left Fork Reedy Creek in Roane County, the 'U.S. Army Corporal Leonard N. Miller Memorial Bridge',"

H. C. R. 79, Donald Tackett Jr. Memorial Road,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 79 - "Requesting the Division of Highways to name the portion of County Route 3/2, also named Moses Fork Road, from its intersection at Old County Road (37.872177, -82.174614) to its intersection at East Fork of Twelvepole Road (37.872016, -82.151667) in Mingo County, the 'Donald Tackett, Jr. Memorial Road',"

And,

H. C. R. 83, Benny Filiaggi III Memorial Bridge,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 83 - "Requesting the Division of Highways name Bridge Number: 20-061/00-000.32) (20A177), (38.18011, -81.33495) locally known as MORRIS CK BR #2492.1, carrying WV 61 over MORRIS CK & PRIVATE RD in Kanawha County, the 'Fire Chief Benny Filiaggi, III Memorial Bridge',"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each be adopted, but that they first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the resolution (Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 46, H. C. R. 47, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 47, H. C. R. 50, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 50, H. C. R. 51, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 51, H. C. R. 54, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 54, H. C. R. 55, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 55, H. C. R. 56, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 56, H. C. R. 60, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 60, H. C. R. 61, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 61, H. C. R. 62, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 62, H. C. R. 63, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 63, H. C. R. 67, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 67, H. C. R. 68, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 68, H. C. R. 69, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 69, H. C. R. 71, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 71, H. C. R. 79, Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 79, H. C. R. 83 and Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 83) was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 336, Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules,

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

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. 2056, Relating to concurrent juvenile jurisdiction on military installations,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2056 - "A BILL to amend and reenact §1-1-4 and §49-4-701 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section designated §1-1-6, relating to concurrent juvenile jurisdiction on military installations; addresses concurrent juvenile jurisdiction and allowing the transfer of exclusive federal legislative jurisdiction back to the state with respect to juveniles,"

H. B. 2397, Prevent immediate family members from acting in a fiduciary capacity for the same governmental authority,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2397 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-5-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing expenditures by the sheriff out of the county treasury and providing that the order approving these expenditures shall only be signed by statutorily

designated persons that are not family or household members and sets forth a framework to address these issues when these familial conflicts arise,"

H. B. 2679, To allow for the reinstatement of retired Deputy Sheriffs to their former departments.,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2679 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending guidelines for reinstating sheriff's deputies to their former departments after resignation; clarifying that reinstatement is at the discretion of the sheriff; and clarifying that a former deputy sheriff may seek reinstatement within five years of resignation,"

H. B. 3089, Mandate the use of WV DMV electronic lien and title system for certain entities and persons,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3089 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-4-10, §17A-4A-2, and §17A-4A-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to vehicle titles; mandating all financial institutions recording five or more liens in a calendar year use the Division of Motor Vehicle's electronic lien and title system for all motor vehicle lien actions; specifying new and striking old effective date; shortening time an insurance company or insurer has to wait after the payment of a total loss claim prior to applying to the Division of Motor Vehicles for a title certificate to a vehicle that the owner has not chosen to retain; correcting agency designations; specifying format of issuance of certificates of title; and allowing electronic record of the certificate of title and lien be used as evidence,"

H. B. 3154, Relating to advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery operators,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3154 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22B-402, §29-22B-702 and §29-22B-706 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery permittees; rulemaking authority of the Lottery Commission relating to advertising; and authorizing advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery permittees to be consistent with other code provisions,"

And,

H. B. 3190, Controlled Substances and arrestable offences,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3190 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60-6-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the offense of public intoxication to persons intoxicated by controlled substances,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Ellington, Chair of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration:

H. B. 2548, Clarifying duties of state superintendent regarding rule implementation,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2548 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-3-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Superintendent's general supervision of schools; clarifying supervisory duties; requiring the State Superintendent to report annually to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability regarding implementation of state board rules in each county school district; and providing consequences for failure to follow state board rules,"

H. B. 2755, To provide that the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies to be submitted to the Legislature for review,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2755 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §29A-3B-13, relating to requiring State Board of Education legislative rules to be authorized by the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability and submitted for review by Legislature,"

H. B. 3024, Guaranteed course transfer bill,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3024 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-14-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the guaranteed transfer of credit for courses completed in career pathways between high schools, career and technical education centers, community and technical colleges and baccalaureate institutions, establishing a statewide guaranteed transfer and articulation advisory committee; setting forth membership of the advisory committee; allowing for subcommittees; requiring the commission and the council to oversee the development of a statewide articulation and guaranteed transfer agreement and setting forth parameters therefore; requiring the commission and the council, in collaboration with the advisory committee, to develop, coordinate, and maintain guaranteed degree transfer pathways for selected baccalaureate programs and the parameters therefore; setting forth additional requirements for guaranteed statewide transfer pathways; and requiring the commission and council to propose rules for legislative approval,"

And,

H. B. 3192, To repeal obsolete, conflicting or inoperative provisions of code that pertain to higher education,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3192 - "A Bill to repeal §18-11-1, §18-11-1a, §18-11-1b, §18-11-2, §18-11-3, §18-11-4, §18-11-4a, §18-11-4d, §18-11-5, §18-11-5b, §18-11-5d, §18-11-6, §18-11-7, §18-11-8, §18-11-8a, §18-11-9, §18-11-9a, §18-11-10, §18-11-10a, §18-11-11, §18-11-19, §18-11-20, §18-11-21, §18-11-22, §18-11-23, §18-11-24, §18-11-25, §18-12-1, §18-19-1, §18-19-2, §18-19-3, §18-19-4, §18-22C-1, §18-22C-2, §18-22D-1, §18-22D-2, §18-22D-3, §18-22D-4, §18-22D-5, §18-22D-6, §18-22D-7, §18-22D-8, §18-22D-9, §18-23-6, §18-23-7, §18-23-9, §18-23-10, §18-23-16, §18-23-17, §18-23-19, §18B-1-8, §18B-1-11, §18B-1A-4, §18B-1A-5, §18B-1A-6, §18B-1C-1, §18B-1D-6, §18B-1F-10, §18B-2-6, §18B-2-8, §18B-2A-5, §18B-2A-7, §18B-2A-7a, §18B-2B-1, §18B-3-4, §18B-3B-1, §18B-3B-2, §18B-3B-3, §18B-3C-5, §18B-3C-7, §18B-3C-7a, §18B-3C-10, §18B-3C-11, §18B-3C-12, §18B-3C-13, §18B-3C-15, §18B-3C-16, §18B-3E-1, §18B-3E-2, §18B-3F-1, §18B-3F-2, §18B-3F-3, §18B-3F-4, §18B-3F-5, §18B-3F-6, §18B-3F-7, §18B-3F-8, §18B-3F-9, §18B-3F-10, §18B-4-2a, §18B-7-16, §18B-9A-5, §18B-9A-5a, §18B-11-1, §18B-11-3, §18B-14-1, §18B-14-2, §18B-14-9, §18B-17-4, §18B-17-5, and §18B-17-6, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to repeal of antiquated, inoperative, conflicting and duplicative provisions of code,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Ellington, Chair of the Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration:

H. B. 3150, Health Science and Medical Student Loan Programs,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3150 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-3-1 and §18C-3-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to higher education loan programs; amending the medical student loan program by amending definitions; clarifying amount of award and service commitment; revising interest rate determinations and time period for loan repayment; amending health sciences and mental health provider loan repayment programs by replacing scholarship language with loan repayment language, amending award preferences provisions, requiring the commission to pay awards directly to federal loan service providers, removing provisions regarding licensure as it relates to repayment, clarifying language regarding mental health provider student loan repayment program, clarifying language regarding the mental health provider student loan repayment fund; and making technical changes,"

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

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3150) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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. 2393, Relating to requiring certain reporting from the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority each year,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2393 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-17A-6, relating to requiring certain reporting from the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority each year and beginning on December 1, 2025,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Delegate Ellington, Chair of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration:

H. B. 2773, Higher Ed Rules,

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

Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced concurrence by the Senate in the amendment of the House of Delegates to the amendment of the Senate, and the passage, as amended, of

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

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced concurrence in the amendment of the House of Delegates and the passage, as amended, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 138, Enhancing penalties for fleeing officer.

A message from the Senate, by

Com. Sub. for S. B. 240, Updating crime of sexual extortion.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced concurrence in the title amendment of the House of Delegates and the passage, as amended, of

S. B. 291, Extending time frame for pharmacies to register from annually to biennially.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced concurrence in the amendment of the House of Delegates and the passage, as amended, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 592 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-30-3, §22-30-5, and §22-30-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to aboveground storage tanks; modifying an exception to the definition of an aboveground storage tank to except out devices having a capacity of 210 barrels or less, containing brine water or other fluids produced in connection with hydrocarbon transmission and storage, as well as production activities, that are not located in a zone of critical concern; providing an exemption to devices having a capacity of 210 barrels or less and not located in a zone of critical concern, which is located at a lawfully permitted coal mining site; providing that the secretary may not, as part of the regulatory program,

require any regulated tanks to be lifted, moved, or otherwise physically altered in connection with a visual leak detection program in the absence of a confirmed release; providing that tanks used for hydrocarbon production, transportation, or storage activities and tanks used for roadway snow and ice pretreatment, as identified under certain sections of code that are located in a zone of critical concern, are exempt from inspection and certification by a third party, but must be self-inspected, self-certified, and reported to Department of Environmental Protection by its owner or operator at least once per year; and providing that tanks used for hydrocarbon production, transportation, and storage activities and tanks used for roadway snow and ice pretreatment, as identified under certain sections of code that are located in a zone of critical concern are required to have secondary containment inspections performed and documented by the owner or operator at least once per month"; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

A message from the Senate, by

S. B. 712 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §29-1-8e, relating to the West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2025; prohibiting the removal, renaming, alteration, or relocation of any statue, monument, memorial, nameplate, plaque, school, street, bridge, building, park, preserve, or reserve recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and which is located on public property and has been erected for, named, or dedicated in honor of certain historical, military, labor, civil rights, and Native-American events, figures, and organizations; prohibiting any person from preventing the governmental entity having responsibility for maintaining the items, structures, or areas from taking proper measures to protect, preserve, care for, repair, or restore the items, structures, or areas recognized by the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office; and authorizing the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to grant waivers under certain circumstances"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Senate, by

Com. Sub. for S. B. 715 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-10D-15, relating to personally identifiable information of a member, retirant, beneficiary, or alternate payee of a retirement system administered by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board being confidential and exempt from disclosure"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Senate, by

S. B. 716 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-22A-33a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to failure to pay the required contribution and interest payment for any police officer or firefighter who transferred from the Public Employees Retirement System to the Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bills Introduced

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

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker)

[By Request of the Executive]:

H. B. 2013 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5F-2-9 to exempt new hires and promoted employees within the Bureau of Senior Services, Department of Administration, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Revenue, and Department of Veterans Affairs from the classified civil service

system and the state grievance procedures beginning on July 1, 2025"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate W. Clark:

H. B. 3389 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-10G-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to exclude the Department of Tourism as a 'governmental agency"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Young, Hornbuckle, Williams, Hamilton and Lewis:

H. B. 3390 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing a 15% raise to non-uniformed workers within the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation."; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

By Delegates Young, Hansen, Pushkin, Hornbuckle, Williams and Lewis:

H. B. 3391 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17A-6-1c, relating to authorizing certain motor vehicle manufacturers to operate as new car dealers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Williams, Young, Hamilton, Garcia, Lewis, Hansen and Pushkin:

H. B. 3392 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21A-8-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to maintaining the solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund; providing a mechanism for the Governor to borrow funds from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve Fund for a limited period and deposit those funds into the Unemployment Compensation Fund if the balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund drops below \$50 million"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Williams, Young, Hamilton, Hansen and Pushkin:

H. B. 3393 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-16-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing a temporary foreign brewers import license"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Pushkin:

H. B. 3394 - "A Bill amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, and §18-2L-3, relating to creating the school aid formula study commission; providing legislative findings; and providing for the commission membership; allowing expense reimbursements; and requiring reporting to the Legislature of the commission's findings"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Williams, Hamilton, Garcia and Lewis:

H. B. 3395 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-25A-1, §16-25A-2, and §16-25A-3, relating to screening for adverse childhood experiences; providing for a definition and setting forth legislative findings; and setting forth terms for mandatory insurance coverage and school coverage"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Williams, Hamilton, Garcia and Lewis:

H. B. 3396 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-5-9, relating to establishing a pilot program to develop school-based mental and behavioral health services as an alternative to disciplinary action for disruptive student behavior"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Hamilton, Garcia and Lewis:

H. B. 3397 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the fines for conviction of assault or battery of athletic officials"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hornbuckle:

H. B. 3398 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-22-1, §18B-22-2, §18B-22-3, and §18B-22-4, relating to creating the Mountaineer Games Sports League; establishing findings; establishing board of directors; creating duties and objectives for the board; establishing league affiliates; creating structure for the divisions; and creating the Mountaineer Games Governor's Cup"; to the Committee on Education then Government Organization.

By Delegate Chiarelli:

H. B. 3399 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-35-1, §30-35-2, §30-35-2a, §30-35-3, §30-35-4, §30-35-5, §30-35-6, §30-35-7, §30-35-8, §30-35-10, and §30-35-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding two new sections, designated §30-35-15 and §30-35-16, relating to licensing for dietitians and nutritionists, providing definitions, defining the scope of practice, re-establishing the board of dietitians, and listing the requirements for a qualified supervisor"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Moore:

H. B. 3400 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-8-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a political action committee to disclose the names and addresses of its contributors to the Secretary of State"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Barnhart:

H. B. 3401 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §40-1-8 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to recorded contracts between creditors and purchasers; and providing that mineral leases shall identify and list all burdens that may potentially encumber the surface overlaying the leased minerals"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Adkins:

H. B. 3402 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-1C-2 and §11-1C-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing a new classification for managed timberland leased for substantial income"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates White, Anders and Kump:

H. B. 3403 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting tax preparation services from consumer sales and service tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Kelly, Maynor and Hott:

H. B. 3404 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-48 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to permitting a prosecuting attorney or an assistant prosecuting attorney to return to service after retirement without suspending or ending payments from his or her retirement annuity during such period of additional employment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Williams, Hamilton and Hansen:

H. B. 3405 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-2A-4c, relating to authorizing the West Virginia Commissioner of

Highways to offer locality pay to Division of Highways employees working in certain jurisdictions"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate Williams:

H. B. 3406 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-29-1, relating to collecting a tax from all manufacturers and distributors of opioid drugs and their derivatives and substances included as Schedule II drugs in this state collected by pharmacies to fund drug addiction and prevention programs"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Williams:

H. B. 3407 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21-5C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the minimum wage based upon increases in the consumer price index"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Akers:

H. B. 3408 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to filling vacancies in the office of magistrate; and authorizing prospective vacancy due to upcoming resignation or retirement to be filled by circuit judge or chief circuit judge"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Toney, Vance, Brooks, Dean, Heckert and Cooper:

H. B. 3409 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-35 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the beginning and expiration of hunting and fishing licenses"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Riley, Fehrenbacher, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Akers and Anderson:

H. B. 3410 - "A Bill amend and reenact §5B-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §11-6M-1, and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §24-2J-1, §24-2J-2, §24-2J-3, §24-2J-4, §24-2J-5, §24-2J-6, §24-2J-7, and §24-2J-8, all relating to the Economic Development Act Of 1985; establishing the Business Expansion Development Program administered within the Department of Economic Development; creating the Modern American Generation Act; creating the certified microgrid program; providing for taxation for certified microgrid districts; providing for power generation facility regulation and property taxation of power generation facilities; identifying and certifying high impact business development districts and electricity generated within those districts; limiting certification of no more of these development districts by the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development; determining eligible electric customers in business development districts; requiring approval of special electric utility rates for an eligible electric retail electric customer by the Public Service Commission; providing that construction, operational or other development costs are to be borne by customers in high impact business development districts; providing a method of property taxation for certified microgrid districts; providing method for qualification as non-interconnected microgrid operators and the authority of the Public Service Commission in determining compliance by a microgrid operator; stating the role of the secretary of the Department of Economic Development in determining the qualifications of microgrid operators; clarifying the obligations and qualification requirements by microgrid operators; establishing minimum terms of service required by microgrid operators after certification; and stating legislative intent not to alter legal status of existing certified high impact economic development districts "; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Gearheart, Riley and Rohrbach:

H. B. 3411 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §4-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to repeal §4-7-1, §4-7-2, §4-7-3, §4-7-4, §4-7-5, §4-7-6, §4-7-7, §4-7-8, §4-7-9, §4-7-10 and §4-7-11 of said code; to amend and reenact §4-10-3 of said code; to repeal §4-10-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §4-10-5, §4-10-6, §4-10-7, §4-10-9, §4-10-11 and §4-10-13 of said code; to repeal §4-13-1, §4-13-2, §4-13-3, §4-13-4, §4-13-5, §4-13-6, and §4-13-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §4-14-1 and §4-14-2 of said code; to repeal §4-14-3 of said code; to repeal §4-15-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §5-24-3 of said code; to repeal §5A-1-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §5A-1A-2 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-2B-2 of said code; to repeal §5B-2B-4a of said code; to repeal §5B-2B-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-2B-8 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-3-2 of said code; to repeal §12-6D-4 of said code; to repeal §15-9C-1, §15-9C-2, §15-9C-3, §15-9C-4, §15-9C-5 and §15-9C-6 of said code; to amend and reenact §15A-12-3 of said code; to repeal §16-29E-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §16-29E-5 and §16-29E-6 of said code; to repeal §17-2B-1, §17-2B-2, §17-2B-3, §17-2B-4, §17-2B-5 and §17-2B-6 of said code; to repeal §18B-14-1 and §18B-14-9 of said code; to repeal §21-5E-1, §21-5E-2, §21-5E-3, §21-5E-4, §21-5E-5 and §21-5E-6 of said code; to repeal §22-26-5 of said code; to repeal §29-1B-1, §29-1B-2, §29-1B-3, §29-1B-4, §29-1B-5, §29-1B-6 and §29-1B-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §29-12-3 of said code; to amend and reenact §29A-3A-11 of said code; and to repeal §31-20-26 of said code, relating to commissions; removing the legislative members; and eliminating expired commissions"; to the Committee on Rules.

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), McGeehan, Kelly, Riley, Gearheart, Criss, Ellington, Phillips and Worrell:

H. B. 3412 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29B-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §29B-1-8, relating to public records; providing exemptions from disclosure of certain records; and exempting the legislative branch if it adopts its own rules"; to the Committee on Rules.

By Delegate Dittman:

H. B. 3413 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-2S-1, §16-2S-2, and §16-2S-3, relating to food trucks, mobile pull-behind trailers, and kiosks; providing definitions; providing health code applications; and providing a reciprocity clause"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Marple, Mallow, Kump, Cooper, Moore, Adkins, Flanigan, Miller, Campbell, Ferrell and Green:

H. B. 3414 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-30B-1, relating to establishing the Mountaineer Scholars Grant Program; defining terms; establishing eligibility requirements; requiring the Department of Human Services to provide certain information to Treasurer to administer program; and providing that each eligible child shall be awarded a \$100 grant to establish an account"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Hansen, Petitto, Dean, Eldridge and Young:

H. B. 3415 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §22-10A-1, §22-10A-2, §22-10A-3, §22-10A-4, §22-10A-5, §22-10A-6, §22-10A-7, §22-10A-8, and §22-10A-9, relating to the creation of the Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act of 2025; preventing oil and gas wells from being orphaned on surface owner's land with no responsible driller or operator with the resources to plug the well; the procedures for

prevention of orphaned wells; and requiring plugging money be set aside as escrow in the Office of the State Treasurer"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Hansen, Petitto, Dean, Eldridge and Young:

H. B. 3416 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §22-10A-1, §22-10A-2, §22-10A-3, and §22-10A-4 all relating to the New Oil and Gas Well Plugging Assurance Act preventing a new, horizontal oil and gas wells with no bona fide future use from remaining on surface owner's land with no funds available to plug the well and therefore possibly being orphaned on surface owner's land with no responsible driller or operator with the resources to plug the well; and requiring single-well full-cost plugging bonds or periodic set aside of plugging money in escrow in the Office of the State Treasurer"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Green, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Brooks, Heckert and Leavitt:

H. B. 3417 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the state police to pay for the incarceration of inmates arrested by the state police"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Flanigan and Ridenour:

H. B. 3418 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22D-3, §29-22D-4, and §29-22D-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding three new sections, designated §29-22D-15a, §29-22D-17a, and §29-22D-17b, all relating to fixed odds wagering on dog racing; providing for definitions; and providing for the creation and distribution of funds for fixed odds wagering on dog racing"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Jennings and Statler:

H. B. 3419 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding six new sections, designated §7-27-46, §7-27-47, §7-27-48, §7-27-49, §7-27-50, and §7-27-51, relating to county commissions; authorizing counties to impose emergency medical services sales tax; clarifying the rate of tax and exemptions; creating an emergency medical services sales tax revenue distribution program; clarifying the use of funds; establishing requirements to determine a funding rate; adopting policies and procedures; providing notice to the Tax Commissioner, Treasurer, and Auditor from counties imposing the tax; clarifying enforcement solely vested in Tax Commissioner; authorizing the Tax Commissioner to impose fees for services and providing that those fees be deposited in special revenue account; providing emergency medical services sales tax be collected from purchaser; and clarifying additional sales taxes to also be collected from purchaser"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Jennings, Statler and Cooper:

H. B. 3420 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §7-1-3uu, relating to authorizing county commissions to establish and impose voluntary firefighter service fees on county residents and to establish a voluntary firefighter service fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Linville, Green, Vance, Dean, Bridges, Holstein and Ward:

H. B. 3421 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-9-1, §24-9-2, §24-9-3, and §24-9-4, relating to setting operational capacity requirements for electric utility generators and units; requiring the maintenance of 45 days' worth of base fuel supply; listing required actions for power-generating utilities; and requiring actions of the Public Service Commission"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Crouse:

H. B. 3422 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to the creation of a school choice portal; and requiring the Board of Education to adopt a school choice portal"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3423 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-5-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying the declaration of a state of preparedness to alleviate the two classes of state of preparedness for simplicity and have one level of a state of preparedness similar to having only one level for a state of emergency"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3424 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-4-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing language regarding short term loans being provided to released inmates for costs related to reentry into the community, as such loans have not been provided or secured"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3425 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8B-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to sexual offenses against incarcerated, detained, or under supervision persons; and clarifying that any person employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation pursuant to a contract includes contracted staff that work for vendors"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Williams, Hamilton and Young:

H. B. 3426 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §5-10-37 and §18-7A-26z, relating to providing a cost-of-living provision for certain persons retired under the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Williams and Young:

H. B. 3427 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to cruelty to animals; providing definitions, providing specifics for tethering an animal; providing for seizure of an animal for violations; creating criminal penalties; and creating an animal abuse registry to provide that a person in violation of this statute for a second time shall be added to a state-wide, publicly available, do not adopt or sell, registry"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Holstein:

H. B. 3428 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §39-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authentication and recordation of writings; and requiring purchasers of real property to record their deed within three months upon closing of the transaction"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Riley:

H. B. 3429 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section designated §22-2-11, relating to the abandoned mine lands and reclamation act; providing definitions; providing advertisements; establishing directives for the prequalification process for hiring consultants; clarifying the prequalification agreement terms; and establishing directives for project assignments"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3430 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-12-23 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating probation and parole; provides notice that notified persons listed on the parole hearing form can provide written statements and speak at the parole board hearings; provides the offender to submit written statements and provide names of witnesses to speak at the parole hearing"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3431 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1C-1, §62-1C-1a, §62-1C-2, and §62-1C-17b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §62-1C-3 and §62-1C-4 of said code, all relating to bail; defining bail; providing factors to be applied by judicial officer for certain bail determinations; providing for judicial review of bail determinations; providing for mandatory or discretionary pretrial release by category of charged offense; providing for discretionary pretrial release pending appeal from conviction; requiring hearing for defendant who remains incarcerated after initial appearance relating to misdemeanor; authorizing defendant to select form of bail unless restricted by judicial officer; providing for cash bail, recognizance, use of bail bondsman, and other forms of bail pursuant to rules promulgated by Supreme Court of Appeals; setting maximum cash bail for misdemeanors; requiring release on recognizance for certain misdemeanors except for good cause shown; specifying misdemeanors not eligible for recognizance; requiring certain information be provided to court with respect to recognizance; providing signature requirements for recognizance; authorizing judicial officer to require justification of surety; providing for minimum assessed value of real property; providing for pretrial release of indigent defendants; providing requirements for unapproved surety; providing net worth requirements of surety; prohibiting judicial officer from recommending relative as surety; authorizing bail to cover multiple charges; providing for receipts; authorizing additional conditions of pretrial release; authorizing judicial officer to modify conditions of release; requiring presence of prosecuting attorney and defense counsel at certain hearings; repealing provisions regarding fixing amount of bail and bail covering two or more charges; repealing provisions regarding recognizance, requirements for signers or surety company, release upon own recognizance, and indigent persons; and making technical corrections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3432 - "A BILL to amend and reenact §15-5B-3a and §15-5C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, revising the statutes to clarify and separate duties identified in the code between the Division of Emergency Management and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection according to what each agency has the resources and expertise to fulfill to delegate the duties of investigation of industrial facility emergency events and emergency incidents by well and pipeline operators that are reported to the Division of Emergency Management and implementation of fines and penalties imposed upon industrial facilities and well and pipeline operators to the Department of Environmental Protection."; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3433 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-11-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the language in the statute to make it consistent with W.Va. Code §5H-1-2(b) for survivor's benefit payment for first responders for purposes of payment for funeral expenses of law enforcement, safety, and emergency workers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Kelly:

H. B. 3434 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-2-204, §60A-2-206, §60A-2-208, §60A-2-210, and §60A-2-212 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the controlled substance schedules and to clean-up errors identified in the code sections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 3435 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §7-1-17 and §8-11-6, relating to prohibiting municipalities and counties from enacting rent price controls"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Kimble, Anders, T. Howell, Mazzocchi, Worrell, Phillips, Kump, Butler and Funkhouser:

H. B. 3436 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-5EE-1, §16-5EE-2, §16-5EE-3, §16-5EE-4, §16-5EE-5, and §16-5EE-6, relating to biometric privacy, creating the Genetic Information Privacy Act, requiring an entity to provide consumer information regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of genetic data, providing for limitations and exclusions, providing for enforcement authority, and providing definitions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Kimble, Anders, White, Kump, Mazzocchi, T. Howell, Phillips, Butler and Funkhouser:

H. B. 3437 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-4G-1, §16-4G-2, §16-4G-3, and §16-4G-4, all relating to protecting the genetic privacy of newborn infants; defining terms; requiring consent of parent or guardian for genetic screening, retention of blood samples, and retention of test results; mandating the proposal of legislative rules to limit the amount of blood that may be sampled or taken from newborn infants; limiting the purposes for which blood samples and test results may be used; and declaring that the requirement for informed, voluntary consent may not be abrogated"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Drennan:

H. B. 3438 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-7A-38 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and amending the code by adding a new article, designated §18-7E-1, §18-7E-2, and §18-7E-3, all relating to permitting retirees under the state Teachers Retirement System with STEM, English, or foreign language specializations to work as substitute teachers in long-term substitute teaching positions in the retirees' respective fields, to remain in that position for up to 180 days per academic year without loss of the payment of monthly retirement benefits; adding legislative findings; changing the allowed period of employment; providing that no additional retirement system contributions will be made by the employer from such employment; and allowing the retirant to choose to contribute to his or her retirement from this employment should the retirant choose to do so"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Worrell:

H. B. 3439 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-2-5, §16-19-3, §16-19-5, and §16-19-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors; providing for applications for registration to include an option for the applicant to register as an organ donor and be included in a national organ donor database; revising a definition; authorizing the Secretary of State to provide donor registrant records collected to the donor registry; requiring the Secretary of State to provide information on the

election of organ donation on voter registration cards, and providing for promulgation of legislative rules"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Riley:

H. B. 3440 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §12-1-4 and §12-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §12-1A-1, §12-1A-2, §12-1A-3, §12-1A-4, §12-1A-5, §12-1A-6, §12-1A-7, §12-1A-8 and §12-1A-9 of said code, all relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office; removing language regarding the acceptance of surety bonds and certificates of deposit as collateral; and repealing obsolete and expired code provisions"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Riley:

H. B. 3441 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-5-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by increasing the cost of the solid waste assessment fees by 50 cents per ton"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Mazzocchi:

H. B. 3442 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to use of force, including deadly force, in defense of self, real, and personal property in a residence, or on curtilage whereupon the home or other place of residence is located; providing a complete defense from civil and/or criminal prosecution against persons lawfully using force in defensive actions; when there is no duty to retreat; and providing for the receipt of court costs, fees, and expenses for persons acting to protect self, real, and personal property, another person or in certain civil actions, providing what constitutes justified use of deadly force in defense of another"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Rohrbach:

H. B. 3443 - "A Bill to amend and reenact section seven, chapter 26 of the Acts of the Legislature, regular session, 1925 (municipal charters), as last amended and reenacted by chapter 187, Acts of the Legislature, regular session, 2011, relating to the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District; providing that the Cabell County Board of Education may provide certain funds that are available to the board through special and excess levies to the park district"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Worrell:

H. B. 3444 - "A Bill to repeal §16-3-7, §16-3-8, §16-3-9, and §16-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to inflammation of the eyes of newborns"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 3445 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16B-22-1, §16B-22-2, §16B-22-3, §16B-22-4, §16B-22-5, and §16B-22-6, relating to regulating private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor programs; providing definitions; requiring a license issued by the West Virginia Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification within the Office of the Inspector General to operate the programs; authorizing promulgation of rules by the Inspector General; providing for suspension of licenses, violations, injunctions, appeal, and misdemeanor penalty for violations"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Statler, Toney, Adkins, Browning, Ellington and Leavitt:

H. B. 3446 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5G-3; of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section, designated §18-2-46, relating to requiring public high school students to complete and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) prior to graduation"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Leavitt:

H. B. 3447 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-15-9v, relating to exempting infant and hygiene products from consumer sales taxation"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 3448 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-4C-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the emergency medical services equipment and training fund; creating a special court cost fee on certain criminal convictions dedicated to the fund; and providing that state grants are available from this fund to local emergency medical services providers contingent on a matching contribution"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser and Ridenour:

H. B. 3449 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding three new articles, designated §21-18-1, §21-18-2, §21-18-3, §21-18-4, §21-18-5, §21-18-6, §21-18-7, §21-18-8, §21-18-9, §21-18-10, §21-18-11, §21-18-12, §21-18-13, §29-37-1, §29-37-2, §29-37-3, §29-37-4, §29-37-5, §29-37-6, §29-37-7, §29-37-8, §29-37-9, §29-37-10, §29-37-11, §29-37-12, §29-37-13, §30-1F-1, §30-1F-2, §30-1F-3, §30-1F-4, §30-1F-5, §30-1F-6, §30-1F-7, §30-1F-8, §30-1F-9, §30-1F-10, §30-1F-11, §30-1F-12, and §30-1F-13, all relating to occupational licensing or other authorization to practice; providing for definitions; providing for an application method for persons with a valid license in another state to be licensed in this state; providing that a person applying for licensure in this state has worked in the licensed occupation for at least one year; providing for other criteria a person must satisfy when applying for licensure in this state; establishing that an applicant seeking licensure in this state not have ever had a license revoked or suspended in another state; providing that an applicant seeking licensure in this state not have any pending investigations or disciplinary proceedings in another state; providing that the boards in every state where a person is licensed hold the applicant in good standing for licensure in this state; providing that an applicant pay all applicable fees; providing that an applicant meet all state bonding requirements for licensure in this state; providing for an application fee that may be assessed by the board; providing for 60 days for a board to take action on a completed application; providing for an appeal mechanism for a person to appeal any decision of a board relating to occupational licensure; providing for state law preemption against any township, municipality, county, or other government to regulate occupational licensure; and providing for rulemaking authority to any board affected to carry out the provisions of the article"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Funkhouser and Ridenour:

H. B. 3450 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-8-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to property classification for levy purposes; providing reclassification of titled vehicle personal property; and creating an exception"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Holstein, Ridenour, Jennings, Marple, Phillips, Canterbury and Gearheart:

H. B. 3451 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 and §11-6B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to repeal §11-8-6e relating to taxation; providing for a phased-in increase

in the homestead exemption; providing change to exemption contingent on passage of constitutional amendment; removing a cap on the property tax books, and repealing limitation on levy rates resulting in property tax increase"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Ellington, Statler, D. Smith, Crouse, White, Pritt, Kimble, Hornby, Dittman and Willis:

H. B. 3452 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-6, §18-2-10, and §18-9A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend the code by adding one new section, designated §18B-2B-10, and to repeal §18-5-19b, relating to transferring administration of Advanced Career Education (ACE) classes and programs from county boards of education to community and technical colleges"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Mazzocchi, T. Howell and Kimble:

H. B. 3453 - "A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11B-3-1, relating to requiring money transmitter licensees and authorized representative to collect and remit a fee for international money transmission"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Ridenour:

H. B. 3454 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing currently serving members of county school boards to retain their position on the board during a campaign for other public office"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Ridenour:

H. B. 3455 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-3-1, §6B-3-2, §6B-3-4, §6B-3-6, and §6B-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §6B-3A-1, §6B-3A-2, §6B-3A-3, §6B-3A-4, §6B-3A-5, §6B-3A-6, §6B-3A-7, §6B-3A-8, §6B-3A-9, §6B-3A-10, and §6B-3A-11, relating to the requirements, prohibitions, and regulation of foreign principals or agents of foreign principals, lobbying by or on behalf of such foreign principals or their agents; providing definitions; amending provisions relating to the registration and reporting duties of lobbyists; amending provisions relating to the employment of unregistered lobbyists and the duties of lobbyists; establishing criminal liabilities and fines for violations of the requirements applicable to such foreign principals or their agents"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Green:

H. B. 3456 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-3-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §15A-3-4a, relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding Stevens Correctional Center"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Flanigan, Eldridge, Stephens and Sheedy:

H. B. 3457 - "A Bill to amend or reenact §11-24-23a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the credit for qualified rehabilitated buildings investment"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Flanigan, McGeehan, Stephens, Willis, Sheedy, Hornby and Akers:

H. B. 3458 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22C-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the annual privilege tax levied on the privilege of holding a license to operate

West Virginia Lottery table games; exempting the first \$7,142,857.14 of annual adjusted gross receipts from taxation"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Green:

H. B. 3459 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14D-24a and §18-7A-38 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §15A-3-7a, relating to allowing retired county Sheriff deputies to work for unlimited days without loss of the payment of monthly retirement benefits in counties where this is necessary; establishing a process to determine in which counties this is necessary and for how long; permitting retired correctional officers to work for unlimited days without loss of the payment of monthly retirement benefits; and permitting retirees under the state Teachers Retirement System to work as substitute teachers for unlimited days without loss of the payment of monthly retirement benefits; adding a legislative finding; changing the allowed period of employment; and providing that no additional retirement system contributions will be made from such employment for teachers"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Green:

H. B. 3460 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to pay jail bills for the incarceration of inmates incarcerated for a misdemeanor"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

By Delegates Ridenour, Martin, Butler and Mazzocchi:

H. B. 3461 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-5-6e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the date for election of judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals to the same date as the general election"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Ridenour:

H. B. 3462 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5-32-1, and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §14-2-17b, all relating to removal or cutting of trees on state owned or leased property or rights-of-way threatening structures on private property; requiring the state of West Virginia to remove trees on state owned or leased property threatening structures on private property; providing for removal of the trees by the owners or lessees of the threatened structures upon failure of the state to remove or cut down the trees; and providing for claims against the state for the costs and expenses of property owners and lessees who remove or cut down the trees"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegate Ridenour:

H. B. 3463 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-5-6a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to moving the election of Supreme Court justices to the general election rather than the primary election"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Ridenour, Martin and Butler:

H. B. 3464 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §51-12-1, §51-12-2, §51-12-3, §51-12-4, §51-12-5, §51-12-6, §51-12-7, §51-12-8, §51-12-9, and §51-12-10, relating to establishing civil liability for judicial misconduct, establishing that judicial immunity shall not apply when the conduct constitutes willful misconduct; establishing remedies and damages; creating limitations and safeguards; creating oversight and reporting; setting a five year statute of limitations; and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Amos:

H. B. 3465 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2K-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of public and public charter school students"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Marple, Dean, Stephens, Ward, Foggin, Pinson and Bridges:

H. B. 3466 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-4-56, relating to installing emergency alert stations at rest areas and welcome centers in this state; providing for legislative findings; providing for the Division of Highways to install 'blue light' towers; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Ridenour, Martin, Butler, Mazzocchi and Kimble:

H. B. 3467 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-63 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibitions on contracting with companies that boycott Israel; clarifying that the section applies to exempt agencies; and setting forth an effective date"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Marple, Dean, Horst, Heckert, Stephens, Adkins, Ward, Miller, Foggin, Bridges and Vance:

H. B. 3468 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §20-7-1 of said code, all relating to pension benefits exempt from income taxation; and including Division of Natural Resources police, deputy sheriffs, full-time firefighters, and municipal police officers into the class of law-enforcement officers exempted"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Ferrell and Campbell:

H. B. 3469 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing an annual salary increase for members of the West Virginia State Police who are assigned and serving in field duty, beginning July 1, 2025"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 3470 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding five new sections, designated §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-46, §33-25-23, and §33-25A-37, relating to surprise billing of out-of-network ambulance services; clarifying what is considered full payment to an ambulance service, what the rate of payment is, and the most an ambulance service can be paid; prohibiting billing and insured for additional costs except for fees the insurer required the insured to pay; providing procedure for payment; providing exceptions when the insurer does not have to pay within 30 days; and requiring written notices for denied claims"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Green:

H. B. 3471 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-3D-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement for an individual to be certified by a specific manufacturer to perform work on suppression systems"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 3472 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-9-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to West Virginia Invests Grant Program; and extending the West Virginia

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

By Delegate Jennings:

H. B. 3473 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-15-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to ambulance service; requiring the county commissions to provide ambulance service to all residents, and requiring the county commission submit a yearly report to the Office of Emergency Medical Services on the funds expended the year prior on emergency ambulance services"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegate Williams:

H. B. 3474 - "A Bill to amend §4-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring state agencies to submit budget document requests for upcoming budgets to the legislature's joint committee on government and finance"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Worrell:

H. B. 3475 - "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, §22-37-7, §22-37-8, and §22-37-9, relating to establishing the West Virginia Clean Water Act of 2025; providing definitions; adopting enhanced water quality standards; updating maximum contaminant levels; implementing advanced water filtration systems; establishing the West Virginia Safe Water Fund; conducting annual assessments; conducting quarterly testing for contaminants; establishing a state-run website; reporting requirements; monetary penalties; state intervention, including temporary management of noncompliant water systems; reinvestment of funds collected from fines; conducting a survey of lead service lines within all public water systems; removing lead service lines; financial assistance to low-income households for removal of lead pipe replacement; and funding and appropriations"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegate B. Smith:

H. B. 3476 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the offense of violating an individual's civil rights to include gender or sexual orientation"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Worrell:

H. B. 3477 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §55-7L-1, §55-7L-2, §55-7L-3, §55-7L-4, §55-7L-5, §55-7L-6, §55-7L-7, §55-7L-8, and §55-7L-9, relating to liability shield products; providing definitions; placebo-controlled studies; tracking adverse outcomes; publishing post-market surveillance data; issuing an alert about adverse consequences; requiring manufacturers of liability shield products to submit documentation and compliance reports; granting individuals the right to refuse liability shield products; action brought forth by the Attorney General or an individual; and damages and relief"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

By Delegate Williams:

H. B. 3478 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §51-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §48-10A-101, §48-10A-102, §48-10A-201, §48-10A-202, §48-10A-203, §48-10A-204, §48-10A-301, §48-10A-401, §48-10A-402, §48-10A-403, §48-10A-501, §48-10A-502, §48-10A-601, §48-10A-602, §48-10A-701, §48-10A-702, §48-10A-801, §48-10A-802, §48-10A-901, §48-10A-902, §48-10A-1001, §48-10A-1002, §48-10A-1101, and §48-10A-1201, relating to the creation of a statutory right to petition

circuit and family courts in West Virginia for sibling visitation with minor children"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Special Calendar

Third Reading

Com. Sub. for S. B. 8, Providing additional sites and devices for newborn safe surrender; 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. 93**), and there were--yeas 92, nays none, absent and not voting 8, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, Barnhart, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Hall, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 8) passed.

As recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

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 expanding the places that can be designated a safe surrender site to include emergency medical service facilities, police departments, 911 call centers, or sheriff's detachments, relating to allowing emergency medical service facilities, police departments, 911 call centers, or sheriff's detachments that take possession of a child to perform any act necessary to protect the physical health or safety of the child, relating to permitting the installation of newborn safety devices at emergency medical service facilities, police departments, 911 call centers, or sheriff's detachments that have been designated as safe-surrender sites; and providing conditions for the same."

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 S. B. 487, Removing ineligible voters from active voter rolls; 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. 94**), and there were--yeas 84, nays 9, absent and not voting 7, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Fluharty, Garcia, Hamilton, Hansen, Hornbuckle, Lewis, Pushkin, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Hall, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 487) passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2143, Require elementary school teachers to be certified in the science of reading; 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. 95**), and there were--yeas 81, nays 13, absent and not voting 6, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Burkhammer, T. Clark, Cooper, Coop-Gonzalez, Dillon, Foggin, Hite, Kump, McCormick, McGeehan, Pushkin, Shamblin and Ward.

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2143) passed.

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

H. B. 2172, Relating to adding an athletic trainer to the Board of Physical Therapy; 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. 96**), and there were--yeas 93, nays 1, absent and not voting 6, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Kump.

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2172) passed.

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

H. B. 2358, Relating to postmortem examinations; 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. 97**), and there were--yeas 94, nays none, absent and not voting 6, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2358) 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. 2702, Relating to vacancies in offices of state officials; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegate Pushkin requested to be excused from voting on Com. Sub. for H. B. 2702 under the provisions of House Rule 49.

The Speaker replied that the Delegate was a member of a class of persons possibly to be affected by the passage of the bill and directed the Member to vote.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 98**), and there were--yeas 94, nays none, absent and not voting 6, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Martin and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2702) 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 S. B. 486, Clarifying eligibility requirements to vote in WV elections; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Lewis, the amendment was rejected.

Delegate Lewis moves to amend SB486 HJUD AM.#1 3-12 on page 2, Section 3, line 22 and 23, by striking out lines 22 and 23 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

“(A) If convicted of a felony, is released on parole or if servicing probation for such felony; or”.

An amendment was recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS. §3-1-3. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE. CITIZENS OF THE STATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT ALL ELECTIONS HELD WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN WHICH THEY RESPECTIVELY RESIDE. BUT NO PERSON WHO HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED AS A VOTER AS REQUIRED BY LAW, OR WHO IS A MINOR, OR WHO HAS BEEN DECLARED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, OR WHO IS UNDER CONVICTION OF TREASON, FELONY OR BRIBERY IN AN ELECTION, OR WHO IS NOT A BONA FIDE RESIDENT OF THE STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH HE OR SHE OFFERS TO VOTE, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE AT SUCH ELECTION WHILE SUCH DISABILITY CONTINUES, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY FEDERAL OR STATE CODE. SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OTHERWISE PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, HOWEVER, A MINOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ONLY IN A PRIMARY ELECTION IF HE OR

~~SHE WILL HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS ON THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION NEXT TO BE HELD AFTER SUCH PRIMARY ELECTION~~

(a) Citizens of the state may vote at all elections held within the precincts of the counties and municipalities in which they respectively reside, but a person may not vote in a federal, state, county, municipal, or special election unless the person:

(1) Is registered to vote as required by law;

(2) Is 18 years of age, except that a person may vote in a primary election if he or she will reach the age of 18 years on or before the date of the next general election held after the primary election;

(3) Has not been determined by a final judgment of a circuit court exercising jurisdiction pursuant to §44A-1-2(c) of this code to be totally mentally incompetent.

(4) Has not been convicted of treason, a felony, or bribery in an election or, if convicted, has:

(A) Had his or her sentence fully discharged, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, or period of probation ordered by any court; or

(B) Been pardoned or otherwise formally released from the resulting disability to vote;

(5) Is a United States citizen; and

(6) Is a bona fide resident of the state, county, or municipality in which he or she offers to vote.

(b) For purposes of §3-1-3 (a)(3), a person is requalified to vote upon certification in writing by the clerk of the circuit court of an order or other official determination filed with his or her office that the person is no longer totally mentally incompetent: *Provided*, That a copy of the order or other official determination shall not be provided without further order by a court of competent jurisdiction or written permission signed by the person to whom the order or official determination pertains.

(c) For purposes of §3-1-3 (a)(4):

(1) A person convicted of a disqualifying crime may not vote from the date of adjudication of that crime, notwithstanding any pending sentencing order, post-trial motions, direct appeals, or other post-conviction requests for relief; and

(2) A person is not considered to have been convicted of a disqualifying crime where the criminal proceedings are deferred and there is no adjudication of guilt as to the disqualifying crime.

And,

H. B. 2802, Relating to in-service training credits for law-enforcement officers; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

First Reading

The following bills on first reading, coming up in regular order, were each read a first time and ordered to second reading:

H. B. 2030, Modifying compulsory housing for hotels and motels,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2067, West Virginia Firearms Liability Clarification Act,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2718, Relating to creating a State Advisory Council on Establishing a Military College,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2752, Relating to riding a motorcycle while standing,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2881, Relating to the makeup of the State Police Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Unit,

And,

H. B. 3162, Providing that causes of action under Chapter 46A of the Code of West Virginia survive the death of the party.

Leaves of Absence

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates Anders, Barnhart, D. Cannon, Dean, Green, Hall, Martin, 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. 2358: Delegate Funkhouser;

H. B. 2679: Delegate Flanigan;

H. B. 3082: Delegate Roop;

H. B. 3344: Delegates Burkhammer and Hite;

And,

H. B. 3387: Delegate Green.

At 12:03 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

35th Day

11:00 A.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 5 - William "Bill" Harrison Lowther Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 6 - Private Sidney Washington Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 7 - U.S. Army Pfc John Wesley Meadows Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 8 - PFC Lester E. Maynard Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 9 - Robert S. Pomeroy Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 10 - USMC PFC Robert Thomas Taylor Memorial Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 11 - Thomas A. Azinger Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 12 - Charles "Charlie" Goff Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 13 - Corporal James E. Jackley Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 15 - US Marines PFC Delbert Carles Roles Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 18 - Paul J. Hofe Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 20 - Tustin Brothers Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 21 - U. S. Army Private Terry F. Tustin Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 22 - James M. Ellis Memorial Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 23 - US Army PFC Calvin E. Spade Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 24 - Postlethwait Brothers Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 25 - Waynesburg Pike Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 26 - Jimmy M. Hutchison Memorial Bridge
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 27 - BG Edmund "Frank" Roleff, WVNG Memorial Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 28 - Frank Lee Maddy Memorial Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 29 - Sheriff Jeremy Taylor Memorial Road
- Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 31 - U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Quewanncoll "Que" Stephens, Sr. Memorial Bridge

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 32 - U. S. Army PVT Leon 'Deacon' Stover Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 34 - U. S. Merchant Marine Joseph Ward Teter Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 35 - U.S. Air Force Thomas M. Oxley Memorial Road
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 36 - US. Marine Corps PFC Darrel Lee Burgess Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 37 - CPT Ray Leslie Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 39 - Gold Star Mother Catherine Blake Highway
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 42 - U.S. Army Corporal Kenneth H. Tinsley Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 44 - Corporal Charles W. Wolfe Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 45 - Charlotte Denise Seymour Hill Memorial Bridge
Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 78 - Urging the Commissioner of Highways to prioritize completion of I-73, the King Coal Highway

THIRD READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 486 - Clarifying eligibility requirements to vote in WV elections
H. B. 2802 - Relating to in-service training credits for law-enforcement officers

SECOND READING

H. B. 2030 - Modifying compulsory housing for hotels and motels
Com. Sub. for H. B. 2067 - West Virginia Firearms Liability Clarification Act
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FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for S. B. 336 - Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules
Com. Sub. for H. B. 2056 - Relating to concurrent juvenile jurisdiction on military installations
Com. Sub. for H. B. 2393 - Relating to requiring certain reporting from the Mountaineer Trail

Network Authority each year

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2397 - Prevent immediate family members from acting in a fiduciary capacity for the same governmental authority
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2451 - To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2548 - Clarifying duties of state superintendent regarding rule implementation
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2679 - To allow for the reinstatement of retired Deputy Sheriffs to their former departments.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2755 - To provide that the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies to be submitted to the Legislature for review
- H. B. 2773 - Higher Ed Rules
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2835 - Relating to creating the West Virginia Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2878 - To require railroad companies to provide alternative entry and exit ways
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3024 - Guaranteed course transfer bill
- Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 3089 - Mandate the use of WV DMV electronic lien and title system for certain entities and persons
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3144 - Wireless Infrastructure and Facilities Siting and Co-location
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3154 - Relating to advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery operators
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3190 - Controlled Substances and arrestable offences
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3192 - To repeal obsolete, conflicting or inoperative provisions of code that pertain to higher education

HOUSE CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

35th Day

11:00 A.M.

THIRD READING

H. B. 2060 - Creating tax exemption for agricultural cooperative associations

SECOND READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2006 - Defining Men and Women

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2054 - Relating to liability of vendors in private farmers markets

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

H. B. 2683 - To prohibit rank choice voting

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

1:00 P.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

3:00 P.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND TOURISM

1:00 P.M. – GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

2:00 P.M. – GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

3:00 P.M. – HEALTH COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 432M

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS

3:00 P.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
(IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS MEETING)**

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M

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