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Charleston, West Virginia, Friday, March 28, 2025

The Senate met at 12:20 p.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Dr. Seth N. Polk, Lead Pastor, Cross Lanes Baptist Church, Cross Lanes, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Robert Morris, Jr., a senator from the eleventh district.

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

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

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

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

Executive Communications

The following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, was reported by the Clerk:



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 27, 2025

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 2
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Randy Smith
West Virginia Senate
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear President Smith:

I herewith submit, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, revisions to the FY 2026 budget bill I presented to the Legislature on February 12, 2025, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

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

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

PM/hq



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Randy Smith
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 229-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 228-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Smith and Speaker Hanshaw:

After submission of my recommended FY 2026 Executive Budget on February 12, 2025, there are areas that require adjustment.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 51, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I submit revisions to the FY 2026 Budget Bill for the following sections:

TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.

Executive

Governor's Office, Fund 0105, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0100

(To add a new item of appropriation.)

- "Civil Contingent Fund (R)" (fund 0105, appropriation 61400) for \$9,308,802.

Department of Administration

West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board, Fund 0220, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0219

(To increase and restore cuts to the Personal Services and Employee Benefits.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" (fund 0220, appropriation 00100) by \$100,000.

Office of Technology, Fund 0204, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0231

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(To decrease Directed Transfer appropriation to offset funds needed in fund 0220.)

- Decrease "Directed Transfer" (fund 0204, appropriation 70000) by \$100,000.

Department of Tourism

Department of Tourism – Office of the Secretary, Fund 0246, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0304

(To add a new line of appropriation and restore funding for Tourism which was funded in the previous fiscal year with FY25 surplus.)

- Add "Tourism (R)" (fund 0246, appropriation XXXXX) for \$7,000,000.

Division of Culture and History, Fund 0293, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0432

(To restore funding for WV Humanities Council.)

- Add "WV Humanities Council" (fund 0293, appropriation 16800) for \$250,000.

Department of Education

State Board of Education – State Department of Education, Fund 0313, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0402

(To decrease Hope Scholarship Program appropriation to correctly reflect the per pupil average provided by WV Department of Education – Office of School Finance.)

- Decrease "Hope Scholarship Program" (fund 0313, appropriation 30401) by \$4,344,832.

State Board of Education – State Aid to Schools, Fund 0317, Appropriation "Less Local Share"

(To decrease "Less Local Share" and "Adjustments" modifications to accurately reflect certified property valuations provided by County Assessors. The new "Less Local Share" total will now be -\$566,787,626 and the new "Adjustments" total will be -\$3,422,328)

- Decrease "Less Local Share" (fund 0317) by \$3,368,658.
- Decrease "Adjustments" (fund 0317) by \$8,845,312.

Department of Veterans' Assistance

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Personal Services and Employee Benefits to move FTE. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" (fund 0456, appropriation 00100) by \$113,249.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Current Expenses to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase "Current Expenses" (fund 0456, appropriation 13000) by \$75,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Veterans' Field Offices to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase "Veterans' Field Offices (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 22800) by \$180,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To decrease Veterans' Nursing Home to move FTE. Net zero alignment)

- Decrease "Veterans Nursing Home (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 28600) by \$113,249.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

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(To decrease Veterans' Reeducation Assistance to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Decrease "Veterans' Reeducation Assistance (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 32900) by \$30,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To decrease Veterans' Grant Program to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Decrease "Veterans' Grant Program (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 34200) by \$225,000.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Your cooperation is always appreciated. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,



Patrick Morrissey
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jason Barrett, Senate Finance Chairman
The Honorable Vernon Criss, House of Delegates Finance Chairman
State Budget Office

In compliance with Article VI, Section 51 of the Constitution, the Senate consented to receive the foregoing amendments to the Budget Bill, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

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

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Bill 85, Prohibiting use or sale of abortifacients.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 85 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2R-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §16-2R-10, relating to prohibiting mailing of abortifacients; prohibiting placing abortifacients in the stream of commerce; prohibiting prescribing abortifacients; prohibiting dissemination of abortifacients without lawfully valid prescription; defining terms; creating criminal penalties, providing for revocation of medical license in certain circumstances; providing exceptions; and creating severability.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,
Chair.

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 585 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary), Relating to Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act.

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

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 585 (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, §18-36-2, §18-36-3, §18-36-4, §18-36-5, §18-36-6, and §18-36-7, relating to school student athlete safety; establishing the Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act; providing for a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; creating the Student Athlete Safety Advisory Committee; identifying composition of Student Athlete Safety Advisory Committee; providing duties of Student Athlete Safety Advisory Committee; requiring use of certain safety equipment during high school and middle school football practices; providing warranty and certification related to the usage of certain safety equipment; establishing the Cohen Craddock Memorial Grant Program and providing procedures; creating the Cohen Craddock Memorial Grant Fund; and providing a sunset date.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,
Chair.

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

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

Senate Bill 911, Relating to adjunct teaching permits.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 911 (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18A-3-2b, relating to allowing an adjunct teaching permit to be issued to an individual meeting certain specified requirements; permitting an individual with an adjunct teaching permit to be hired to fill a vacant teaching position, offer a new program or class, or to supplement a program currently being offered only if no other teacher holding certification in the subject area is available and accepts the position or assignment; allowing adjunct teacher to be employed full- or part-time; allowing the compensation to be any amount both the county board and the adjunct teacher agree to; providing that county board is not required to provide any type of employment benefit unless both the county board and the adjunct teacher agree to those benefits; requiring county board and the adjunct teacher enter into a contract; specifying what is to be included in the contract; allowing adjunct teacher to teach in any content area in which the individual is allowed to teach based on the individual's experience; requiring assignment of a teacher mentor; requiring adjunct teacher to complete certain training and education; prohibiting adjunct teacher from providing special education instruction; requiring each county board that employs an adjunct teacher to report certain information to the West Virginia Department of Education; requiring posting of adjunct teacher position; allowing notification of parents of a vacant adjunct teacher position; and requiring county board to announce any vacant adjunct teacher positions at its meetings.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,
Chair.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 225, Expanding powers of National Park Service law-enforcement officers.

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, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 225) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 225) 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 506, Relating to enhanced pay for certain teachers.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 576, Authorizing fixed odds racing in horse and dog racing.

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

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

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

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, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 690) 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 707, Providing increase in salary to WV Birth-to-Three contracted therapists and employees.

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

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

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

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, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 708) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 708) takes effect from passage.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 763, Creating Public Electrical Savings Act.

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.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 833, Excluding pharmaceutical medication from prior authorization gold card process.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 844, Exempting non-native quail and partridge from game farm requirement if owned for agricultural purposes.

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 844 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 844) 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 866, Requiring WV Board of Education to promulgate legislative rule in consultation with WV Board of Physical Therapy.

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, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 866) 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 874, Permitting current home confinement officers to participate in Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 934, Relating to low-proof spirit alcohol products.

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: Charnock, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Woodrum—21.

The nays were: Azinger, Bartlett, Boley, Deeds, Grady, Hart, Maynard, Phillips, Roberts, Tarr, and Smith (Mr. President)—11.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 934) passed.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 934—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; defining terms; declaring legislative findings, policy, and intent; prescribing manufacture, sales, and distribution requirements for low-proof spirit alcohol products; prescribing taxation amount and methodology for low-proof spirit alcohol products; setting internal effective date; and granting permissive rulemaking authority.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, 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)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Barrett and Chapman—2.

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. 934) takes effect July 1, 2025.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

Senate Bill 197, Limiting requirements for issuance of professional teaching certificate.

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

Senate Bill 517, Requiring medical professionals to report injuries and side effects from vaccines to Bureau for Public Health.

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 593, Preserving voting data from electronic voting machines .

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 626, Relating to qualifications of regional airport authority members.

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 663, Creating Fair Access to Financial Services 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 718, Relating to hospital transparency.

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 722, Creating WV Short Line Railroad Modernization 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 724, Relating to taxation.

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

Senate Bill 728, Relating generally to transfer on death deed.

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 739, Relating to recovery residences.

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 748, Creating Safer Communities Act.

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 761, Creating Joel Archer Substance Abuse Intervention Act.

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 765, Establishing Troops-to-Teachers Program.

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 801, Creating WV Public Waterway Access 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 810, Clarifying requirements for administration of anesthesia and chronic pain practice by certain licensed nurses.

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

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, was reported by the Clerk:

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

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

§30-7-15. Administration of anesthetics.

~~In any case where it is lawful for a duly licensed physician or dentist practicing medicine or dentistry under the laws of this state to administer anesthetics, such anesthetics may lawfully be given and administered by any person (a) who has been licensed to practice registered professional nursing under this article, and (b) who holds a diploma or certificate evidencing his~~

~~or her successful completion of the educational program of a school of anesthesia duly accredited by the American association of nurse anesthetists: *Provided*, That such anesthesia is administered by such person in the presence and under the supervision of such physician or dentist.~~

(a) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may administer anesthesia in cooperation with a physician, dentist, or podiatrist when providing the anesthesia.

(1) As used in this section, "cooperation" means a process in which the certified registered nurse anesthetist and the physician, dentist, or podiatrist work together as a team with each contributing an area of expertise at their individual and respective levels of education and training. At all times during such cooperation, the medical or dental care of the patient is directed by the physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

(2) A dentist may cooperate with a certified registered nurse anesthetist under this section only if he or she holds an anesthesia permit pursuant to article §30-4A-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(3) The physician, dentist, or podiatrist is not liable for any act or omission of a certified registered nurse anesthetist who orders or administers anesthetics under this section.

(b) A certified registered nurse anesthetist lawfully may perform acts that determine, prepare, administer, and monitor anesthesia care and anesthesia care-related services if he or she:

(1) Has at any time held a registered professional nursing license under this article; and

(2) Holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license under this article; and

(3) Has completed successfully a nurse anesthetist educational program at a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate advanced practice registered nurse educational institution; and

(4) Holds current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate for educational preparation.

(c) A certified registered nurse anesthetist does not have independent practice authority.

(d) A licensed advanced practice registered nurse practicing in the role of certified registered nurse anesthetist may only use the title "certified registered nurse anesthetist", "CRNA", "advanced practice registered nurse", or "APRN".

(e) On or before July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Board of Nursing shall report to the Legislature regarding the implementation and impact of this section. The report shall include:

(1) Any problems or issues that have been reported to the board by hospitals, dental offices, podiatrist offices, ambulatory surgical centers, and all other locations where nurse anesthetists are authorized to practice in the state; and

(2) Any treatment complications resulting from the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of the Health and Human Resources committee amendment to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 810), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Senate Bill 837, Eliminating WV Office of Equal Opportunity.

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 850, Creating Protecting Shareholders 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 875, Relating to container labeling of nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer.

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 904, Clarifying requirements for Commissioner of Bureau for Public Health.

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

Senate Bill 907, Relating to high impact development projects.

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

Senate Bill 940, Relating to Water Pollution Control Act.

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

Senate Joint Resolution 16, Homestead Exemption Increase Amendment .

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

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

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

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

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

On page 6, section 9, after line 125, by inserting a new subdivision (5), to read as follows:

(5) If a student uses a computer science course to fulfill a math or science credit, the school district shall denote that computer science course as equivalent to a high school math course or a high school science course, as applicable, on the student's transcript for the purpose of admission to a higher education institution in this state.;

And,

By renumbering the remaining subdivisions.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2411), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 531, Relating to offenses of assault and battery on athletic officials.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 632, Relating to surprise billing of out-of-network ambulance services.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 790, Requiring quarterly reporting by certain water and wastewater utilities.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 869, Creating Corridor H Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority.

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

Senate Bill 886, Relating to Foster Child Bill of Rights.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 890, Relating to auctioneers.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 892, Relating to property valuation.

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

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 916, Recognizing authority of Agriculture Commissioner to intervene in matters that negatively affect agritourism.

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

Senate Bill 939, Relating to testing for substance use disorder.

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

Eng. House Bill 2516, To repeal antiquated and inoperative portions of code.

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

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

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

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

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 27, 2025:

Senate Bill 804: Senator Hart.

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 27, 2025:

Senate Bill 66: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 197: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 517: Senator Willis;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 531: Senator Willis;

Senate Bill 593: Senator Rose;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 663: Senator Rucker;

Senate Bill 664: Senator Rose;

Senate Bill 724: Senator Willis;

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 761: Senator Deeds;

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

Senate Bill 912: Senator Deeds;

Senate Bill 914: Senators Taylor and Willis;

And,

Senate Bill 916: Senator Hamilton.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 12:58, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10 a.m.
