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The Senate met at 10:04 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Glenn D. Jeffries, a senator from the eighth district.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Michael T. Azinger, a senator from the third district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 27, 2025,

At the request of Senator Roberts, 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.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2047—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-128 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting cameras in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster homes; exemptions; prohibitions.

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

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2123—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8D-3 and §61-8D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to modifying the criminal penalties imposed on a parent, guardian, custodian, or person in a position of trust in relation to a child for child abuse resulting in bodily injury, serious bodily injury, and child neglect resulting in bodily

injury, serious bodily injury, and child abuse or child neglect creating risk of injury; providing that a prior conviction under this section subjects a person to increased penalties; and providing a definition for a prior conviction.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 154 (originating in the Committee on Education), Prohibiting sexual orientation instruction in public schools.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 154 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-29, relating to prohibiting a public school from providing instruction related to sexual orientation or gender identity; defining terms; allowing discussion in specified circumstances; prohibiting a public school and the county board employees assigned to the school from knowingly giving false or misleading information to the parent, custodian, or guardian of a student regarding the student's gender identity or intention to transition to a gender that is different than the student's biological sex; requiring a person employed by the public school to report a student's request for an accommodation that is intended to affirm a change in the student's gender identity that is different from a student's biological sex to an administrator employed by the county board and assigned to the school; requiring the administrator to report the student's request to the student's parent, custodian, or guardian; creating a complaint and appeals system for violations of this section; creating administrative sanctions for violation of this section; allowing for a civil action in certain instances of a violation of section; providing for penalties, court costs, and attorney fees; providing that the complaint, appeals, and administrative sanctions set forth in this section are the exclusive remedies for violations of this section; and requiring State Board of Education to promulgate rules.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,
Chair.

Senator Chapman, from 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

Senate Bill 253, Creating Chronic Weight Management Task Force.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 253 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—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, and §16-67-5, relating to creating a Chronic Weight Management Task Force; stating purpose of task force; setting forth task force composition; setting forth task force duties; setting forth termination date; setting forth reporting; stating Secretary of Department of Health has discretion to provide administrative support for task force; and requiring specified administrative agencies to cooperate with task force.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wakim Chapman,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Chapman, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 253) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Health and Human Resources was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Grady, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 284, Relating to county board of education member orientation and compensation.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 284 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-1a and §18-5-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adding to topics required to be covered by the county board of education member orientation; requiring that any county board of education member who is unable to attend the initial orientation training for good cause complete a make-up orientation training within 30 days of being sworn in; requiring any appointed member to attend and complete a make-up orientation training within 30 days of being appointed; increasing annual hours of training required of county board of education members; modifying topics required to be covered by training; allowing the State Board of Education to require a county board of education member to attend additional training under certain conditions; including trainings required by the State Board of Education with those trainings for which failure to attend and complete without good cause constitutes neglect of duty; removing January 1 deadline for the requirement that a county board of education member satisfy the annual training requirement in the final year of any four-year term of office and creating exception to that requirement; adding certain non-voting ex officio members to the County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to report annually to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability certain County Board Member Training Standards Review Committee and county board member training-related information; setting the county board of education member compensation rate at \$260 per meeting attended unless the board votes to approve a lower rate; and excepting payment for mileage from the requirement for presentation of receipts.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

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 487, Removing ineligible voters from active voter rolls.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 487 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-2-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to systematic purging program and additional systematic confirmation procedure for the removal of ineligible voters from active voter rolls; removing obsolete reference to combined voter registration and licensing fund; and decreasing the period of voting inactivity from four to two years.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

Senator Chapman, from 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

Senate Bill 545, Relating to school nutritional programs.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 545 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18-5D-3A, relating to prohibiting certain products that are injurious to health; setting forth criteria when food, drink, confectionery, or condiments are adulterated; prohibiting certain unsafe food additives in school nutrition programs; providing for exceptions; and setting effective dates.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wakim Chapman,
Chair.

Senator Grady, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 558, Requiring computer science course prior to graduation.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 558 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-9b, relating to requiring public high school students to earn a minimum of one-half unit of credit in a computer science course prior to graduating; defining "computer science"; requiring the computer science course to meet or exceed standards established by the State Board of Education; requiring the course to be offered in person in a traditional classroom setting unless not feasible; providing for alternatives when offering in person in a traditional classroom setting is not feasible; specifying grade levels in which the credit may be earned; requiring State Board of Education rules detailing how computer science can fulfil other graduation requirements; requiring rules to ensure maximum flexibility for students; imposing requirements pertaining to a student's transcript if a student uses a computer science course to fulfil the math or science credit; requiring computer science standards include high school introductory computer science courses that include foundational computer science concepts; requiring State Board of Education make available a list of course options that can meet the requirements for the computer science credit; requiring State Board of Education rules to ensure schools can obtain the necessary teacher capacity to support implementation; and allowing additional rules deemed necessary for implementation.

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,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 558), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Grady, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 581, Relating to school attendance and student participation in 4-H activities.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 581 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-8-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including a student participating in a 4-H or FFA-sponsored activity or program in the definition of excused absence; providing that the student be credited as present in the same manner as a student participating in an educational field trip; providing that the student not be counted as absent; requiring a 4-H or FFA agent to provide documentation of a student's participation upon request

of the principal or the principal's designee; addressing makeup of missed schoolwork and the student's class grades; and addressing 4-H or FFA program participation during any period of time the student has been suspended, expelled, or assigned to an alternative school or program.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

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

By Senators Jeffries, Clements, Helton, Rose, Tarr, and Willis:

Senate Bill 627—A Bill to amend and reenact §20-1-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the prohibition against leasing state-owned pore spaces underlying lands designated as state parks.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

By Senator Helton:

Senate Bill 628—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-54-3 and §16-54-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding eight new sections, designated §5-16-7h, §9-5-33, §16-54-8a, §33-15-4y, §33-16-3ii, §33-24-7z, §33-25-8w, and §33-25A-8w, relating to non-opioid medication; defining terms; making it unlawful for the Public Employees Insurance Agency, the Bureau for Medical Services, and other insurer companies to discourage or disadvantage a non-opioid drug; requiring non-opioid drugs to be placed in lowest formulary tier; and permitting utilization review.

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

By Senators Helton, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Jeffries, Maynard, Tarr, Thorne, and Willis:

Senate Bill 629—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5K-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to professional services provided to the West Virginia Birth-to-Three Program by therapists and other professionals who are not employed by a state agency; and providing a 25 percent increase payment for those services.

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

By Senator Deeds:

Senate Bill 630—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-15-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to ambulance service; requiring the county commissions to provide ambulance service to all residents; and requiring the county commission submit a yearly report to the Office of Emergency Medical Services on the funds expended the year prior on emergency ambulance services.

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

By Senator Deeds:

Senate Bill 631—A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-9-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the West Virginia Invests Grant Program to an associate degree or certificate in a post-secondary program for emergency medical services.

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

By Senator Deeds:

Senate Bill 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 and insured for additional costs except for fees the insurer required the insured to pay; providing procedure for payment; providing exceptions when the insurer does not have to pay within 30 days; and requiring written notices for denied claims.

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

By Senators Rucker, Azinger, Bartlett, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Helton, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, and Willis:

Senate Bill 633—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-8A-6, relating to pornography access for minors; providing a short title; providing definitions; requiring mandatory age verification; prohibiting circumvention and liability for violations; creating penalties; clarifying a legal defense and standard of proof; and providing severability.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Senator Rucker:

Senate Bill 634—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-2J-1, §24-2J-2, §24-2J-3, §24-2J-4, and §24-2J-5, relating to establishing a new category of net metering energy projects in West Virginia, which projects provide for location on distressed land or in an energy community, allow for multiple customers, and be exempt from certain limitations established in the code and certain rules promulgated by the Public Service Commission; providing definitions; providing an electricity bill credit, subscription framework, and exemptions; and providing the Public Service Commission rule-making authority and directives.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Garcia:

Senate Bill 635—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-31-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to limiting the use of state funding under the Hope Scholarship Program for out-of-state private schools and providers.

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

By Senator Garcia:

Senate Bill 636—A Bill to repeal §21-5G-1, §21-5G-2, §21-5G-3, §21-5G-4, §21-5G-5, §21-5G-6, and §21-5G-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to worker affiliation with a labor organization.

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

By Senator Garcia:

Senate Bill 637—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §21-5J-1, §21-5J-2, §21-5J-3, §21-5J-4, §21-5J-5, §21-5J-6, §21-5J-7, §21-5J-8, §21-5J-9, and §21-5J-10, relating to creating a paid parental leave pilot program; providing findings and purpose; providing definitions; providing for paid parental leave and requirements for claiming benefits; requiring employer to continue group health insurance coverage for employee; providing for employment benefits and seniority position upon return from leave; providing benefits not to accrue during period of leave; providing employers required to respond to survey from Department of Labor; requiring department to report to Joint Committee on Government Organization; authorizing emergency rule-making authority; and providing December 31, 2028, sunset date.

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

By Senator Garcia:

Senate Bill 638—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §5-10-22o and §18-7A-26z, relating to providing a cost-of-living provision for certain persons retired under the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System.

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

By Senator Garcia:

Senate Joint Resolution 12—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending article III thereof, by adding a new section, designated section twenty-three, relating to the right to reproductive freedom with protections for health and safety; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment.

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

Senator Rucker offered the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15—Opposing the People's Republic of China's misuse of United Nations Resolution 2758 to delegitimize Taiwan and exclude Taiwan from international organizations.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Hart offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 18—Designating March 3, 2025, as Future Farmers of America Day at the Legislature.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

Senate Resolution 16, Designating first full week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Rucker, unanimous consent being granted, reference of the resolution to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Senate Resolution 17, Designating February 28, 2025, as Dental Hygienists' Day.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Taylor, unanimous consent being granted, reference of the resolution to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution 49, Resolution relating to use of industrial sites and the potential impacts on downstream facilities.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

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

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 5, Establishing Adopt-A-Road program.

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, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Fuller—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. 5) passed with its title.

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

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

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: Barrett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—22.

The nays were: Azinger, Bartlett, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Phillips, Rose, Stuart, Taylor, Thorne, and Willis—11.

Absent: Fuller—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 234) 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 369, Authorizing miscellaneous boards and agencies 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, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Fuller—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. 369) 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, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Fuller—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. 369) takes effect from passage.

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 427, Permitting certain teenagers to work without obtaining work permit.

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, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Fuller—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. 427) 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 459, Requiring county planning commission members be state residents.

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, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Oliverio and Stuart—2.

Absent: Fuller—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. 459) passed with its title.

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.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 29, Allowing physicians assistants to own practice.

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

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

On motion of Senator Weld, the following amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 2, section 29, line 27, by striking out "2030" and inserting in lieu thereof "2032";

And,

On page 4, section 5, line 14, by striking out "2030" and inserting in lieu thereof "2032";

And,

On page 5, section 5, line 35, by striking out "2030" and inserting in lieu thereof "2032".

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 50), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 124, Reducing statute of limitations on actions to recover on oral and written contracts.

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 198, Prohibiting creation, production, distribution, or possession of artificially generated child pornography.

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 456, Defining "men" and "women".

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 482, Certified Professional Midwife Licensing and Regulation.

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

Senate Bill 483, Increasing civil penalties for failure to file required campaign finance reports.

On second 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.

Senate Bill 496, Removing reflexology and other energy-based work from definition of "massage therapy".

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 534, Clarifying qualifications to be licensed to administer polygraphs.

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

Senate Bill 537, Establishing WV Mothers and Babies Pregnancy Support Program.

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.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 484, Relating to disclosures and penalties associated with use of synthetic media and artificial intelligence.

On first 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.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 486, Clarifying eligibility requirements to vote in WV elections.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 488, Clarifying definition of electioneering.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 489, Relating to election law violation complaints and procedures.

On first 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.

Senate Bill 490, Prohibiting ranked-choice voting in elections in West Virginia.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 552, Relating to Certified Business Expansion Development Program.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Senate then 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 Fuller.

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 27, 2025:

Senate Bill 10: Senator Rose;

Senate Bill 131: Senator Rose;

Senate Bill 241: Senator Rose;

Senate Bill 253: Senators Deeds and Woelfel;

Senate Bill 284: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 299: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 545: Senators Deeds and Taylor;

Senate Bill 558: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 581: Senators Thorne, Deeds, Hamilton, and Hart;

Senate Bill 618: Senators Rose and Rucker;

Senate Bill 619: Senators Woelfel and Thorne;

Senate Bill 620: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 621: Senators Woelfel and Thorne;

Senate Bill 622: Senators Woelfel and Thorne;

Senate Bill 623: Senators Woelfel and Thorne;

Senate Bill 624: Senators Woelfel and Thorne;

And,

Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 : Senator Rucker.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 10:40 a.m., the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 3, 2025, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

Monday, March 03, 2025
11:00 AM

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM

Consideration of executive nominations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S. C. R. 15 - Opposing China's use of UN Resolution 2758 against Taiwan

S. R. 18 - Designating March 3, 2025, as Future Farmers Day

H. C. R. 49 - Resolution relating to use of industrial sites and the potential impacts on downstream facilities

THIRD READING

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 29 - Allowing physicians assistants to own practice

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 124 - Reducing statute of limitations on actions to recover on oral and written contracts (original similar to HB3033)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 198 - Prohibiting creation, production, distribution, or possession of artificially generated child pornography

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 456 - Defining "men" and "women" (original similar to HB2006)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 482 - Certified Professional Midwife Licensing and Regulation

Eng. S. B. 496 - Removing reflexology and other energy-based work from definition of "massage therapy"

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

Eng. S. B. 537 - Establishing WV Mothers and Babies Pregnancy Support Program

SECOND READING

S. B. 483 - Increasing civil penalties for failure to file required campaign finance reports

Com. Sub. for S. B. 486 - Clarifying eligibility requirements to vote in WV elections

Com. Sub. for S. B. 488 - Clarifying definition of electioneering

S. B. 490 - Prohibiting ranked-choice voting in elections in West Virginia (original similar to HB2408, HB2683, SB133, SB226)

FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 154 - Prohibiting sexual orientation instruction in public schools

Com. Sub. for S. B. 284 - Relating to county board of education member orientation and compensation

Com. Sub. for S. B. 484 - Relating to disclosures and penalties associated with use of synthetic media and artificial intelligence

Com. Sub. for S. B. 487 - Removing ineligible voters from active voter rolls

Com. Sub. for S. B. 489 - Relating to election law violation complaints and procedures

Com. Sub. for S. B. 545 - Banning certain products from food in WV

Com. Sub. for S. B. 581 - Relating to school attendance and student participation in 4-H activities

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Government Organization	(Room 208W)
1 p.m.	Transportation & Infrastructure	(Room 451M)