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

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

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

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Monday, March 31, 2025, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Reordering of the Calendar

Pursuant to the action of the Committee on Rules, Delegate McGeehan announced that H. B. 3446, on second reading, House Calendar, had been transferred to the Special Calendar.

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:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 267, Extending time for renewal and restoration of commercial driver's licenses,

And,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 573, Relating to restrictions on use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source,

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

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

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 627, Removing prohibition against leasing state-owned pore spaces underlying lands designated as state parks,

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

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:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 325, Authorizing Department of Health to promulgate legislative rules,

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

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. 2503, Relating to necessity allowance.

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2503 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-12-101, §49-12-102, §49-12-103, and §49-12-104, relating to necessity allowance; setting forth the purpose of the article, defining terms; setting forth the requirements to obtain funding from the Department of Social Services for approved necessities, an adequate wardrobe and any supplementary clothing assistance; and setting forth the amount and form of payment,"

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. 2503) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 Canterbury, Dittman and Williams:

H. B. 3519 - "A BILL expiring funds to the unappropriated surplus balance of the State Fund, General Revenue, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$155,288,050 from the Governor's Office- Civil Contingent Fund, fund 0105, fiscal year 2024, organization 0100, appropriation 85700, and supplementing and amending of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to a new line item under the Higher Education Policy Commission , Administrative-Control Account, fund 0589, fiscal year 2025, organization 0441 by increasing the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025."

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. 2026, Budget Bill,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2026 - "A Bill making appropriations of public money out of the Treasury in accordance with section 51, article VI of the Constitution,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:

H. B. 2387, To repeal the class A1 Pistol stamp for hunting.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:

H. B. 2516, To repeal antiquated and inoperative portions of code.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced that the Senate had passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of Delegates, as follows:

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

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption by the Senate, without amendment, of a resolution of the House of Delegates as follows:

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

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 531 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the offenses of assault and battery on athletic officials; increasing the fines for assault or battery on athletic officials; and providing criminal penalties for the offenses"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect January 1, 2026, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 632 - "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 an 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"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 663 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §46A-6O-1, §46A-6O-2, §46A-6O-3, §46A-6O-4, and §46A-6O-5, relating to creating the Fair Access to Financial Services Act; providing a short title; providing definitions; prohibiting discrimination by financial institutions; requiring transparency upon request; authorizing enforcement by certain persons and Attorney General; specifying penalties for violations and for recovery of attorney fees and litigation costs; and establishing statute of limitations"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 718 - " A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-67-1, §16-67-2, §16-67-3, §16-67-4, §16-67-5, §16-67-6, §16-67-7, and §16-67-8, relating to hospital transparency; setting forth legislative findings; defining terms; setting forth duties of West Virginia Health Care Authority; setting forth reports to be filed; setting forth the form of the reports to be filed; requiring the submission of public payor information; providing the commissioner may protect information; requiring rulemaking; providing for penalties; and adding effective date."; which was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 790 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding four new sections, designated §8-19-1a, §8-20-1d, §16-13-18b, and 16-13A-1d, relating to requiring quarterly reporting by water and wastewater utilities that are political subdivisions of the state to their governing bodies; and requiring annual continuing education for board members and senior management"; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 869 - "A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding four new sections, designated §17-28-13, §17-28-14, §17-28-15, and §17-28-16, relating to the Robert C. Byrd Corridor H Highway Authority; providing for legislative findings; continuing authority and providing for composition of authority members; providing for ex officio, nonvoting members and voting members; providing for terms of membership; providing for meeting and quorum requirements; providing that members are not compensated; reimbursing members for expenses; providing for certain powers and duties; and requiring annual reporting to

the Joint Committee on Government and Finance"; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

A message from the Senate, by

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

S. B. 886 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-126 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Foster Child Bill of Rights; providing that a child in foster care or in a kinship placement must be made aware of his or her rights; providing that the department shall inform the child of his or her rights; and establishing that a foster care or kinship placement shall inform the child of his or her rights if requested"; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Senate, by

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

Com. Sub. for S. B. 890 - "A BILL to amend and reenact §19-2C-1, §19-2C-2, §19-2C-3, §19-2C-3a, §19-2C-4, §19-2C-5b, §19-2C-6, §19-2C-6a, §19-2C-7, §19-2C-8, §19-2C-9, and §19-2C-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to auctioneers; providing definitions; updating exceptions; requiring fees be established by legislative rule; raising the amount of bond an auctioneer must have; removing the board from being authorized to use records for screening applicants for licenses; extending how long apprentice auctioneer can perform after license has expired; clarifying investigation of complaints; providing board members with compensation; clarifying hearing procedure; requiring civil penalties be payable to the Department on Agriculture; updating contract terms; and clarifying what is prohibited when advertising or promoting an auction"; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

Motions

Delegate McGeehan asked and obtained unanimous consent to proceed to the Eleventh Order of business to consider Unfinished Business.

Special Calendar

Unfinished Business

The following resolutions, coming up in regular order, as unfinished business, were reported by the Clerk and adopted:

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 17, To place Purple Heart Signs at the entrances to the state,

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 76, PFC Charles Henry Moore Memorial Bridge,

On the question of the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained. The yeas and nays having been ordered, they were taken (**Roll No. 301**), 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: Lucas and Street.

So, a majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the resolution adopted.

Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 90, Dragon Highway,

And,

H. C. R. 97, Creating the West Virginia Justice Reinvestment Taskforce.

Third Reading

Com. Sub. for S. B. 275, Removing requirement school cooks or custodians have high school diploma or equivalent; 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. 302**), and there were--yeas 96, nays 3, absent and not voting 1, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Canterbury, Foggin and G. Howell.

Absent and Not Voting: Lucas.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 275) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 303**), and there were--yeas 98, nays 1, absent and not voting 1, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: G. Howell.

Absent and Not Voting: Lucas.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 275) takes effect from its passage.

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. 282, Modifying provisions for employment of retired teachers as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage; 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. 304**), and there were--yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Lucas.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 282) passed.

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

“A BILL to amend and reenact §18A-2-3 and §18A-4-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to statutory provisions that pertain to allowing a person receiving retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement System to accept employment as a critical needs substitute teacher or bus operator for an unlimited number of days each fiscal year if certain conditions are satisfied; creating exceptions to posting related requirements applicable when a retired teacher is employed as a critical needs substitute; changing the statutory expiration date; creating exceptions to posting related requirements applicable when a retired bus operator is employed as a critical needs substitute; and changing the statutory expiration date.”

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 305**), and there were--yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Lucas.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 282) takes effect from its passage.

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

S. B. 650, Relating to full-time interventionists; 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. 306**), and there were--yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (S. B. 650) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 307**), and there were--yeas 100, nays none, absent and not voting none.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (S. B. 650) takes effect from its passage.

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. 2014, Certified Microgrid Program; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegate Young raised a Point of Order pursuant to Rule 97, calling upon the chair to rule whether the bill embraced more than one object.

Chair ruled that the bill was not in opposition of Rule 97, and did not violate the one-object rule.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 308**), and there were--yeas 88, nays 12, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

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

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014 – “A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2-21, §24-2-1d, §24-2-1q, §24-2-15, §24-2-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding four new sections, designated §5B-2-21a, §5B-2-21b, §5B-2N-2a, and §11B-2-33, and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §11-6N-1, §11-6N-2, §11-6N-3, §11-6N-4, and §11-6N-5, related to enacting the Power Generation and Consumption Act of 2025 which creates the Certified Microgrid Development Program administered by Economic Development; renaming and amending the certified industrial business expansion development program; renaming and amending the high impact industrial business development district program; grandfathering aspects of previously certified districts; defining terms; providing legislative purpose and findings; providing that any type of business may participate in the program; removing requirements that the districts be located on certain lands; eliminating requirements that electrical service in districts be generated from renewable sources; providing for a program and certification of high impact data centers and microgrid districts under defined circumstances; providing for the submission of defined information and negotiation requirements; prohibiting payment in lieu of taxes and tax increment financing under certain circumstances; providing requirements for in-district electric generation and out-of-district marketing; providing for special valuation by the Board of Public Works of certain property, applying a special apportionment formula for the property tax proceeds; providing for special contracts through PSC with regulated utilities; providing defined protections for utility rate payers; providing notification and information submission requirements for data centers; requiring record keeping by the agency; providing duties for the agency; prohibiting and preempting local government regulations; providing for certain taxes, fees, and rates to be remitted; creating a grid stabilization fund and providing administration and requirements therefore; creating an income tax reduction fund and providing administration and requirements therefore; requiring PSC to review consumer economic dispatch for electric generating units, including listed factors to consider, and include capacity factor, as defined, for analysis of future capacity requirements to maximize electrical generation from existing units; modifying fuel storage requirements for coal-fired units; allowing for price indexes and automatic adjustment clauses in certain circumstances; requiring supplemental integrated resource plans through and beyond planned retirement for electric generating units; and specifying dates, deadlines, and rule-making.”

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

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2054, Relating to liability of vendors in private farmers markets, on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2152, Prompt Payment Act of 2025; 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. 309**), 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: Devault, Horst and Williams.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2152) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 310**), and there were--yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Horst.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2152) takes effect July 1, 2025.

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. 2491, Relating to conditions on holding online raffles; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegate Steele requested to be excused from voting on Com. Sub. for H. B. 2491 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. 311**), and there were--yeas 93, nays 7, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Brooks, Burkhammer, Canterbury, Dillon, Kump, Ridenour and Ward.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2491) 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. 2576, NIL Protection Act; 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. 312**), and there were--yeas 96, nays 4, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Canterbury, Kump, Ridenour and Ward.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2576) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 313**), and there were--yeas 96, nays 4, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Canterbury, Kump, Ridenour and Ward.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2576) takes effect from its passage.

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. 2595, Non Profit Athletics Act; 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. 314**), and there were--yeas 97, nays 3, absent and not voting none, with the nays being as follows:

Nays: Canterbury, Kump and Ridenour.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2595) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 315**), and there were--yeas 97, nays 2, absent and not voting 1, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Canterbury and Kump.

Absent and Not Voting: G. Howell.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2595) takes effect from its passage.

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 Com. Sub. for H. B. 2777, Relating to removing requirements to submit certain evidence on behalf of home-schooled children; 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. 316**), and there were--yeas 75, nays 22, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Barnhart, Campbell, Canterbury, T. Clark, Clay, Cooper, Criss, Dittman, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Ferrell, Hall, Heckert, Jennings, Kyle, Parsons, Pritt, Shamblin, Sheedy, B. Smith, Statler and Stephens.

Absent and Not Voting: Steele, Williams and Zatezalo.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2777) 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 Com. Sub. for H. B. 2787, To permit the county commission of each county to lease, rent or to permit the use of a county owned wireless tower or any portion thereof, with exceptions; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892, Relating to pedestrians standing in or near the right of way; 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. 317**), and there were--yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Steele.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892) 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. 3013, Relating to open captioning for motion pictures; 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. 318**), and there were--yeas 91, 8 nays, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Butler, Coop-Gonzalez, Gearheart, Martin, Miller, Street, and Ward.

Absent and Not Voting: Steele.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892) passed.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3154, Relating to advertising by licensed limited video lottery retailers and licensed limited video lottery operators; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

Delegate Martin requested to be excused from voting on Com. Sub. for H. B. 2491 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.

Delegate Sheedy demanded the previous question, which demand was sustained.

On adoption of the motion for the previous question, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

The yeas and nays having been ordered, they were taken (**Roll No. 319**), and there were--yeas 62, nays 34, absent and not voting 4, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anderson, Bridges, D. Cannon, J. Cannon, Clay, Dean, Dillon, Eldridge, Fluharty, Foggin, Funkhouser, Garcia, Green, Hamilton, Hansen, Holstein, Hornbuckle, G. Howell, Kyle, Linville, Masters, McCormick, Petitto, Phillips, Pinson, Pritt, Pushkin, Rohrbach, Statler, Vance, Ward, Williams, Worrell and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Cooper, Lewis, Shamblin and Steele.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 320**), and there were--yeas 45, nays 52, absent and not voting 3, with the yeas and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Yeas: Akers, Amos, Anderson, Bridges, Browning, Campbell, J. Cannon, Canterbury, T. Clark, Clay, Criss, Crouse, Dean, Eldridge, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Fluharty, Garcia, Gearheart, Hall, Hamilton, Heckert, Hite, Hornbuckle, Hornby, G. Howell, Lewis, Linville, Mallow, Martin, Masters, Maynor, Miller, Petitto, Pushkin, Riley, Roop, Sheedy, B. Smith, D. Smith, Stephens, Williams, Willis, Young and Zatezalo.

Absent and Not Voting: Cooper, Shamblin and Steele.

So, a majority of the members present not having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3154) rejected.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3294, Enacting the Bank Protections for Eligible Adults from Financial Exploitation Act; 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. 321**), 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: Anders.

Absent and Not Voting: Devault, Hornbuckle and Steele.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3294) 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. 3358, Supplemental Appropriation - FBGR – DHHR; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 322**), 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: Coop-Gonzalez.

Absent and Not Voting: Hornbuckle, Linville and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3358) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 323**), 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: Hornbuckle, Linville and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3358) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3365, Supplemental Appropriation - HLTH - Birth to Three; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 324**), 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: Linville and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3365) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 325**), and there were--yeas 99, nays none, absent and not voting 1, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3365) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3366, Supplemental Appropriation - FEDA - HLTH - OIG; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 326**), and there were--yeas 97, nays 1, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders.

Absent and Not Voting: Eldridge and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3366) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 327**), 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: Eldridge and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3366) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3367, Supplemental Appropriation - SAPR - DNR; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 328**), and there were--yeas 97, nays 1, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders.

Absent and Not Voting: Eldridge and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3367) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 329**), and there were--yeas 97, nays 1, absent and not voting 2, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders.

Absent and Not Voting: Eldridge and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3367) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3370, Supplemental Appropriation - FEDA - HMSV - Summer EBT; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 330**), 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: Eldridge and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3370) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 331**), 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: Bridges, Eldridge and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3370) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3372, Supplemental Appropriation - FEDA - Veterans; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 332**), 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: Bridges, Eldridge and Steele.

So, a majority of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3372) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 333**), 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: Bridges, Eldridge and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 3372) takes effect from its passage.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3377, Non-State-Owned Roads Improvement Act on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3411, Relating to commissions; removing the legislative members; and eliminating expired commissions; 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. 334**), and there were--yeas 86, nays 11, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Brooks, Butler, Dillon, Horst, Jennings, Kump, Linville, Martin, Street, Vance and Ward.

Absent and Not Voting: Flanigan, Pritt and Steele.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3411) passed.

Delegate McGeehan moved that the bill take effect from its passage.

On this question, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 335**), and there were--yeas 85, nays 11, absent and not voting 4, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Brooks, Butler, Coop-Gonzalez, Dillon, Horst, Jennings, Kump, Linville, Street, Vance and Ward.

Absent and Not Voting: Fehrenbacher, Flanigan, Pritt and Steele.

So, two thirds of the members elected to the House of Delegates having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3411) takes effect from its passage.

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

H. B. 3412, Relating to exemptions from disclosure of certain records; and exempting the legislative branch if it adopts its own rules; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3422, Relating to requiring the State Board of Education to design, test, and deploy an internet-based reporting system to be known as the School Choice Portal; 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. 336**), and there were--yeas 62, nays 35, absent and not voting 3, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Adkins, Anderson, Campbell, T. Clark, Clay, Criss, Dittman, Drennan, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Ferrell, Flanigan, Foggin, Garcia, Hall, Hamilton, Hansen, Heckert, Hornbuckle, Kyle, Lewis, McCormick, Moore, Parsons, Pritt, Pushkin, Roop, Shamblin, Sheedy, Statler, Stephens, Toney, Vance, Williams and Young.

Absent and Not Voting: Barnhart, Steele and Street.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3422) 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. 3444, Relating to inflammation of the eyes of newborns; 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. 337**), 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: Flanigan.

Absent and Not Voting: Barnhart, Steele and Street.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 3444) 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

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2011, To supplement, amend, and increase an existing item of appropriation in the aforesaid accounts for the designated spending unit for expenditure during the fiscal year 2025,

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

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2551, Increase criminal penalties for trespassing livestock,

H. B. 2566, Relating generally to allowing the Supreme Court of Appeals discretion to create uniform pay scales for all levels of judicial support staff. ,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2720, To create the Southern Coalfield Resiliency and Revitalization Program,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2866, Relating to fees and charges for municipality provided fire services; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Burkhammer, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Burkhammer moves to amend the committee substitute on page 1, section 8-13-13, line 5, following the comma after the word “matter”, by

Reinserting the words “has plenary power and authority”;

And, thereafter

Inserting a comma, followed by the words, “subject to the limitations set forth in subsection (b) of this section,”.

And, thereafter,

On page 1, section 8-13-13, line 6, by

Reinserting the word “to”

And, thereafter,

Striking the word “may”.

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961, To amend the law concerning ownership and possession of real property; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Funkhouser, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Funkhouser moved to amend the bill on page 1, section 1, line 1, by striking the word “noncitizen of the United States” and inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

“resident alien or citizen”

And,

Delegate Funkhouser moved to amend the bill on page 2, section 2, line 19, by striking the word "lawful".

And,

Delegate Funkhouser moved to amend the bill on page 2, section 2, line 20, after the word "alien" by inserting the following language:

"or citizen".

On motion of Delegate Ridenour, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Ridenour moved to amend the bill on page 2, section 2, line 29, by striking the words "United States" and inserting in lieu thereof the following language: "West Virginia".

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 2973, Regarding venue for legal actions against the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Hornby, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Hornby moved to amend the committee substitute for committee substitute on page 4, section 25, line 84, after the words "Kanawha County" by inserting the following:

"*Provided, That any suit brought by or on behalf of a student enrolled in a school located in Kanawha County and/or by the Kanawha County Board of Education involving any school located in Kanawha County, in which the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission is made a party defendant, shall not be brought and prosecuted in Kanawha County but may be brought and prosecuted in any other county of the state*"

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 3014, Relating generally to liability of hospital police; 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. 3145, Relating to duties of licensees under the West Virginia Real Estate License Act; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3189, Creating crime of attempting to smuggle contraband into federal correctional institutions within the state; 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. 3350, Supplemental Appropriation - DCR - Corrections – 0608; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3361, Supplemental Appropriation - Health, Birth to Three; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3425, Clarifying that any person employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation pursuant to a contract includes contracted staff that work for vendors; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

H. B. 3446, Permitting public high school students submit FAFSA prior to graduation; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Statler, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Statler moved to amend the bill on page 1 after the enacting clause, by striking the remainder of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 5G. PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS. §18-5G-3. Public charter school criteria, governance structure and statutory compliance requirements; applicable federal and state laws. (a) Public charter schools authorized pursuant to this article shall meet the following general criteria: (1) Are part of the state's system of public schools and are subject to general supervision by the West Virginia Board of Education for meeting the student performance standards required of other public school students under §18-2E-5(d) and (e) §18-2E-5(e) of this code; (2) Are subject to the oversight of the school's authorizer for operating in accordance with its approved charter contract and for meeting the terms and performance standards established in the charter contract; (3) Are not home school-based; (4) Are not affiliated with or espouse any specific religious denomination, organization, sect, or belief and do not promote or engage in any religious practices in their educational program, admissions, employment policies, or operations; (5) Are not affiliated with any organized group whose espoused beliefs attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for immutable characteristics, as identified through listings of such groups as may be made by the U. S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or officials having similar jurisdiction in this state; (6) Are public schools to which parents or legal guardians choose to send their child or children; (7) Do not charge tuition and may only charge such fees as may be imposed by noncharter public schools in this state; and (8) Have no requirements that would exclude any child from enrollment who would not be excluded at a noncharter public school. (b) A public charter school authorized pursuant to this article shall be governed by a board that meets the requirements established in §18-5G-7 of this code and: (1) Has autonomy over key decisions, including, but not limited to, decisions concerning finance, personnel, scheduling, curriculum, and instruction except as provided in this article; (2) Has no power to levy taxes; (3) Operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives as defined in its charter contract; (4) Provides a program of public education that: (A) Includes one or more of the following: Prekindergarten and any grade or grades from kindergarten to grade 12 including any associated post-secondary embedded credit, dual credit, advanced placement, internship, and industry or workforce credential programs that the public charter school chooses to incorporate into its programs. If a public charter school chooses to incorporate post-secondary embedded credit, dual credit, and industry and workforce credential programs into its educational program, institutions of higher education may not impose any requirements on the public charter school that are not required of noncharter public schools; (B) May include in its mission a specific focus on students with special needs, including, but not limited to, at-risk students, English language learners, students with severe disciplinary problems at a noncharter public school, or students involved with the juvenile justice system; (C) May include a specific academic approach or theme including, but not limited to, approaches or themes such as STEM education, mastery-based education, early college, or fine and performing arts;

and (D) May include before school and/or after school programs as a part of the public charter school's education program. No part of the education program of a public charter school is subject to regulation as a childcare facility; (5) Provides programs and services to a student with a disability in accordance with the student's individualized education program and all federal and state laws, regulations, rules and policies. A charter school shall deliver the services directly or contract with a county board or another provider to deliver the services as set forth in its charter contract; (6) Is eligible to participate in state-sponsored or district-sponsored athletic and academic interscholastic leagues, competitions, awards, scholarships, and recognition programs for students, educators, administrators, and schools to the same extent as noncharter public schools. If a public charter school does not sponsor an extracurricular athletic and/or academic interscholastic activity for the students enrolled in the public charter school, the public charter school students may participate on the same basis as other public school students in those activities that are sponsored by the noncharter public school serving the attendance area in which the student resides; (7) Employs its own personnel as employees of the public charter school and is ultimately responsible for processing employee paychecks, managing its employees' participation in the applicable retirement system, and managing its employees' participation in insurance plans: *Provided*, That nothing in this subdivision prohibits the public charter school from contracting with another person or entity to perform services relating to managing its employees' participation in the retirement system or insurance plan. A county board may not require any employee of its school system to be employed in a public charter school. A county board may not harass, threaten, discipline, discharge, retaliate, or in any manner discriminate against any school system employee involved directly or indirectly with an application to establish a public charter school as authorized under this section. All personnel in a public charter school who were previously employed by the county board shall continue to accrue seniority with the county board in the same manner that they would accrue seniority if employed in a noncharter public school in the county for purposes of employment in noncharter public schools; and (8) Is responsible for establishing a staffing plan that includes the requisite qualifications and any associated certification and/or licensure that it determines necessary for teachers and other instructional staff to be employed at the public charter school and for verifying that these requirements are met. (c) A public charter school authorized pursuant to this article is exempt from all statutes, state board policies and rules applicable to a noncharter public school or board of education except the following unless otherwise specifically provided in this article: (1) All federal laws and authorities applicable to noncharter public schools in this state including, but not limited to, the same federal nutrition standards, the same civil rights, disability rights and health, life and safety requirements applicable to noncharter public schools in this state; (2) The provisions of §29B-1-1 *et seq.* of this code relating to freedom of information and the provisions of §6-9A-1 *et seq.* of this code relating to open governmental proceedings; (3) The same immunization requirements applicable to noncharter public schools; (4) The same compulsory school attendance requirements applicable to noncharter public schools; (5) The same minimum number of days or an equivalent amount of instructional time per year as required of noncharter public school students under §18-5-45 of this code; (6) The same student assessment requirements applicable to noncharter public schools in this state, but only to the extent that will allow the state board to measure the performance of public charter school students pursuant to §18-2E-5(d) and (e) §18-2E-5(e) of this code. Any virtual public charter school may administer any required state assessment, if available, in a virtual setting utilizing remote proctoring that best meets the educational needs of the student. Nothing precludes a public charter school from establishing additional student assessment measures that go beyond state requirements; (7) The Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act pursuant to §18- 2-5h of this code; (8) Use of the electronic education information system established by the West Virginia Department of Education for the purpose of reporting required information; (9) Reporting information on student and school performance to parents, policy-makers, and the general public in the same manner as noncharter public schools

utilizing the electronic format established by the West Virginia Department of Education. Nothing precludes a public charter school from utilizing additional measures for reporting information on student and school performance that go beyond state requirements; (10) All applicable accounting and financial reporting requirements as prescribed for public schools, including adherence to generally accepted accounting principles. A public charter school shall annually engage an external auditor to perform an independent audit of the school's finances. The public charter school shall submit the audit to its authorizer and to the state superintendent of schools within nine months of the end of the fiscal year for which the audit is performed; (11) A criminal history check pursuant to §18A-3-10 of this code for any staff person that would be required if the person was employed in a noncharter public school, unless a criminal history check has already been completed for that staff person pursuant to that section. Governing board members and other public charter school personnel are subject to criminal history record checks and fingerprinting requirements applicable to noncharter public schools in this state. Contractors and service providers or their employees are prohibited from making direct, unaccompanied contact with students and from access to school grounds unaccompanied when students are present if it cannot be verified that the contractors, service providers or employees have not previously been convicted of a qualifying offense pursuant to §18-5-15c of this code: *Provided*, That nothing in this subdivision, including the reference to §18A3-10 of this code, requires public charter school employees to be certified or licensed as a condition of employment in a public charter school. A public charter school may, but is not required to, establish certification or licensure as a condition of employment by the school; (12) The same zoning rules for its facilities that apply to noncharter public schools in this state; (13) The same building codes, regulations and fees for its facilities that apply to noncharter public schools in this state, including any inspections required for noncharter public schools under this chapter and the West Virginia State Fire Marshal for inspection and issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any facility used by the public charter school; and (14) The same student transportation safety laws applicable to public schools when transportation is provided; and (15) The provisions of §18-2-46 of this code. ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. §18-2-46. Financial Aid Application Assistance for High School Students. (a) It is the intention of the Legislature in this section to provide access and support to each student to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to promote access to post-secondary education. (b) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the state board, as well as the county board, or authorizer, as applicable shall require each high school to provide to each high school student, and, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian, any support or assistance necessary to: (1) File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the United States Department of Education; or (2) On a form created by the state board report to the West Virginia Department of Education that the parent, current custodian, or guardian, or if applicable, the student, understands what the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is and the potential opportunities it provides and has chosen not to file an application under paragraph (b)(1). (c) The state board may adopt rules to implement this section which shall include: (1) Rules to ensure compliance with federal law regarding confidentiality of student educational information, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U. S. C. 1232g); (2) Rules to ensure compliance with any state law relating or regarding the privacy of student information; and (3) Rules to allow each county board or authorizer to determine the best way to implement the requirements of this section. (d) All personal or identifiable data collected from the high school student or his or her parent/guardian for purposes of this section, except as otherwise required by state or federal law, shall not be retained by the high school for any longer than one year.

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

H. B. 3513, Relating to standards of liability and insurance requirements in certain civil actions; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3514, Relating to persons convicted of a crime; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3515, Relating to appointment of officers of the West Virginia State Police; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

H. B. 3516, Relating to limit of liability through Board of Risk Management; on second reading, was read a second time and ordered to third reading with general right to amend,

And,

H. B. 3517, Relating generally to fiscal emergencies of local governments; 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. 459, Requiring county planning commission members be state residents,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 538, Allowing certain entities to purchase qualifying tax-delinquent properties before they are offered at public auction.

At 2:39 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 02, 2025.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JEFFREY PACK, Clerk
Building 1, Room M-212
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25305-0470

SPECIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

50th Day

11:00 A.M.

THIRD READING

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2011 - To supplement, amend, and increase an existing item of appropriation in the aforesaid accounts for the designated spending unit for expenditure during the fiscal year 2025.
- 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. 2054 - Relating to liability of vendors in private farmers markets
- Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2410 - Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2551 - Increase criminal penalties for trespassing livestock
- H. B. 2566 - Relating generally to allowing the Supreme Court of Appeals discretion to create uniform pay scales for all levels of judicial support staff.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2720 - To create the Southern Coalfield Resiliency and Revitalization Program
- Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2787 - To permit the county commission of each county to lease, rent or to permit the use of a county owned wireless tower or any portion thereof, with exceptions
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2866 - Relating to fees and charges for municipality provided fire services
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961 - To amend the law concerning ownership and possession of real property
- Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2973 - Regarding venue for legal actions against the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3014 - Relating generally to liability of hospital police
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 3145 - Relating to duties of licensees under the West Virginia Real Estate License Act
- H. B. 3189 - Creating crime of attempting to smuggle contraband into federal correctional institutions within the state

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| Com. Sub. for H. B. 3350 - | Supplemental Appropriation - DCR - Corrections - 0608 |
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| H. B. 3516 - | Relating to limit of liability through Board of Risk Management [Right to Amend] |
| H. B. 3517 - | Relating generally to fiscal emergencies of local governments |

SECOND READING

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| Com. Sub. for S. B. 459 - | Requiring county planning commission members be state residents |
| Com. Sub. for S. B. 538 - | Allowing certain entities to purchase qualifying tax-delinquent properties before they are offered at public auction |

FIRST READING

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| Com. Sub. for S. B. 267 - | Extending time for renewal and restoration of commercial driver's licenses |
| Com. Sub. for S. B. 325 - | Authorizing Department of Health to promulgate legislative rules |
| Com. Sub. for S. B. 573 - | Relating to restrictions on use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source |
| Com. Sub. for S. B. 627 - | Removing prohibition against leasing state-owned pore spaces underlying lands designated as state parks |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2026 - | Budget Bill |

H. B. 3519 -

Expiring funds to the unappropriated surplus balance of the State Fund, General Revenue

HOUSE CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

50th Day

11:00 A.M.

THIRD READING

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

SECOND READING

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| Com. Sub. for S. B. 10 - | Exempting certain meat processes from consumers sales and service tax |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2006 - | Defining Men and Women |
| 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 |
| 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. 2400 - | Prohibiting the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to any person who has not specifically requested one from the county clerk |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 2409 - | Updating cooperative agreements |
| H. B. 2683 - | To prohibit rank choice voting |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 3072 - | Creating Super two highways in West Virginia |
| H. B. 3271 - | Authorizing digital court records |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 3387 - | Relating to the creation of a regional school district pilot program |
| Com. Sub. for H. B. 3432 - | 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

FIRST READING

- 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. 3518 - Relating to the Medicaid Waiver expansion program

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

1:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

3:30 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(IMMEDIATELY AFTER FLOOR SESSION OR 1:00 P.M.)

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