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Charleston, West Virginia, Wednesday, March 26, 2025

The Senate met at 11:05 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Bret Layton, Superintendent of the West Virginia South District Church of the Nazarene, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Glenn D. Jeffries, a senator from the eighth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 25, 2025,

At the request of Senator Chapman, 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, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 199, Relating to elementary behavior intervention and safety.

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 3, line 33, after the words "school social worker" by adding a comma, and the words "behavior specialist, board certified behavior analyst, school psychologist, or other qualified employee with expertise in the behavioral area"

and,

On page 3, line 43, after the words "school social worker" by adding a comma, and the words "behavior specialist, board certified behavior analyst, school psychologist, or other qualified employee with expertise in the behavioral area"

and,

On page 4, line 73, after the words "school social worker" by adding a comma, and the words "behavior specialists, board certified behavior analysts, school psychologists, and other qualified employees with expertise in the behavioral area"

and,

On page 6, line 118, after the words "in an elementary setting" by adding a comma, and the words "or pre-K teacher at a publicly funded pre-K facility,".

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the House of Delegates amendments to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 199) was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 199—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to addressing student behavior issues; modifying provisions pertaining to student disorderly conduct, interference with an orderly educational process, obstruction of the teaching or learning process of others, threat, abuse, intimidation, attempted intimidation, willful disobedience of a school employee, or abusive or profane language directed at a school employee; adding partnering with a licensed behavioral health agency as any option for county boards to use to correct student behaviors; requiring students in alternative learning centers, in alternative placements, or with a licensed behavioral health agency to meet regularly with a school social worker, behavior specialist, board certified behavior analyst, school psychologist, or other qualified employee with expertise in the behavioral area to address certain behavioral and mental health concerns and to assist in developing a transition plan back to the classroom and with that transition; clarifying that nothing herein may be construed to conflict with certain federal laws; requiring that county board discipline action policies provide that school social workers, behavior specialists, board certified behavior analysts, school psychologists, and other qualified employees with expertise in the behavioral area provide the training of school personnel in alternatives to discipline practices; defining terms; specifying protocol for when a grade kindergarten through six teacher, or a pre-K teacher at a publicly funded pre-K facility, in an elementary setting determines that the behavior of the student is violent, threatening, or intimidating toward staff or peers, or creates an unsafe learning environment or impedes on the other students' ability to learn in a safe environment; specifying protocol for when a county board does not have access to a behavioral intervention program; requiring State Board of Education rule which adopts a statewide disciplinary policy; and allowing school counselors, school social workers, or school psychologists to provide behavioral support.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments, as amended.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 199, as amended, 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. 199) passed with its Senate amended title.

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

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 283, Expanding grade levels of personal finance course requirements needed for graduation.

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 1, section (c), line 9, after "their" and inserting "8th,"

And;

On page 1, section (c), line 10, after "to the" and inserting "8th"

And;

On page 1, section (c), line 12, after "during the" and inserting "8th".

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

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 283, 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. 283) passed with its title.

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 rejection by that body of

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 460, Relating to vaccine requirements.

Executive Communications

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



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 25, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Eighty-Seven (487), which was presented to me on March 19, 2025.

You will note that I have approved this bill on March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,

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

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Jeff Pack, Clerk

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 707, Providing increase in salary to WV Birth-to-Three contracted therapists and employees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 707) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Senate Bill 833, Excluding pharmaceutical medication from prior authorization gold card process.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 833 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7f, §9-5-32, §33-15-4s, §33-16-3dd, §33-24-7s, §33-25-8p, and §33-25a-8s of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prior authorization; and clarifying that pharmaceutical medication if excluded from the prior authorization gold card process.

And,

Senate Bill 934, Relating to low-proof spirit alcohol products.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 934 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §60-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §60-8B-1, §60-8B-2, §60-8B-3, §60-8B-4, and §60-8B-5, relating to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of low-proof spirit alcohol products.

With the recommendation that the two committee substitutes do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,

Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 833 and 934) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance were each 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 865, Relating to best interests of child standard.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 865 (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 §49-4-611, relating to the best interests of the child standard; establishing that the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration in all decisions made by specific state entities and individuals; providing that it is a comprehensive assessment; laying out the factors to assess; providing that all policies must be consistent with this principle; providing for review and appeal of decisions; and providing that guardian ad litem must advocate solely for the best interest of the child.

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. 865), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 881, Modifying authority of certain higher education entities to sell and transfer property.

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 Government Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

The bill, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

Senators Thorne and Hamilton offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 41—Designating March 27, 2025, as Local Food and Farm Day at the Legislature.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

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

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, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Tarr—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. 10) passed.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 10—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting the processing of beef, pork, goat, or lamb by a slaughterhouse from the consumers sales and service tax.

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 35, Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.

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. 35) 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 54, Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools.

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

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 54 pass?"

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. 54) 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 249, Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Garcia and Woelfel—2.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 249) 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 292, Allowing doula services be covered by Medicaid and PEIA.

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. S. B. 292) 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 Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464, Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor.

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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 464) 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 Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 474, Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

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

Pending extended discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 474 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard,

Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Garcia and Woelfel—2.

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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 474) 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 526, Creating Pharmacist Prescribing Authority 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, 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)—33.

The nays were: Chapman—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. 526) passed.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 526—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §30-5A-1, §30-5A-2, §30-5A-3, and §30-5A-4, relating to creating the Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act; authorizing pharmacists to prescribe low-risk medications to patients; listing the limitations of the prescriptions that fall under that authority; providing that pharmacist may notify the patient's primary care physician, if identified, within 72 hours; limiting prescription dispensed or prescribed to a 30-day supply within a six-month timeframe; requiring the pharmacist to notify the primary care physician, if identified, if more than 10 days is prescribed or dispensed; and exempting addition to scope of pharmacy practice from sunrise review.

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

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

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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 587) 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 617, Discouraging gang activity.

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

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, 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)—33.

The nays were: Chapman—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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 646) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, 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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 646) 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 Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 652, Expanding cardiac arrest provisions to be applicable to elementary schools.

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 Com. Sub. for S. B. 652) 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 655, Providing limited immunity for mental health providers who are involved in mental hygiene checks.

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, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—26.

The nays were: Chapman, Garcia, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Rose, Thorne, and Woelfel—8.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 655) 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 705, Allowing Board of Education to promulgate rules for submission to Legislature.

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

Pending extended discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 705 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, and Smith (Mr. President)—19.

The nays were: Boley, Clements, Deeds, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel, and Woodrum—15.

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. 705) 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 725, Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies.

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. S. B. 725) 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 899, Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

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. 899) passed with its title.

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

At the request of Senator Queen, and by unanimous consent, Senator Queen addressed the Senate regarding Pancreatic Awareness Day at the Legislature.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing and select committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 12:50 p.m., the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 4:43 p.m. and proceeded to the ninth order of business.

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

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 529, Relating generally to liability insurance coverage for Board of Education.

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 570, Requiring economic impact statements for certain legislative rules.

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

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

On page 2, section 11, line 21, by striking out the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and";

On page 2, section 11, line 22, by striking out the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and";

On page 2, section 11, line 25, by striking out the word "or" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and";

And,

On page 4, section 11, lines 79 and 80, by striking out "agency's proposed legislative rule followed the established requirements stated in §29A-3-11(a)(1)-(11) of this code" and inserting in lieu thereof "agency failed to comply with any requirement of §29A-3-11(a) of this code when submitting the proposed rule".

The bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 570), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 690, Authorizing county commissions to increase compensation of elected county officials.

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 763, Creating Public Electrical Savings Act.

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 820, Whistleblower Protection Fund Act.

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 823, Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP.

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

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

On page 8, section 2, after line 57, by inserting a new subsection, designated (h), to read as follows:

(h) All moneys collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Emergency Response Fund, as established pursuant to §22-19-3 of this code.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 823), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

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

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 856, Removing certain reporting requirements to Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

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

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

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

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

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

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 read a second time.

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

On page 1, section 11, lines 16 and 17, by striking out all of subsection (e).

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 864), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

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

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

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

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

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 standard .

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

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

Senate Bill 866, Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate legislative rule in consultation with WV Board of Physical Therapy.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the Senate 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. House Bill 2646—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-39 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting students in eighth and ninth grades to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

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 2960—A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-9-1, relating to a pilot program for snow removal; requiring requests for proposals; establishing a time limit; establishing liability; creating criminal penalties; and providing terms for cancelling a contract.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 3000—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-14-2, §19-14-5, §19-14-10, and §19-14-14, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §19-14-17; relating to commercial feed law; providing updated definitions; clarifying changes to feed adulteration; authorizing rules; authorizing regulations under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; clarifying prohibited acts; updating the West Virginia Commercial Feed Law; and providing a severability clause.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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 3139—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5G-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to making April 30 of the proposed school year the application deadline in the case of a conversion public charter school or a program conversion public charter school, for the purpose of soliciting applications for public charter schools, for applicants to complete applications, and for establishing quality charter contracts that include a framework for performance standards.

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 3144—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new chapter, designated §31J-1-1, §31J-1-2, §31J-1-3, §31J-1-4, §31J-1-5, and §31J-1-6, all relating to wireless tower facilities and infrastructure; providing for conditions of permitting and applications for siting and colocation of wireless tower facilities and equipment; providing definitions; clarifying the timing and conditions to act on siting applications; clarifying the timing and conditions to act on wireless facilities and equipment modifications; establishing process and procedures for review of applications for siting and modifications; creating civil penalties; codifying the adoption of a construction code to be applicable to wireless infrastructure; providing for remedies; providing for and defining fees for applications; providing conflict of law provisions; and preserving state preemption.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

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 3272—A Bill to amend and reenact §55-3A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eviction proceedings; requiring hearing to be scheduled upon filing the petition; and providing that the hearing shall be scheduled five to 10 judicial days following filing of the petition.

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

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. House Bill 3504—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-10-34 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to protecting critical infrastructure; and defining terms.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Executive Communications

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



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 26, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

Senate Bill No. Eight (8), which was presented to me on March 20, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Eighty-Six (486), which was presented to me on March 20, 2025.

You will note that I have approved these bills on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,


Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Jeff Pack, Clerk



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 26, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

House Bill No. Two Thousand Twenty-Two (2222), which was presented to me on March 20, 2025.

You will note that I have approved this bill on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,


Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis, Clerk

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 506 (originating in the Committee on Education), Relating to enhanced pay for teachers.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 506 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18A-4-2d, relating to enhanced pay for certain teachers; setting out legislative findings; defining terms; requiring use of the highest of two multipliers to be used to set the amount of the market pay enhancement; requiring market pay enhancement to be adjusted annually; providing payments are in excess of certain other amounts; requiring West Virginia Board of Education report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance; and allowing West Virginia Board of Education rules to explain and implement this new section.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 506) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Senate Bill 576, Authorizing fixed odds racing in horse and dog racing.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 576 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22D-3 and §29-22D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding five new sections, designated §29-22D-15a, §29-22D-17a, §29-22D-17b, §29-22D-17c, and §29-22D-25, relating to fixed odds racing; authorizing fixed odds racing in horse and dog racing; defining terms; creating a special revenue account entitled Fixed Odds Horse Racing Wagering Purse Supplement Fund; providing for administration of the fund; providing for distribution of certain proceeds into the fund; providing for use of the funds; allowing funds to be invested; providing for distribution of funds; creating a special revenue account entitled Fixed Odds Dog Racing Wagering Purse Supplement Fund; providing for administration of the fund; providing for distribution of certain proceeds into the fund; providing for use of the funds;

allowing funds to be invested; providing for distribution of funds; precluding certain individuals from wagering; making conforming amendments; and making technical corrections.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 576) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 708, Providing state mine inspectors with raise.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 708) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Hamilton, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Natural Resources has had under consideration

Senate Bill 801, Creating WV Public Waterway Access Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 801 (originating in the Committee on Natural Resources)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §20-3C-1, §20-3C-2, §20-3C-3, and §20-3C-4, relating to creating the West Virginia Public Waterway Act; establishing purpose and legislative findings; defining terms; requiring public access at bridge crossings in certain circumstances; and requiring Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Division of Natural Resources, to develop guidelines to implement West Virginia Public Waterway Act.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hamilton,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 801), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

Senator Hart, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration

Senate Bill 805, Relating to land use associations.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 805 (originating in the Committee on Agriculture)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §36-4-20, relating to promoting personal agriculture; defining terms; declaring policy; providing that a covenant, restriction, or condition imposed by a homeowners association that unreasonably restricts cultivation of personal gardens or ownership of chickens is void and unenforceable; providing for exceptions; and providing for limitations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig A. Hart,
Chair.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 805), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

Senator Hart, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration

Senate Bill 844, Exempting coturnix quail from game farm requirement if they are owned for agricultural purposes.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 844 (originating in the Committee on Agriculture)—A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-47 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to licenses for private game farm for propagating animals and birds for commercial purposes.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig A. Hart,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 844) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Agriculture was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Azinger, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Banking and Insurance has had under consideration

Senate Bill 850, Creating Protecting Investors Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 850 (originating in the Committee on Banking and Insurance)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §31D-8-870 and §31D-8-871, relating to the creation of the Protecting Shareholders Act; providing definitions; establishing standards for a breach of fiduciary duty; and specifying prima facie evidence of breach of fiduciary duty.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. Azinger,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 850) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Banking and Insurance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 874 (originating in the Committee on Pensions), Permitting current home confinement officers to participate in Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 874 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5V-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §16-5V-6f, relating to permitting current home confinement officers in this state to participate in the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System; updating definitions; including home confinement officers as members in the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System; and providing for home confinement officers to

transfer from the Public Employees Retirement System to the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 874) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Azinger, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Banking and Insurance has had under consideration

Senate Bill 878, Reallocating portion of fire insurance and casualty premium tax to Municipal Pensions Security Fund in certain circumstances.

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,

Michael T. Azinger,
Chair.

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

Senator Hamilton, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Natural Resources has had under consideration

Eng. House Bill 2387, To repeal the class A1 Pistol stamp for hunting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hamilton,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Eng. H. B. 2387) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Natural Resources was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

The Senate proceeded to the fifth order of business.

Senator Helton, from the Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health has had under consideration

Senate Bill 739, Relating to recovery residences.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 739 (originating in the Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health)—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-59-1, §16-62-1, and §16-62-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §16-59-1a, relating to recovery residences; setting forth legislative findings; reorganizing definitions section; and correcting internal citations in other sections of code referencing the definitions section.

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,

Brian Helton,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Stuart, as chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of the bill contained in the foregoing report from the Select Committee on Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

The following communications were reported by the Clerk:

The Senate of West Virginia
Charleston

LEE CASSIS
CLERK OF THE SENATE



STATE CAPITOL, ROOM M-211
1900 KANAWHA BLVD. EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25305-0800
304-357-7800

March 26, 2025

The Honorable Patrick Morrisey, II
Governor, State of West Virginia
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Morrisey,

The following bill, authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of each House, and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, has been examined and found truly enrolled:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 336, Authorizing Department of Homeland Security to promulgate legislative rules.

This bill is presented to you on this day, March 26, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Cassis".

Lee Cassis
Clerk of the Senate

C: The Honorable Jeffrey Pack
Clerk of the House of Delegates

The Senate of West Virginia
Charleston

LEE CASSIS
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March 26, 2025

The Honorable Patrick Morrisey, II
Governor, State of West Virginia
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
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Dear Governor Morrisey,

The following bills, authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of each House, and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, have been examined and found truly enrolled:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 369, Authorizing miscellaneous boards and agencies to promulgate legislative rules;

S. B. 492, Removing outdated provisions governing political committees;

And,

S. B. 621, Authorizing digital court records.

These bills are presented to you on this day, March 26, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Cassis".

Lee Cassis
Clerk of the Senate

C: The Honorable Jeffrey Pack
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senator was removed as a co-sponsor of the following bill on March 25, 2025:

Senate Bill 757: Senator Helton.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills on March 25, 2025:

Senate Bill 472: Senators Weld and Willis;

Senate Bill 690: Senators Hamilton and Taylor;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 707: Senator Morris;

Senate Bill 763: Senator Taylor;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 802: Senator Hamilton;

Senate Bill 839: Senators Maynard and Rose;

Senate Bill 849: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 850: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 855: Senator Hamilton;

Senate Bill 864: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 865: Senator Rose;

Senate Bill 891: Senator Willis;

And,

Senate Bill 911: Senator Oliverio.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 5:02 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 27, 2025
11:00 AM**

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM

Consideration of executive nominations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S. R. 41 - Designating March 27, 2025, as Local Food and Farm Day

THIRD READING

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 505 - Ensuring Reliable and Affordable Electricity Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 529 - Relating generally to liability insurance coverage for Board of Education

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 570 - Requiring economic impact statements for certain legislative rules

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 820 - Whistleblower Protection Fund Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 823 - Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 825 - Permitting higher education institutions enter agreements with non-profit organizations for economic development and job creation

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 829 - Modifying classes of state of preparedness declared by Governor or Legislature

Eng. S. B. 839 - Requiring Division of Labor establish separate rules for residential or commercial plumbing

Eng. S. B. 856 - Removing certain reporting requirements to Joint Committee on Government and Finance

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 861 - Updating references to reflect consolidation of Information Services and Communications Division into Office of Technology

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Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 864 - Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 871 - Removing persons who perform drywall services from definition of "contractor" in Contractor Licensing Act

Eng. S. B. 876 - Terminating certain requirements for Tax Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice

SECOND READING

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 506 - Relating to enhanced pay for certain teachers

Com. Sub. for S. B. 576 - Authorizing fixed odds racing in horse and dog racing (original similar to HB3418)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 690 - Authorizing county commissions to increase compensation of elected county officials

Com. Sub. for S. B. 707 - Providing increase in salary to WV Birth-to-Three contracted therapists and employees

Com. Sub. for S. B. 708 - Providing state mine inspectors with raise

Com. Sub. for S. B. 763 - Creating Public Electrical Savings Act

Com. Sub. for S. B. 833 - Excluding pharmaceutical medication from prior authorization gold card process

Com. Sub. for S. B. 844 - Exempting non-native quail and partridge from game farm requirement if owned for agricultural purposes

Com. Sub. for S. B. 850 - Creating Protecting Shareholders Act

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 874 - Permitting current home confinement officers to participate in Emergency Medical Services Retirement System

Com. Sub. for S. B. 934 - Relating to low-proof spirit alcohol products

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

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. 739 - Relating to recovery residences

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2025

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Education	(Room 451M)
9:30 a.m.	Government Organization	(Room 208W)