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[DELEGATE ROHRBACH, MR. SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, IN THE CHAIR]

The House of Delegates was called to order by the Honorable Matthew Rohrbach, Speaker Pro Tempore.

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

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

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

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Committee Reports

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. 2645, Requiring certain non-discretionary procedures be strictly complied with by the West Virginia Parkways Authority before tolls, rents, fees or charges may be increased,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it 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. 3086, Establishing minimum student enrollment for school aid formula,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (H. B. 3086) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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. 2973, Regarding venue for legal actions against the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2973 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring legal actions involving the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission to be filed in Kanawha County,"

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

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2973) was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 2528, To permit students in Christian schools at the elementary and middle school level to participate in county level sport tournaments,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2528 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing elementary and middle school students enrolled in any private, parochial or church school or school of a religious order or other nonpublic school to participate in county basketball tournaments under certain circumstances,"

And,

H. B. 3452, Transferring administration of Advanced Career Education (ACE) classes and programs from county boards of education to community and technical colleges,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for 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 of the code, relating to transferring administration of Advanced Career Education classes and programs from county boards of education to community and technical colleges; removing and repealing conflicting statutory language related to county board administration of Advanced Career Education classes and programs; adding a new section regarding the transfer of administration of Advanced Career Education classes and programs; establishing timeline for mutual agreement between county boards of education and the community and technical college's board of governors and effective date; establishing guidelines for transfer or termination of programs; requiring memorandum of understanding that establishes terms and conditions for use of facilities, transfer of us of equipment and supplies, personnel transfer and compensation, transfer provisions and retirement provisions; requiring Chancellor of Community and Technical College Education to develop guidelines and provide technical assistance for smooth and efficient transfer; and providing for

dispute resolution by State Superintendent of Schools and Chancellor of Community and Technical College Education,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 3492, Relating to municipal economic opportunity development districts.,

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

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 2695, Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2695 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-22-9 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county economic opportunity development districts; authorizing Raleigh County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District; authorizing Mason County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Town of Henderson Economic Opportunity District,"

H. B. 3111, To provide pay increases to members of the judiciary,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3111 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-3, §51-2-13 and §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the annual salary of magistrates, circuit court judges and family court judges,"

H. B. 3142, Allowing health benefit plan sponsors to communicate electronically with covered persons,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3142 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §39A-2-1a, relating to consumer protection and electronic communication; permitting health benefit plan sponsors to authorize electronic means for written communications with covered persons; defining terms; requiring a plan sponsor to confirm that a covered person routinely uses electronic communications during the normal course of employment before consenting on behalf of the covered person in the plan; and providing a means to opt out of electronic communications,"

H. B. 3152, Claims Bill,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3152 - "A Bill finding and declaring certain claims against the state and its agencies to be moral obligations of the state; and directing the Auditor to issue warrants for the payment thereof,"

H. B. 3342, Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3342 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding 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 Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act; establishing the short title; defining terms; establishing application of act to certain government contracts; providing an exception; setting forth when certain contracts are void; prohibiting financial institutions from discriminating against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; specifying the applicability of the prohibition; providing civil remedies for a violation by an individual; providing for enforcement by the Attorney General; providing that an enforcement action by the Attorney General does not prohibit a civil action by an individual; creating civil cause of action; requiring the Attorney General to submit names of financial institutions in violation to the Governor and to request that the state terminate any business relationship with the financial institution; providing a statute of limitations for actions; and providing exceptions to the prohibition,"

And,

H. B. 3440, Relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3440 - "A Bill 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 the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to repealing obsolete provisions establishing the West Virginia Small Business Linked Deposit Program,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

On motion for leave, a bill was introduced (Originating in the Committee on Finance and reported with the recommendation that it do pass), which was read by its title, as follows:

By Delegates Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Hott, Dittman, Mazzocchi, Statler, Ellington, Rohrbach, Jeffries and Horst:

H. B. 3506 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §51-9-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to contributions to the retirement system for judges of courts of record; setting the employee contribution at 7 percent of salary; and providing for suspension of employer contribution under certain circumstances."

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 2978, Relating generally to the Municipal Bond Commission governance,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2978 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5F-2-1, §11B-1-2, §13-3-3, §13-3-6, and §13-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §12-6A-8, relating generally to the Municipal Bond Commission governance; designating the State Treasurer as chairman of the commission; requiring the State Treasurer to provide office space and staff to support the commission; increasing the per diem rate for members of the commission; requiring the commission to produce quarterly financial statements; requiring the commission to undergo an annual audit; providing for an exemption from state purchasing; permitting the commission to conduct business via video conferencing; authorizing the commission to enter into any existing contracts or agreements with financial institutions; removing obsolete language; and making technical corrections,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 3157, Relating to shortened procedure for road condition claims,

And reports the same back, with a title amendment, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 2015, Relating to liability or other insurance coverage provided by the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to any entity for which such coverage is permissive under state code,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2015 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by amending §29-12-15, relating to liability or other insurance coverage provided by the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to any entity for which such coverage is permissive under state code; maintaining a moratorium on providing new or additional property or liability coverage to any entity for which such coverage is permissive under state code except county boards of education, public charter schools, and certain other persons and entities for which coverage by the board is mandatory; and authorizing the board to non-renew insurance coverage to any entity for which such coverage is permissive under state code,"

H. B. 2351, Relating to compensation for panel attorneys,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2351 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-13a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing compensation for panel attorneys,"

H. B. 3084, Creating the Oral Health and Cancer Rights Act,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3084 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto seven new sections, designated §5-16-8b, §9-5-34, §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-15, §33-25-23 and §33-25A-37, relating to requiring health benefit plan coverage; requiring coverage for oral health medical procedures that are necessary as a side effect of cancer treatments; explaining scope of procedures covered as a result of certain cancer treatments; and reports,"

H. B. 3090, Relating to coverage for the treatment of stuttering,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3090 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto seven new sections, designated §5-16-8b, §9-5-34, §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-15, §33-25-23 and §33-25A-37, relating to requiring health benefit plan coverage; requiring coverage for habilitative services and rehabilitative services as a treatment for stuttering; and defining terms,"

And,

H. B. 3092, Relating to financial assistance available for a prescription drug,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3092 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §33-15-4t, §33-16-3ee, §33-24-7t, §33-25-8q, and §33-25A-8t of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to cost sharing under health plans; requiring pharmacy benefits managers to include any cost sharing amounts paid by insured or by another person when calculating insured's contribution to any applicable cost sharing requirement; applying certain annual limitation on cost sharing to all health plans issued in this state; preventing insurers, pharmacy benefits managers, and third-party administrators from changing the terms of health plan coverage based on the availability or amount of financial assistance available for a prescription drug; defining terms; providing civil penalties and authorizing restitution; and providing effective date,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

H. B. 2730, Relating to establishing a pilot program to develop a childcare program where the state, employer, and employee, contribute one-third of the total cost each,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (H. B. 2730) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Delegate Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

H. B. 3382, Addressing the placement of foster children and creating a central reception center and emergency resource homes,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3382 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new article, designated §49-12-1, §49-12-2, §49-12-3 and §49-12-4, relating to placement of foster children; establishing a central reception center; establishing emergency resource homes; and requiring a report,"

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. 3382) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Delegate Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

H. B. 2410, Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2410 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-51-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the right to try individualized treatments; and defining terms,"

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

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2410) was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Delegate Phillips, Chair of the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration:

H. B. 2836, Relating to wild animal rehabilitation permits,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2836 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-2D-1, §20-2D-2, §20-2D-3, §20-2D-4, §20-2D-5, §20-2D-6, §20-2D-7, §20-2D-8, and §20-2D-9, all relating to authorizing rehabilitation of wildlife, establishing a system for issuing permits for persons to provide rehabilitation of orphaned, sick, and injured wildlife; setting forth a purpose for the legislation; defining certain terms; establishing qualifications and duties of wildlife rehabilitators; providing for the issuance of permits by the Division of Natural Resources; listing criteria for revocation of permits; establishing criminal penalties and fines for violations; and providing that the Director of the Division of Natural Resources may propose legislative rules,"

H. B. 2964, Amending residency requirements for regional airport boards,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

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

And,

H. B. 3304, To create statues celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3304 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §10-3-3, relating to the establishment of patriotic memorials to commemorate the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the United States; providing for a timeline of construction; and providing for the establishment of a commission,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Phillips, Chair of the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration:

H. B. 3156, Create exemption Legislature for reporting requirements in Shared Services Section,

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. 3305, Changing the limit on switching parties before filing to run for office from 60 days to 180 days prior to an election.,

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. 3016, Photo voter ID and noncitizen Licenses,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3016 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-34 and §17B-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the identification of voters; modifying the types of valid identifying documents for voting purposes by requiring generally a photograph on each form of voter identification; providing certain limited exemptions from the requirement to present a photo identification card; and providing generally that, subject to enumerated exceptions, any identification card issued without a photograph shall not otherwise be recognized as a valid identifying document for voting purposes,"

And,

H. B. 3164, Requiring registered sex offenders pay annual fee,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3164 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2C-2 and §15-12-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing an annual fee for by a person required to be placed on the Central Abuse Registry, relating to providing that the funds from said annual fee shall be credited to the account of the State Police, relating to nonpayment of the annual fee having the effect of a judgment, relating to the State Police providing notice of nonpayment, relating to the creation of a lien, and the release thereof, also relating to the establishment of an annual fee by a person required to be placed on the the Sex Offender Registration Act, relating to providing that the funds from said annual fee shall be credited to the account of the State Police, relating to nonpayment of the annual fee having the effect of a judgment, relating to the State Police providing notice of nonpayment, relating to the creation of a lien, and the release thereof,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

**Messages from the Executive
and Other Communications**



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for filing in your office, pursuant to the provisions of law, is the following bill:

House Bill No. Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four (2354), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

You will note that I have approved this bill on March 24, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Morrisey". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and a long, sweeping "y".
Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis, Clerk



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

Senate Bill No. One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Two Hundred Forty (240), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Two Hundred Ninety-One (291), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Forty-Three (443), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Sixty-Two (462), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

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

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Jeff Pack, Clerk

Motions

Delegate Bridges moved that H. B. 3310 be discharged from the Committee on Health and Human Resources and read a first time.

Delegate Gearheart moved that the motion be tabled. On the question that the motion be tabled, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

Having been ordered, the yeas and nays were taken (Roll No. 178), and there were—yeas 63, nays 32, absent and not voting 5, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Bridges, Brooks, Browning, D. Cannon, Clay, Coop-Gonzalez, Dean, Dillon, Drennan, Eldridge, T. Howell, Kimble, Lewis, Lucas, Masters, Mazzocchi, Pushkin, Sheedy, Steele, Vance, Ward, White, Williams, and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Fluharty, McGeehan, Phillips, Pritt, and Riley.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the motion was laid upon the table.

Special Calendar

Third Reading

Com. Sub. for S. B. 199, Relating to elementary behavior intervention and safety; 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. 179**), and there were—yeas 94, nays 3, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Hansen, Hornbuckle and Pushkin.

Absent and Not Voting: Bridges, McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 199) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 283, Expanding grade levels of personal finance course requirements needed for graduation; 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. 180**), and there were—yeas 97, nays none, absent and not voting 3, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Linville, McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 283) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2043, Relating to use of dog and/or drones for tracking or locating mortally wounded deer, elk, turkey, wild boar or bear; 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. 181**), and there were--yeas 88, nays 10, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, D. Cannon, Fluharty, Garcia, Hamilton, Miller, Street, Vance, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2043) 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. 2646, To permit students in eighth and ninth grade to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to play sports in the fall; 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. 182**), and there were--yeas 98, nays none, absent and not voting 2, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 2646) passed.

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On motion of Delegate Ellington, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

H. B. 2646 -- "A BILL to amend and reenact §18-5-39 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting students in eighth and ninth grades to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities".

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

H. B. 2876, Increase the number of Natural Resources Commission members

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

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2960, Allowing the Division of Highways to contract out snow removal to private companies on secondary roads in Monongalia and Preston counties; 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. 183**), and there were--yeas 50, nays 48, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Akers, Anders, Brooks, Burkhammer, Butler, J. Cannon, Canterbury, T. Clark, Clay, Cooper, Coop-Gonzalez, Criss, Crouse, Dittman, Drennan, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Garcia, Gearheart, Green, Hall, Heckert, Hornbuckle, Hornby, Horst, Hott, G. Howell, T. Howell, Kimble, Kump, Lewis, Linville, Marple, Masters, Maynor, Mazzocchi, Pushkin, Roop, Sheedy, D. Smith, Toney, Vance, Ward and White.

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2960) 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. 3000, Relating to agency changes and updates to the West Virginia Commercial Feed Law; 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. 184**), and there were--yeas 93, nays 5, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Fluharty, Jennings, Kump and White.

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3000) 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. 3139, Relating to charter schools' applications; 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. 185**), and there were--yeas 86, nays 12, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

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

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3139) 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. 3144, Wireless Infrastructure and Facilities Siting and Co-location; 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. 186**), and there were--yeas 96, nays 1, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Steele.

Absent and Not Voting: Dean, McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3144) 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. 3272, Relating to eviction proceedings; 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. 187**), and there were--yeas 95, nays 3, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Hansen, Lewis and Pushkin.

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3272) 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. 3313, Providing more opportunities for high school students in community colleges; 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. 188**), and there were--yeas 98, nays none, absent and not voting 2, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3313) passed.

On motion of Delegate Ellington, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows

H. B. 3313 -- "A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-3C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to community and technical college/career and technical education consortia planning districts; adding Braxton County High School as a participating institution in the Southeastern District; and providing for partnerships outside designated region under certain conditions."

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

H. B. 3504, Relating to protecting critical infrastructure; and defining terms; 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. 189**), and there were--yeas 90, nays 8, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

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

Absent and Not Voting: McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3504) passed.

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

Second Reading

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2027, Relating to changing circumstances for when a child may be removed from a foster home.; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2880, Relating to parent resource navigators; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2987, Relating to the Consumer Data Protection Act; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3289, Relating to expungement of certain criminal convictions; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3343, Relating to drugs and adding a provision relating to the scheduling of crystalline polymorph psilocybin approved by the Food and Drug Administration; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Young, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Young moves to amend Com Sub for HB3343 on page 22, Section 204, line 525, following the words “if a” by inserting the words “organic psilocybin substance or”.

On motion of Delegate Pushkin, the amendment was rejected.

Delegate Pushkin moves to amend Com Sub for HB3343 on page 7, Section 204, by striking out line 134 in its entirety.

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

H. B. 3344, Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration’s drug development trials with ibogaine; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3433, Modifying language in the statute to make it consistent with W.Va. Code §5H-1-2(b) for survivor’s benefit payments.; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

And,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3439, Relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors; 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:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 22, Applying penalties for nonpayment of royalties under terms of oil and natural gas leases,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 522, Clarifying procedure for administrative dissolution of limited liability companies by Secretary of State,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 525, Clarifying procedure for administrative dissolution of nonprofit corporations by Secretary of State,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2052, Eliminating the requirement that the apprenticeship training tax credit base be limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2121, Deceased Disabled Veteran Real Property Exemption for Widowed Spouses,

H. B. 2145, Relating to terminating the authority of the Director of the Purchasing Division to impose a certain annual fee upon vendors,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2146, Exempting the processing of beef, pork or lamb by a slaughterhouse for an individual owner of the product processed from the Consumer Sales and Service Tax,

H. B. 2159, Relating to the assessment of interest on overpayments by the Bureau for Medical Services,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2205, Relating to microreactor development,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2355, Permitting middle or high school students to participate in travel sports teams without repercussion,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2377, Relating to child welfare,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2399, Relating to the taxation of managed timber,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2456, Pregnancy Support,

H. B. 2484, Clarifying the probationary period for paid municipal firefighters,

H. B. 2736, Relating generally to Underground Facilities Damage prevention,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2889, To permit a fairness hearing exemption to the registration requirements of the Uniform Securities Act,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2963, To ensure that the survivor of a merger, reorganization, purchase, or assumption of liabilities of a bank chartered by West Virginia is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

H. B. 3001, Relating to county parks and recreation commission,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3012, Relating to Lottery Money Distribution,

H. B. 3080, Military Spouse hiring preference,

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3174, Requiring municipalities take actions when potential customers apply for sewer service,

H. B. 3269, Reorganizing the Board of Banking and Financial Institutions, the Division of Financial Institutions, and the Lending and Credit Rate Board,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3387, Relating to the creation of a regional school district pilot program,

Delegate Dean moved that the Com. Sub. for H. B. 3387 be laid upon the table.

On the question that the motion be tabled, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

Having been ordered, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 190**), and there were--yeas 43, nays 52, absent and not voting 5, with the yeas and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Yeas: Adkins, Barnhart, Bridges, Browning, Burkhammer, Butler, Campbell, D. Cannon, T. Clark, Clay, Dean, Dillon, Dittman, Eldridge, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Foggin, Garcia, Gearheart, Green, Hamilton, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornbuckle, T. Howell, Kimble,

Lewis, Lucas, Masters, Mazzocchi, Moore, Petitto, Pinson, Pritt, Pushkin, Roop, Sheedy, Steele, Vance, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Devault, Kump, Martin, McGeehan and Phillips.

So, a majority of the members present having not voted in the affirmative, the motion was lost.

H. B. 3434, Relating to the controlled substance schedules and to clean-up errors identified in the code sections,

H. B. 3456, Relating to the powers and duties of the Commissioner of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding Stevens Correctional Center,

And,

H. B. 3503, Relating to regulation by counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions of commercial horticulture under the Water Pollution Control Act.

Special Calendar

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

H. B. 2014: Delegates Akers, Anderson, Fehrenbacher, Hornbuckle, Riley, and Zatezalo;

H. B. 2152: Delegate Hott;

H. B. 3111: Delegate Hott;

H. B. 3142: Delegate Hall;

H. B. 3179: Delegate Sheedy;

H. B. 3305: Delegate Funkhouser;

H. B. 3373: Delegate W. Clark;

And,

H. B. 3492: Delegate Hornbuckle.

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

H. B. 2493: Delegate Riley.

Leaves of Absence

At the request of Delegate Jeffries, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates McGeehan and Phillips.

At 12:40 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

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43rd Day

11:00 A.M.

THIRD READING

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- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2880 - Relating to parent resource navigators
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FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2015 - Relating to liability or other insurance coverage provided by the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to any entity for which such coverage is permissive under state code

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2351 - Relating to compensation for panel attorneys

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2528 - To permit students in Christian schools at the elementary and middle school level to participate in county level sport tournaments

H. B. 2645 - Requiring certain non-discretionary procedures be strictly complied with by the West Virginia Parkways Authority before tolls, rents, fees or charges may be increased

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2695 - Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2836 - Relating to wild animal rehabilitation permits

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2964 - Amending residency requirements for regional airport boards

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2978 - Relating generally to the Municipal Bond Commission governance

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3016 - Photo voter ID and noncitizen Licenses

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3084 - Creating the Oral Health and Cancer Rights Act

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3090 - Relating to coverage for the treatment of stuttering

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3092 - Relating to financial assistance available for a prescription drug

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3111 - To provide pay increases to members of the judiciary

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3142 - Allowing health benefit plan sponsors to communicate electronically with covered persons

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3152 - Claims Bill

H. B. 3156 - Create exemption Legislature for reporting requirements in Shared Services Section

H. B. 3157 - Relating to shortened procedure for road condition claims

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3164 - Requiring registered sex offenders pay annual fee

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3304 - To create statues celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

- H. B. 3305 - Changing the limit on switching parties before filing to run for office from 60 days to 180 days prior to an election.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3342 - Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3440 - Relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3452 - Transferring administration of Advanced Career Education (ACE) classes and programs from county boards of education to community and technical colleges.
- H. B. 3492 - Relating to municipal economic opportunity development districts.
- H. B. 3506 - Relating to contributions to the retirement system for judges of courts of record.

HOUSE CALENDAR

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43rd 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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3072 - Creating Super two highways in West Virginia

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3154 - Relating to advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery operators

H. B. 3271 - Authorizing digital court records

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

10:45 A.M. – SPEAKERS CONFERENCE ROOM 218M

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

1:30 P.M. – GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND TOURISM
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FLOOR SESSION)**

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION 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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

3:30 P.M. – HEALTH COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

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