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The Senate met at 11:12 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Michael T. Azinger, a senator from the third district.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Craig A. Hart, a senator from the sixth district.

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

At the request of Senator Weld, 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 amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 369, Authorizing miscellaneous boards and agencies to promulgate legislative rules.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page 6, section 3, lines 4 through 7, by striking out all of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 13, 2024, authorized under the authority of §311-1-13 of this code, modified by the State Auditor to meet the objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on October 17, 2024,

relating to the State Auditor (private trust companies, 155 CSR 12), is authorized with the following amendment:

On page 1, by striking out all of subsection 1.6. and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection 1.6. to read as follows:

1.6. Confidentiality. – Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 29B of the W. Va. Code, none of the following, which are submitted as part of any application for licensure under this Title, shall be subject to disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of the State of West Virginia or otherwise: any Form WVSAO-PTC-Bio, "Biographical Report," incorporated by reference in W. Va. Code R. 155-12-9.6, provided as Exhibit E or F to Form WVSAO-PTC-01 or otherwise; any list of Family Members or list of current or former employees provided as Exhibit H to Form WVSAO-PTC-01 or otherwise; and any Genealogical Chart provided as Exhibit I to Form WVSAO-PTC-01 or otherwise.;

On page 12, section 17, by striking out the section heading;

On page 12, section 17, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of section 17 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 369—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 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.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 369, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then 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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority 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) passed with its House of Delegates amended 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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

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.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 492, Removing outdated provisions governing political committees.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 621, Authorizing digital court records.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

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 763, Creating Public Electrical Savings Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 763 (originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining)—A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the creation of the Public Electrical Savings Act.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Rose,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 763) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 810, Clarifying requirements for administration of anesthesia.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 810 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying the qualifications required for the administration of anesthesia and chronic pain practice by certain licensed nurses.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 810) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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 820, Whistleblower Protection Fund Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 820 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16B-22-1, §16B-22-2, §16B-22-3, §16B-22-4, §16B-22-5, and §16B-22-6, relating to creating the Whistleblower Protection Fund Act; providing a short title; establishing findings and purpose; creating the Whistleblower Protection Fund as a special revenue fund; providing the fund's sources of funding; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to administer the article and fund; and setting forth reporting requirements.

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,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Barrett, as chair of the Committee on Finance, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of the bill contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Government Organization.

At the further request of Senator Barrett, and by unanimous consent, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 820) was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 839, Requiring Division of Labor establish separate rules for residential or commercial plumbing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Barrett, as chair of the Committee on Finance, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of the bill contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Government Organization.

At the further request of Senator Barrett, and by unanimous consent, the bill (S. B. 839) was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 Concurrent Resolution 22 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study incentives and policies to promote location of certain beverage container recycling and redemption centers in the state.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Rucker, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution (S. C. R. 22) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Government Organization was then referred to the Committee on Rules.

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 Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Woelfel [By Request of the Executive]:

Senate Bill 935—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security – Office of the Secretary, fund 0430, fiscal year 2025, organization 0601, and to the Department of Homeland Security, Division of Emergency Management, fund 0443, fiscal year 2025, organization 0606, by adding new items of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Woelfel [By Request of the Executive]:

Senate Bill 936—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Arts, Culture, and History, Division of Culture and History, fund 0293, fiscal year 2025, organization 0432, by adding new items of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Woelfel [By Request of the Executive]:

Senate Bill 937—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Economic Development – Office of the Secretary, fund 0256, fiscal year 2025, organization 0307, by adding a new item of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 21, Requesting study of sexual assault crime rates in WV.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 128, Preventing courts from ordering services at higher rate than Medicaid.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

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. 128) 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 595, Creating Mountain Bike Responsibility Act.

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, 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: Garcia—1.

Absent: None.

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. 595) 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 721, Authorizing use of unmanned aerial vehicles to track certain mortally wounded wild animals.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

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. 721) 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 800, Relating to insurance holding company systems.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

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. 800) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect January 1, 2026.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

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. 800) takes effect January 1, 2026.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2158, Relating to removal of a sunset clause for the West Virginia spy and neuter program.

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 referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 10, Exempting certain meat processes from consumers sales and service tax.

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

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

On page 15, section 9, line 354, after the word "pork," by inserting the word "goat,".

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 10), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 35, Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.

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 54, Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools.

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

On motions of Senators Woodrum and Oliverio, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 1, section 9b, line 1, by striking out the word "All" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "In collaboration with and utilizing guidance from the West Virginia Commission on Holocaust Education established pursuant to §5-28-1 *et seq.* of this code, all".

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 54), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Senate Bill 249, Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits.

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

Senate Bill 292, Allowing doula services be covered by Medicaid and PEIA.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464, Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 474, Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 526, Creating Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act.

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

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Rules, was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 5A. PHARMACIST PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY ACT.

§30-5A-1. Short title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act.

§30-5A-2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize pharmacists to practice the full extent of their education and training to prescribe low-risk medications to patients.

§30-5A-3. Practice of pharmacy.

The scope of the practice of pharmacy includes all of §30-5-1 *et seq.* of this code, as well as the prescribing of drugs, drug categories, or devices, excluding controlled substances, that are prescribed in accordance with the product's federal Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling and that are limited to conditions for which a relevant patient medication history has been taken and:

(1) Do not require a new diagnosis; or

(2) Have a test that is used to guide diagnosis or clinical decision-making that is waived under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 that indicates the existence of a condition that is minor and generally self-limiting; or

(3) In the professional judgment of the pharmacist, are patient emergencies.

(4) The pharmacist may, within 72 hours, notify the patient's primary care physician, if identified, of the test result and any permissible drug, drug categories, or devices that are prescribed.

§30-5A-4. Exemption from review requirements.

The addition of prescribing authority to the scope of the practice of pharmacy in West Virginia, as provided in §30-5A-3 of this code, is exempt from the requirements of §30-1A-1 et seq. of this code.

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the Rules committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 526) was reported by the Clerk:

On page 1, section 3, after line 13, by adding a new subdivision (5) to read as follows:

(5) Any prescription dispensed or prescribed pursuant to this article is limited to up to a 30-day supply within a six-month period: *Provided*, That if more than 10 days is prescribed or dispensed, then the pharmacist shall notify the primary care physician, if identified.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Martin's amendment to the Rules committee amendment to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

The question now being on the adoption of the Rules committee amendment to the bill, as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 526), as amended, was again ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 587, Relating generally to government contracting.

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 617, Discouraging gang activity.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 646, Increasing non-traditional instruction days for WV teachers.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 652, Expanding cardiac arrest provisions to be applicable to elementary schools.

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

Senate Bill 655, Providing limited immunity for mental health providers who are involved in mental hygiene checks.

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 705, Allowing Board of Education to promulgate rules for submission to Legislature.

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

Senate Bill 725, Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies.

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 864, Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution.

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.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 899, Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2382, Camping ban on certain public property.

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 referred to the Committee on Rules.

Eng. House Bill 2402, Relating to providing access to medical records; providing access to a minor's medical record.

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.

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2411, To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards.

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.

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 505, Ensuring Reliable and Affordable Electricity Act.

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

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senator Grady.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 11:48 a.m., the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 4:54 p.m. and, at the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, returned 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 2111—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article designated §31-17B-1; §31-17B-2; §31-17B-3; §31-17B-4; §31-17B-5; §31-17B-6; and §31-17B-7; relating to establishing the Uniform Mortgage Modification Act; providing an article citation designation; defining terms; providing the applicability of this article to certain mortgage modifications and providing exceptions thereto; providing that certain existing terms and conditions of a mortgage continue to be in effect when other specified terms are modified without altering the loans secured priority against the property for which the loan is held; requesting courts to promote uniformity between states when applying and construing this act; providing that this act does limit and modify certain provisions of the Global and National Commerce Act and providing an exception thereto; and providing that the provisions of this act apply only to those mortgage modifications made on or after the effective date of the act.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body, to take effect July 1, 2025, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2499—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-3-13, relating to creating an in-person training course for principals in public schools; informing teachers of their state rights and protections; and providing for an Individualized Education Program meeting format.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; 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. House Bill 2948—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-24A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to obtaining titles to abandoned or junked motor vehicles abandoned on the property or place of business of an automobile dealer, licensed automobile auction, motor vehicle repair facility or towing company; and removing the requirement that the loan value of the motor vehicle be less than \$9,500 to allow the automobile dealer, licensed automobile auction, motor vehicle repair facility or towing company to obtain a certificate of title and registration for the abandoned motor vehicle or junked vehicle.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; 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 3168—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to add a new article designated §46A-6O-1, relating to creating The Rosi Act; requiring that entities providing goods, services, or utilities allow changes to be made to an electronic account by telephone or mail; and providing for enforcement.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; 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. House Bill 3274—A Bill to amend and reenact §51-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reports of circuit court proceedings; and authorizing circuit courts to appoint court reporters or use electronic means approved by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Referred 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. House Bill 3275—A Bill to amend and reenact §58-5-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to time for appeal; providing that the time for filing a notice of appeal, perfecting an appeal, and filing related documents with the Intermediate Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Appeals shall be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Eng. House Bill 3277—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-29A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Hospital Finance Authority Act; and providing definitions.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

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 3336—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-6-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to methods of plugging a wells; defining the terms "modern well" and "non-modern well"; eliminating four and one-half inch casing for modern or later-day wells; eliminating the removal of intermediate or surface casings for non-modern or older wells; establishing requirements concerning plugs and casing perforations; establishing monitoring and documentation requirements; and exempting the removal of casing under certain defined circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; 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 3338—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-6B-2 and §62-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending the definition of "child witness", also relating to allowing testimony of child witnesses by closed-circuit television in matters that allege physical, sexual, or psychological abuse to the child;

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption of the following resolutions:

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

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

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

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 54—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 52-009/00.004.54(52A159) at Latitude/Longitude 39.70766, -80.53262,

locally known as Sugar Run Bridge carrying CR 09 over West Virginia Fork of Fish Creek in Wetzel County, the "U.S. Army PFC Howard Bissett Memorial Bridge".

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

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

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

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

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

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 67—Requesting the Division of Highways name a planned bridge in Kanawha County, beginning at Latitude 38.355694, Longitude -81.713474, carrying Jefferson Road, County Route 601, over Kanawha Boulevard and Davis Creek, ending at Latitude 38.353792, Longitude -81.711736, the "U. S. Army 2nd Lt Darwin Keith 'Gus' Kyle Memorial Bridge—a Medal of Honor Recipient", with a Medal of Honor symbol after his name.

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

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

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

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

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

The preceding resolutions were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 72—Proclaiming March "Black Lung Awareness Month" in West Virginia to both pay tribute to those who have or are suffering from coal worker's pneumoconiosis and to help reduce the risk of black lung disease in coal miners.

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

The Senate again proceeded to the fourth order of business.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 89, Creating alternative high-risk population public charter schools.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it 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, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 225, Expanding powers of National Park Service law-enforcement officers.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 225 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-10-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding the powers of law-enforcement officers of the National Park Service to include the authority to enforce all laws of this state and the authority to investigate pursuant to that authority.

With the recommendation that the 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 252, Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients.

And,

Senate Bill 913, Relating to brain injury screening training.

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,

Laura Wakim Chapman,
Chair.

The bills, under the original double committee references, were 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 529, Relating generally to liability insurance coverage for Board of Education.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 529 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-19d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the minimum amount of insurance that county boards of education must maintain in order for the specified limitation of liability to apply; and requiring that the insurance purchased be obtained from a company licensed to do business in this state.

And,

Senate Bill 737, Creating WV Farm Equipment Repair Pilot Program.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 737 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §19-40-1, §19-40-2, §19-40-3, and §19-40-4, relating to creating the West Virginia Farm Equipment Repair Pilot Program; stating legislative findings; providing definitions; allowing the Commissioner of Agriculture, when a need is identified by one of the specified entities, to authorize a farm equipment repair pilot program in which a career and technical education center, comprehensive high school, or the community and technical college works with businesses to establish and facilitate a program to ensure that instructors are provided with the educational or technologies required to make localized repairs to farm equipment and train students for future jobs in the program; limiting number of pilot programs to five; allowing program to be set up in a community partnership-style arrangement and to be initiated by first meeting with the commissioner to collaborate and form a plan of implementation, operation, and scope that will result in a functional effort and startup model; allowing certain agreements to be included in the deliverable, result-based items included in the strategic plan of implementation; prohibiting repair providers and businesses from being required to disclose any proprietary training, tools, or software to participate in the pilot programs; allowing pilot program to be facilitated under guidelines set forth by the commissioner alongside educational partners; and requiring the commissioner, in collaboration with the West Virginia Board of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission, to propose legislative rules for promulgation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, as a member of the Committee on Finance, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 529 contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Education.

At the further request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 529 was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 737, 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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 570 (originating in the Committee on Economic Development), Requiring economic impact statements for certain legislative rules.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 570 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §29A-3-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the submission of legislative rules; establishing factors to be considered in determining economic impact of proposed legislative rules; and mandating Legislative Rule-Making Committee identify whether rule submission met statutory requirements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 570) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 690, Authorizing county commissions to increase compensation of elected county officials.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 690 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-7-1 and §7-7-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing county commissions to increase the compensation of elected county officials.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 690) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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 821, Requiring child protective services workers to wear body-worn cameras.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 821 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-802 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to body-worn cameras; requiring Child Protective Services workers to attempt to wear body-worn cameras during investigations; requiring workers to obtain consent to use body worn cameras; permitting workers to refrain from using cameras in specific circumstances; requiring audio and video to be maintained for specified time frame; and stating that audio and video file is part of the confidential child welfare record.

Senate Bill 822, Requiring Department of Human Services use mobile technology to assist in certain investigations.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 822 (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 section, designated §49-2-815, relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the use of mobile devices in child abuse and neglect investigations; setting forth effective date; setting forth requirements for system; setting forth term of pilot program; and requiring reporting.

Senate Bill 905, Requiring PEIA and other health insurance providers to provide payment parity for certain services.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 905 (originating in the Committee on Health and Human Resources)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7, §33-15-4u, §33-16-3ff, §33-24-7u, §33-25-8r, and §33-25A-8u of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency and other health insurance providers to provide payment parity for the same services provided between behavioral health, mental health, and medical and surgical health care providers; setting forth providers eligible for parity payment; providing requirements for claim submission; prohibiting insurer from reducing reimbursement paid to physician; and setting forth an effective date.

And,

Senate Bill 922, Streamlining and enhancing early childhood education and child care services in WV.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 922 (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 §18-3A-1, §18-3A-2, §18-3A-3, §18-3A-4, and §18-3A-5, relating to coordinating early childhood education in West Virginia; setting forth program's purpose; requiring the West Virginia Department of Education and Department of Health to coordinate programs; requiring reporting; and setting forth effective date.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wakim Chapman,
Chair.

The bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 821, 822, 905, and 922), 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 823, Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 823 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-5B-3a and §15-5C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to revising the statutes to clarify and separate duties identified in the code between the Division of Emergency Management and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection according to what each agency has the resources and expertise to fulfill; delegating the duties of investigation of industrial facility emergency events and emergency incidents by well and pipeline operators that are reported to the Division of Emergency Management; and implementing fines and penalties imposed upon industrial facilities and well and pipeline operators to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Senate Bill 829, Modifying classes of state of preparedness declared by Governor or Legislature.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 829 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-5-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying the declaration of a state of preparedness; alleviating the two classes of state of preparedness for simplicity; and providing one level of a state of preparedness similar to having only one level for a state of emergency.

Senate Bill 861, Updating references to reflect consolidation of Information Services and Communications Division into Office of Technology.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 861 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §12-3-10e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the Purchasing Card Advisory Committee membership to revise the names of outdated titles for certain state entities and to reflect the consolidation of the Information Services and Communications Division into the Office of Technology.

And,

Senate Bill 871, Removing persons who perform drywall services from definition of "contractor" in Contractor Licensing Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 871 (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend and reenact §30-42-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to professions and occupations; and providing that the definition of "contractor" in the Contractor Licensing Act does not include persons who perform drywall services for residential customers.

With the recommendation that the four committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 823, 829, 861, and 871) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization were each taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Jeffries, from the Committee on Economic Development, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Economic Development has had under consideration

Senate Bill 825, Permitting higher education institutions enter agreements with non-profit organizations for economic development and job creation.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 825 (originating in the Committee on Economic Development)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-12-1 and §18B-12-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18B-12-11, relating to permitting higher education institutions to enter into agreements with certain nonprofit organizations for purposes of economic development and job creation; defining terms; clarifying legislative findings and purpose; and establishing powers to govern the business relationship of any state higher education institution and nonprofit corporation contracting for such economic development purposes.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn D. Jeffries,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 825) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Economic Development was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Jeffries, from the Committee on Economic Development, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Economic Development has had under consideration

Senate Bill 834, Relating to tax credit for qualified rehabilitated buildings investment.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 834 (originating in the Committee on Economic Development)—
A Bill to amend and reenact §11-24-23a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the tax credit for qualified rehabilitated buildings investment; and providing that tax credit shall be available for the year the qualified rehabilitated building is placed-in-service.

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,

Glenn D. Jeffries,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 834), 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 866, Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate legislative rule in consultation with WV Board of Physical Therapy.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it 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 856, Removing certain reporting requirements to Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Senate Bill 862, Repealing antiquated language related to Voluntary Gilding Dome Check-Off Program.

Senate Bill 863, Removing reference to Information Services and Communications Division.

And,

Senate Bill 876, Terminating certain requirements for Tax Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bills (S. B. 856, 862, 863, and 876) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Government Organization were each taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

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

Your Committee on Pensions has had under consideration

Senate Bill 872, Allowing certain contracted counsel for executive agencies to purchase years of service in PERS.

And has amended same.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Oliverio II,
Chair.

The bill, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance, with an amendment from the Committee on Pensions pending.

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 887, Creating intermediate conservatorship or guardianship process prior to individual being involuntarily committed.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 887 (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 section, designated §27-5-12, relating to creating an intermediate conservatorship or guardianship process prior to an individual being involuntarily committed; providing definitions; establishing the process to initiate a conservatorship or guardianship; establishing shortened

times for temporary conservatorship or guardianship petition to be heard; allowing facility to hold an individual during that time period; establishing coordination with involuntary commitment proceedings; and authorizing rulemaking.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wakim Chapman,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 887), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were removed as co-sponsors of the following bills on March 24, 2025:

Senate Bill 804: Senator Grady;

And,

Senate Bill 810: 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 March 24, 2025:

Senate Bill 89: Senators Willis and Rose;

Senate Bill 255: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 260: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 261: Senators Helton and Rose;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 439: Senator Willis;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464: Senator Rose;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 570: Senators Rose and Willis;

Senate Bill 617: Senators Bartlett and Willis;

Senate Bill 722: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 755: Senator Helton;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 765: Senator Grady;

Senate Bill 807: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 810: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 832: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 849: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 867: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 879: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 881: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 888: Senator Woelfel;

Senate Bill 911: Senator Roberts;

Senate Bill 929: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 933: Senator Martin;

Senate Bill 934: Senator Woelfel;

Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 6: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16: Senator Jeffries;

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17: Senator Jeffries;

And,

Senate Concurrent Resolution 19: Senator Jeffries.

Pending announcement of a meeting of a standing committee of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 5:11 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM

Consideration of executive nominations

THIRD READING

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 10 - Exempting certain meat processes from consumers sales and service tax (original similar to HB2146)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 35 - Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 54 - Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools

Eng. S. B. 249 - Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits

Eng. S. B. 292 - Allowing doula services be covered by Medicaid and PEIA

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 464 - Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 474 - Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs (original similar to HB2005)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 526 - Creating Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 587 - Relating generally to government contracting

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 617 - Discouraging gang activity

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 646 - Increasing non-traditional instruction days for WV teachers

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 652 - Expanding cardiac arrest provisions to be applicable to elementary schools

Eng. S. B. 655 - Providing limited immunity for mental health providers who are involved in mental hygiene checks (original similar to HB3093)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 705 - Allowing Board of Education to promulgate rules for submission to Legislature

Eng. S. B. 725 - Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 899 - Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices

SECOND READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 505 - Ensuring Reliable and Affordable Electricity Act
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 529 - Relating generally to liability insurance coverage for Board of Education
- Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 570 - Requiring economic impact statements for certain legislative rules
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 690 - Authorizing county commissions to increase compensation of elected county officials
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 763 - Creating Public Electrical Savings Act
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 820 - Whistleblower Protection Fund Act
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 823 - Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 825 - Permitting higher education institutions enter agreements with non-profit organizations for economic development and job creation
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 829 - Modifying classes of state of preparedness declared by Governor or Legislature
- S. B. 839 - Requiring Division of Labor establish separate rules for residential or commercial plumbing
- S. B. 856 - Removing certain reporting requirements to Joint Committee on Government and Finance
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 861 - Updating references to reflect consolidation of Information Services and Communications Division into Office of Technology
- S. B. 862 - Repealing antiquated language related to Voluntary Gilding Dome Check-Off Program
- S. B. 863 - Removing reference to Information Services and Communications Division
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 864 - Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution
- Com. Sub. for S. B. 871 - Removing persons who perform drywall services from definition of "contractor" in Contractor Licensing Act
- S. B. 876 - Terminating certain requirements for Tax Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice
- Eng. H. B. 2402 - Relating to providing access to medical records; providing access to a minor's medical record - (com. amend. pending)
- Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2411 - To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards

FIRST READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 225 - Expanding powers of National Park Service law-enforcement officers

S. B. 866 - Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate legislative rule in consultation with
WV Board of Physical Therapy

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2025

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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| 9:30 a.m. | Natural Resources | (Room 208W) |
| 2 p.m. | Banking & Insurance | (Room 451M) |