

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

# SENATE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2025  
FOURTEENTH DAY

---

Charleston, West Virginia, Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The Senate met at 11:05 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Minister Ralph Perry, Crooked Creek Church of Christ in Logan County, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Patricia Puertas Rucker, a senator from the sixteenth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Monday, February 24, 2025,

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

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

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

## **Executive Communications**

The Clerk presented the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, regarding bills approved by him:



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor of West Virginia

February 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Morrisey".

Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis, Clerk

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 5**, Authorizing Adopt-A-Road volunteer programs under jurisdiction of DOT.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 5** (originating in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-4-56, relating to establishing the Adopt-A-Road program; specifying authority and duties of Division of Highways as to Adopt-A-Road program; defining terms; specifying program requirements and potential benefits and funding; providing indemnify and hold harmless provision; and allowing participation by counties and municipalities.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,  
*Chair.*

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 50**, Requiring municipal elections to be held on same day as statewide elections.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 50** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-29, §3-1-31, and §8-5-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring municipal elections to be held on the same day as statewide elections; requiring municipalities to amend existing ordinances or charters or adopt new ordinances or charters to require municipal elections to be held on the same day as statewide elections.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

Senator Oliverio, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Pensions has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 100**, Allowing members of State Police retirement system to use accrued leave as credit toward retirement.

And,

**Senate Bill 105**, Updating retirement eligibility for certain sheriffs.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each do pass; but under the original double committee references first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Oliverio II,  
*Chair.*

The bills, under the original double committee references, were then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 234**, Increasing value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,  
*Chair.*

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Bills 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, and 410**, Department of Agriculture rule relating to select plant-based derivatives and select plant-based derivative products.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 369** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 *et seq.* of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing certain miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules; authorizing the rules as filed, as modified, and as amended by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, and as amended by the Legislature; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to state aid for fairs and festivals; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the inspection of meat and

poultry; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing and other fees; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to manufacture-grade milk; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to employment reference and inquiries and background checks; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fish processing; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to select plant-based derivatives and select plant-based derivative products; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Rural Rehabilitation Program; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to raw milk; authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration of architects; authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for registration of architects; authorizing the State Auditor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Local Government Purchasing Card Program; authorizing the State Auditor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to private trust companies; authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the operation of barber, cosmetology, nail technology, aesthetic, hair styling, and waxing salons and schools; authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the schedule of fees; authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the schedule of fines; authorizing the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations; authorizing the Board of Dentistry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education requirements; authorizing the Board of Dentistry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mobile dental facilities and portable dental units; authorizing the Election Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the regulation of campaign finance; authorizing the Board of Funeral Service Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to funeral director, embalmer, apprentice, courtesy card holders, and funeral establishment requirements; authorizing the Massage Therapy Licensure Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general provisions; authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees for certain initial licensure applicants; authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for services rendered by the board; authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to competency standards for advanced practice by occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to request for waiver of licensing fees for certain individuals; authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations; authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telehealth practice requirements and definitions; authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to a waiver of initial licensing fees for certain initial licensure applicants; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure and practice of pharmacy; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to regulations governing pharmacy permits; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the application of waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals; authorizing the Board of Examiners of Psychologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations and application for waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals; authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for licensure and certification; authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to renewal of licensure or certification; authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for

registration and renewal of appraisal management companies; authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing real estate brokers, associate brokers, and salespersons and the conduct of brokerage business; authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the application for waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals; authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial license eligibility determination; authorizing the Board of Registered Nurses to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for registration and licensure and conduct constituting professional misconduct; authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to criteria for licensure; authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations; authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telehealth practice requirements and definitions; authorizing the Board of Sanitarians to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the practice of public health sanitation; authorizing the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate a legislative rule relating to speech-language pathology and audiology assistants; authorizing the State Conservation Committee to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the State Conservation Committee Grant Program; and authorizing the Hope Scholarship Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Hope Scholarship Program.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

Senator Roberts, from the Committee on the Workforce, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Workforce has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 427**, Permitting certain teenagers to work without obtaining work permit.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 427** (originating in the Committee on the Workforce)—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-6-3, §21-6-5, and §21-6-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §21-6-4 and §21-6-8a of the code, relating to eliminating requirement that 14- and 15-year-olds obtain a work permit as condition of employment; requiring employers to obtain parental or other consent and age certificate prior to employing 14- or 15-year-olds; authorizing State Commissioner of Labor to issue age certificates for children aged 14 and over; setting requirements for age certificate contents; and providing penalties for a person that illegally issues an age certificate.

And,

**Senate Bill 534**, Relating to requirements to administer polygraphs.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 534** (originating in the Committee on the Workforce)—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-5-5c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to deception examiners; and clarifying the qualifications required to be licensed as a Class I or Class II psychophysiological detection of deception examiner.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Rollan A. Roberts,  
*Chair.*

Senator Rose, from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 448**, Creating credit against severance tax for certain infrastructure improvements.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 448** (originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-13NN-1, §11-13NN-2, §11-13NN-3, §11-13NN-4, §11-13NN-5, §11-13NN-6, §11-13NN-7, §11-13NN-8, §11-13NN-9, §11-13NN-10, and §11-13NN-11, relating to establishing a road or highway infrastructure improvement project or coal or natural gas production and processing facilities tax credit for taxpayers subject to the tax imposed by West Virginia Code; specifying a short title; specifying legislative findings and purpose for new credit; defining terms; specifying the amount of the credit, application of credit, and carry forward of unused credit; requiring filing of application for road or highway infrastructure improvement project credit as condition precedent to claiming credit, specifying procedure for application for certification, contents of application and limitation on maximum amount of credits which can be approved; specifying computation of qualified investment in coal or natural gas production and processing facilities; allowing transfer of credits to successors; providing for forfeiture of unused tax credits and redetermination of credit allowed; providing penalties for failure to maintain records of qualified property; and establishing an effective date.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Rose,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 448), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 459**, Requiring county economic development committee members be state residents.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 459** (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §8A-2-3, §8A-2-4, and §8A-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring that members of municipal, county, and other planning commissions meet certain residency requirements; mandating that members of municipal, county, and certain other planning commissions be West Virginia residents for the three years immediately preceding the appointment; requiring that such members be residents of the county or municipality in which the development authority or planning commission to which they are appointed is situated for certain time period prior to appointment; and prohibiting members of planning commissions who do not meet residency requirements from remaining on the planning commission.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,  
*Chair.*

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Joint Resolution 2**, Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

The resolution, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

On motions for leave, severally made, the following bills were introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

**By Senator Woodrum:**

**Senate Bill 589**—A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-3, §51-1-10a, §51-2-13, §51-2A-6, and §51-11-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the annual



salary of magistrates, justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, family court judges, and judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals.

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

**By Senator Deeds:**

**Senate Bill 590**—A Bill amend and reenact §62-1C-1a and §62-1C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to pretrial release generally; clarifying right to pretrial release; clarifying maximum bail amount for charges for multiple misdemeanor offenses; defining terms; establishing that defendant has right to select method of securing bail; clarifying that personal recognizance bonds shall include an unsecured monetary amount; prohibiting magistrate from setting cash-only or property-only bail; authorizing judicial officer to impose reasonably necessary conditions to assure defendant will appear as required, including releasing defendant on his or her own recognizance; clarifying that a magistrate may not release a defendant charged with a felony offense on his or her own recognizance on initial appearance; providing circumstances when a bail bond is not appropriate; providing circumstances when a magistrate has discretion to set a cash only-bond; and making technical corrections.

Referred to the Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Deeds:**

**Senate Bill 591**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §62-17-1, §62-17-2, §62-17-3, §62-17-4, §62-17-5, §62-17-6, §62-17-7, §62-17-8, §62-17-9, §62-17-10, §62-17-11, §62-17-12, §62-17-13, §62-17-14, §62-17-15, §62-17-16, §62-17-17, §62-17-18, §62-17-19, §62-17-20, §62-17-21, §62-17-22, §62-17-23, §62-17-24, §62-17-25, §62-17-26, §62-17-27, §62-17-28, §62-17-29, §62-17-30, §62-17-31, §62-17-32, §62-17-33, §62-17-34, §62-17-35, §62-17-36, §62-17-37, and §62-17-38; and to repeal §60A-7-701, §60A-7-702, §60A-7-703, §60A-7-704, §60A-7-705, §60A-7-705a, §60A-7-706, §60A-7-707, and §60A-7-708, relating to the creation of the Criminal Forfeiture Process Act replacing the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing that this article applies to the seizure and forfeiture of property used in, and derived directly from, the crime involving controlled substances; definitions, procedure; providing that there is no civil forfeiture and that the court with jurisdiction of criminal matter has jurisdiction of the forfeiture procedure; seizure of property, both real and personal; providing that there is no property right to contraband; hearing and appeal; return and disposition of property; restrictions on sales; preemption of local laws; and prohibiting an offer for adoption property, seized under state law, to a federal agency for the purpose of forfeiture under federal law.

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

**By Senators Martin, Helton, and Tarr:**

**Senate Bill 592**—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-30-3, §22-30-5, and §22-30-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to aboveground storage tanks; modifying an exception to the definition of an aboveground storage tank to except out devices having a capacity of 210 barrels or less, containing brine water or other fluids produced in connection with hydrocarbon transmission and storage, as well as production activities, that are not located in a zone of critical concern; providing that the secretary may not, as part of the regulatory program, require any regulated tanks to be lifted, moved, or otherwise physically altered in connection with a visual leak detection program in the absence of a confirmed release; providing that tanks used for hydrocarbon production, transportation, and storage activities and tanks used for roadway

snow and ice pretreatment, as identified under certain sections of code that are located in a zone of critical concern, are exempt from inspection and certification by a third party, but must be self-inspected, self-certified, and reported to DEP by its owner or operator at least once per year; and providing that tanks used for hydrocarbon production, transportation, and storage activities and tanks used for roadway snow and ice pretreatment, as identified under certain sections of code that are located in a zone of critical concern are required to have secondary containment inspections performed and documented by the owner or operator at least once per month.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining.

**By Senators Rucker and Boley:**

**Senate Bill 593**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §3-4A-27a, relating to preservation of voting data from electronic voting machines.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 594**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-51A-1, §16-51A-2, §16-51A-3, §16-51A-4, §16-51A-5, §16-51A-6, §16-51A-7, and §16-51A-8, relating to the right to try individualized treatments; defining terms; defining access to individualized treatments; providing restrictions on outstanding debt related to individualized treatments in the event of death; prohibiting sanctions against licensed health care providers; prohibiting specified persons from blocking access to individualized treatments; prohibiting private right-of-action; providing that the article is not to be construed to affect a health benefit plan's obligation to provide coverage for an insured's participation in a clinical trial; and setting forth effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Woodrum, Jeffries, Maynard, and Helton:**

**Senate Bill 595**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §20-20-1, §20-20-2, §20-20-3, §20-20-4, §20-20-5, §20-20-6, §20-20-7, §20-20-8, and §20-20-9, relating to creating the Mountain Bike Responsibility Act; stating a legislative purpose; defining terms; providing for the duties and liabilities of trail system operators, mountain bicyclists, and passengers on aerial passenger tramways; and providing a release for minor participants.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 596**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-11-1, §49-11-2, and §49-11-3, relating to codifying the Parents' Bill of Rights.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 597**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying that there is no restriction on the lawful carrying of a deadly

weapon, firearm, or pepper spray specifically on sidewalks and streets directly bordering and surrounding the State Capitol Complex grounds.

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

**By Senator Stuart:**

**Senate Bill 598**—A Bill to amend and reenact §48-9-209 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting judges to refer parents who knowingly make a false accusation of child abuse or neglect or domestic violence during a child custody proceeding to the appropriate prosecuting authority to determine whether criminal charges are merited for falsely reporting an emergency incident.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Clements offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 12**—Designating February 26, 2025, as Corrections Day at the Legislature.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Clements, Oliverio, Smith (Mr. President), Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Woodrum offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 13**—Memorializing the life of Wanda Porterfield Casto, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and dedicated public servant.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Barrett and Rucker offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 14**—Recognizing Leadership Berkeley for its service, dedication, and commitment to Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate reconsidered the vote by which it adopted

**Senate Resolution 3**, Creating Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health.

The vote thereon having been reconsidered,

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the resolution was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 1, in the Resolved clause, line 5, by striking out the word "six" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "no more than 17".

The question now being on the adoption of the resolution (S. R. 3), as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 136**, Increasing penalties and parole eligibility requirements for homicide.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 136 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Garcia—1.

Absent: Woodrum—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 136) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 270**, Declaring sale and manufacture of firearms essential business during declared emergency.

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

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 336**, Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules.

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

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woodrum—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 336) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woodrum—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 336) takes effect from passage.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

**Senate Bill 92**, Glucagon for Schools Act.

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

**Senate Bill 291**, Extending time frame for pharmacies to register from annually to biennially.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 358**, Authorizing Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 443**, Authorizing Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of Examiners to conduct criminal background checks for licensing.

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

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 462**, Permitting Board of Occupational Therapy to require criminal history record checks.

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

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

**Senate Bill 103**, Exempting certain records from public release.

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

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, a leave of absence for the day was granted Senator Woodrum.

Senator Smith (Mr. President) announced the appointment of Senator Tarr to the Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senator was removed as a co-sponsor of the following bill on February 24, 2025:

**Senate Bill 22:** Senator Willis.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills and resolutions on February 24, 2025:

**Senate Bill 4:** Senator Tarr;

**Senate Bill 10:** Senator Hart;

**Senate Bill 22:** Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 50:** Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 67:** Senator Deeds;

**Senate Bill 76:** Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 100:** Senators Deeds, Hamilton, and Takubo;

**Senate Bill 105:** Senators Deeds, Willis, Hamilton, and Takubo;

**Senate Bill 147:** Senator Rucker;

**Senate Bill 234:** Senators Deeds and Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 427:** Senator Deeds;

**Senate Bill 459:** Senators Hamilton and Willis;

**Senate Bill 481:** Senator Willis;

**Senate Bill 490:** Senator Rucker;

**Senate Bill 506:** Senator Willis;

**Senate Bill 507:** Senator Willis;

**Senate Bill 530:** Senator Willis;

**Senate Bill 534:** Senator Hamilton;

**Senate Bill 573:** Senator Rucker;

**Senate Bill 574:** Senator Fuller;

**Senate Bill 577:** Senator Morris;

**Senate Bill 578:** Senator Rucker;

**Senate Bill 581:** Senators Morris and Clements;

**Senate Bill 582:** Senator Clements;

**Senate Bill 583:** Senators Thorne and Roberts;

**Senate Bill 584:** Senator Fuller;

**Senate Bill 585:** Senators Clements and Takubo;

**Senate Joint Resolution 2:** Senators Morris, Deeds, Bartlett, and Willis;

**Senate Joint Resolution 4:** Senator Morris;

**Senate Joint Resolution 6:** Senators Helton and Willis;

And,

**Senate Joint Resolution 7:** Senator Willis.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 11:41 a.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 11 a.m.

---

## **SENATE CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
11:00 AM**

---

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM**

Consideration of executive nominations

---

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

S. R. 12 - Designating February 26, 2025, as Corrections Day

S. R. 13 - Memorializing life of Wanda Porterfield Casto

S. R. 14 - Recognizing Leadership Berkeley

### **THIRD READING**

Eng. S. B. 92 - Glucagon for Schools Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 270 - Declaring sale and manufacture of firearms essential business during declared emergency

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 358 - Authorizing Department of Transportation to promulgate legislative rules (original similar to HB2278)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 443 - Authorizing Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of Examiners to conduct criminal background checks for licensing

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 462 - Permitting Board of Occupational Therapy to require criminal history record checks

### **SECOND READING**

S. B. 103 - Exempting certain records from public release

### **FIRST READING**

Com. Sub. for S. B. 5 - Establishing Adopt-A-Road program

Com. Sub. for S. B. 50 - Requiring municipal elections to be held on same day as statewide elections (original similar to HB2422)

S. B. 234 - Increasing value at which municipal property must be sold through public auction



Com. Sub. for S. B. 369 - Authorizing miscellaneous boards and agencies to promulgate legislative rules (original similar to HB2289)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 427 - Permitting certain teenagers to work without obtaining work permit

Com. Sub. for S. B. 459 - Requiring county economic development committee members be state residents (original similar to HB2818)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 534 - Clarifying qualifications to be licensed to administer polygraphs

**ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Regular Session 2025**

---

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

Natural Resources

(Room 208W)