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The Senate met at 11:31 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Pastor Bo Burgess, Jordan Baptist Church, Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Patrick S. Martin, a senator from the twelfth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Monday, March 31, 2025,

At the request of Senator Taylor, 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 concurrence by that body in the passage of

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 823, Clarifying and separating duties between Division of Emergency Management and DEP.

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 Com. Sub. for House Bill 2002—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article designated §5A-13-1, §5A-13-2, §5A-13-3, §5A-13-4, §5A-13-5, and §5A-13-6, relating to the creation of the One Stop Shop Permitting Program in West Virginia; providing for the creation of a Permitting Dashboard to operate as a "one-stop-shop" for obtaining and renewing permits, licenses, and business registrations; identifying the offices, departments, divisions, and agencies that shall participate in the One Stop Shop Permitting Program; establishing certain permitting and renewal fees; creating a refund

requirement for late processing of a permit; maintaining the option to file applications for permits directly with participating agencies until July 1, 2027; protecting confidential information submitted with applications; and empowering the secretary of administration to promulgate rules to implement this program including rules related to deadlines and fees including for expedited processing of applications; establishing effective dates; and providing for certain limited exceptions.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2013—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5F-2-9, relating to exempting new hires and employees who leave their positions within the Bureau of Senior Services, Department of Administration, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Revenue, and Department of Veterans' Assistance from the classified civil service system and the state grievance procedures beginning on July 1, 2025; stating a legislative finding; providing that as of July 1, 2025, any new hire and any employee who leaves his or her position will be exempt from the classified civil service system and from the state grievance procedures; providing that any employee who is currently covered by the civil service system and who currently has access to the state grievance procedures will continue to be covered and have access, so long as he or she remains in his or her current position; providing that the chief administrative officers of the bureau and the departments may designate certain employees' status within the civil service system in order to comply with federal law or receive federal funds; clarifying that this section does not affect any other employee protections found elsewhere in code.

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. House Bill 2120—A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-2-2, §6B-3-2 and §6B-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to disclosure forms, statements, and reports of the Ethics Commission; requiring disclosure forms, statements, and reports to be prescribed by procedural rule and made available on the Commission website; requiring certain information be included on lobbyist registration form; and requiring reports of expenditures over \$5,000 in grassroots campaigns specify media outlet.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then 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 2156—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-16-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to imposing a time limit for the Department of Highways to grant an entrance permit for work on a highway; describing the time limit for requested changes; describing when a permit shall be considered approved; and improving obsolete language.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then 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. House Bill 2159—A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-34, relating to assessment of interest on overpayments by Bureau for Medical Services; establishing interest rate and method for accrual; and retention of interest received.

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 Com. Sub. for House Bill 2167—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5G-3, §18-5G-4, and §18-5G-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for technical cleanup of certain provisions of the public charter school code provisions; providing that public charter schools may not charge full-time tuition and may only charge such tuition or fees as may be imposed by noncharter public schools in this state, such as for part-time Hope Scholarship enrollment or for participation in student activities; providing that a closing public school shall be eligible for a fast-track charter school conversion for its upcoming school year; providing a tracking process for when a parent or guardian withdraws a student from a public charter school; and providing that public charter school teachers shall be permitted to proctor state assessments in the event they are not certified or licensed.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2351—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-13a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to attorneys appointed to represent indigent persons in criminal, juvenile, and abuse and neglect cases, and attorneys appointed to serve as guardians ad litem in the state courts; increasing compensation paid by Public Defender Services; and requiring Public Defender Services to annually provide report summarizing certain legal services provided by guardians ad litem.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2571—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-2A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to granting West Virginia companies operating towing and recovery vehicles regulated by the Public Service Commission access to driver registration information on demand, providing Division of Motor Vehicles carry out steps needed to achieve this goal; and providing a date certain to meet this requirement.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then 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. House Bill 2575—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-5R-9, relating to the establishment of a full-time Dementia Services Director position.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then 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 2695—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-22-9 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county economic opportunity development districts; authorizing Raleigh County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District; authorizing Mason County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Town of Henderson Economic Opportunity District.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then 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 2816—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §2-1-3, relating to reliance on secondary sources in developing state common law.

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. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2894—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-14-1, §61-14-2, §61-14-3, §61-14-4, §61-14-5, §61-14-6, §61-14-7, and §61-14-8 and creating a new section §61-14-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to human trafficking, and creating crimes relating to human smuggling of an adult and human smuggling of a minor and establishing penalties for each of these newly created crimes, amending the definition of "coercion", adding definitions for "human smuggling, smuggling, or smuggles", "illegal alien", and immediate family member"; general provisions and enhancement of criminal penalties; providing that an individual convicted of an offense under this article when a finding of an "aggravated circumstance" has been made may not be eligible for parole before serving five years in a correctional facility when the sentence is of an indeterminate nature; providing that if an individual is convicted of an offense under this article when the victim is a minor shall not be eligible for parole; redefining what constitutes an "aggravating circumstance"; and providing that illegal aliens are not eligible for restitution and under what other situations restitution may be ordered by a court; and creating an exemption for medical, mental health, and legal services being provided for an illegal alien

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. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2897—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-46; relating to permitting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, in conjunction with the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability, to direct the Legislative Auditor to conduct periodic performance audits of the West Virginia Department of Education; allowing granting the Legislative Auditor the power and authority to conduct examinations and inspections; requiring the Legislative Auditor to protect the confidentiality, privacy, and security of protected information; and establishing deadline for initial performance audit and reporting requirements.

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 2958—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-3B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to trespassing on premises of an institution of higher education generally; relating to trespassing on a student residence hall or student facility of a state institution of higher education.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2978—A Bill to amend and reenact §5F-2-1, §11B-1-2, §13-3-3, §13-3-6, and §13-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §12-6A-8, relating generally to the Municipal Bond Commission governance; designating the State Treasurer as chairman of the commission; requiring the State Treasurer to provide office space and staff to support the commission; increasing the per diem rate for members of the commission; requiring the commission to produce quarterly financial statements; requiring the commission to undergo an annual audit; providing for an exemption from state purchasing; permitting the commission to conduct business via video conferencing; authorizing the commission to enter into any existing contracts or agreements with financial institutions; removing obsolete language; and making technical corrections.

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

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3111—A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-3, §51-2-13 and §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the annual salary of magistrates, circuit court judges and family court judges.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3133—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-1-3ff and §8-12-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting counties and municipalities to enter into memoranda of understanding for demolition of dilapidated structures.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3152—A Bill finding and declaring certain claims against the state and its agencies to be moral obligations of the state; and directing the Auditor to issue warrants for the payment thereof.

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 3167—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by inserting a new section thereto, designated §49-4-611, relating to drug testing relating to child neglect or abuse; allowing a 12-panel hair follicle drug testing after the filing of a petition alleging child abuse and neglect; permitting a circuit court to order a pediatric neurological evaluation of certain children under two months of age in certain circumstances; allowing usage of a 12-panel hair follicle drug test to verify drug use; providing that attempting to alter hair to evade detection of drug usage as demonstrated by a result from a 12-panel hair follicle drug test or the refusal to take such test shall be considered a positive test; establishing that the results of a 12-panel hair follicle drug test can be reported to a multidisciplinary treatment team subject to limitations by a circuit court; and allowing for rebuttal of an allegation of drug use with the use of the 12-panel hair follicle drug test.

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. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3179—A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2H-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to utility acquisitions; limiting the commission's authority on ordering the acquisition of distressed or failing authorities; and establishing guidelines for when the commission can order acquisitions.

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

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 3181—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-29-15, relating to law-enforcement purchase of service handguns; authorizing certain law-enforcement officers to purchase service handguns upon honorable separation; providing exceptions for when a service handgun may be purchased; providing that this section does not supersede other specific laws; and creating definitions.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3209—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-18b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a statewide full-time professional counselor-to-student ratio of one to every 1000 students; providing that the requirement shall not increase the number of student support personnel for which an allowance is required under certain statutory provisions; allowing counties to follow a one to 400-450 counselor-to-student ratio in elementary and middle school and a one to 250-300 counselor-to-student ratio in high school.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then 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 3276—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new section designated as §24-2-4i, relating to setting a process for rate increases for water and sewerage utilities.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then 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 3279—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-2A-1 and §18B-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to institutional boards of governors; amending legislative findings; increasing number of Board of Governors members at West Virginia University; clarifying that elected faculty, student, and classified or non-classified employees serve as nonvoting advisory members; increasing the number of lay members appointed by the Governor to West Virginia University's Board of Governors; requiring one person of the West Virginia University Board of Governors and of the West Virginia State University Board of Governors to have a background in agriculture, forestry, or the agricultural or silvicultural sciences; clarifying that graduates of West Virginia Institute of Technology of West Virginia University and West Virginia Potomac State College of West Virginia University have a representative serve on West Virginia University's Board of Governors; adding a requirement that the Governor consider the needs of the state of West Virginia and its citizens in making appointments to the institutional board of governors; and making technical changes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

Eng. House Bill 3347—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Administration, Division of General Services, fund 0230, fiscal year 2025, organization 0211, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by adding a new item of appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Eng. House Bill 3363—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, the Department of Administration, Public Defender Services, fund 0226, fiscal year 2025, organization 0221, by increasing existing items of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

Eng. House Bill 3368—A Bill supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated balance in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Administration, Office of the Secretary, fund 0186, fiscal year 2025, organization 0201, by increasing an existing item of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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. House Bill 3373—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2E-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, extending and revising the sunset provision to December 31, 2030; and correcting titles of affected divisions.

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. House Bill 3389—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-10G-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting Department of Tourism from the division of vocational rehabilitation food services facilities program.

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. House Bill 3424—A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-4-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to corrections management; and removing language authorizing short term loans to released inmates.

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 3429—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section designated §22-2-11, relating to the abandoned mine lands and reclamation act; providing definitions; providing advertisements; establishing directives for the prequalification process for hiring consultants; clarifying the prequalification agreement terms; and establishing directives for project assignments.

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

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 3492—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-38-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the City of Huntington to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the City of Huntington Economic Opportunity Development District.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then 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. House Bill 3505—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding seven new sections, designated §5-16-8b, §9-5-34, §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-15, §33-25-23 and §33-25A-37, relating to insurance; and providing health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment.

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

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

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

Senate Resolution 44—Memorializing the life of Jerry West, basketball legend and son of West Virginia.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 23, Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study WV Secondary School Activities Commission.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

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

Senate Resolution 43, Designating April 1, 2025, as Rural Health Day.

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

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

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 67, Allowing motor vehicle racing on county or municipal roads under certain circumstances.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 67) 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 85, Prohibiting use or sale of abortifacients.

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 85 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—28.

The nays were: Clements, Garcia, Takubo, Tarr, and Weld—5.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 85) 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 85—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; creating civil cause of action; providing exceptions to applicability; and creating severability.

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 158, Modifying eligibility requirements for serving as member of State Board of Education.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 158) 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 553, Relating to offense of driving above speed limit on controlled access highway or interstate highway.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 553) 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 585, Relating to Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act.

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

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, 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)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 585) 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 677, Increasing fees charged by Commissioner of Securities for each offering.

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, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—27.

The nays were: Chapman, Hart, Helton, Martin, Maynard, and Rose—6.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 677) 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 701, Classifying forestry equipment for levy 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 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 701 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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 701) passed with its title.

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

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 701) takes effect July 1, 2025.

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 745, Strengthening and reforming lobbying requirements.

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

Senator Martin requested unanimous consent that the bill be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Which consent was not granted, Senator Stuart objecting.

Senator Martin then moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Rules.

The question being on the adoption of Senator Martin's aforestated motion, and on this question, Senator Stuart demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Martin, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, and Woodrum—22.

The nays were: Barrett, Garcia, Hart, Helton, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Willis, and Smith (Mr. President)—11.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared Senator Martin's aforestated motion had prevailed.

Thereafter, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 745) was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Eng. Senate Bill 828, Clarifying requirements for persons employed by Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation include contracted vendor staff.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 828) 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 848, Enacting bank protections for eligible adults from financial exploitation.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 848) 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 875, Relating to container labeling of nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer.

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

At the request of Senator Garcia, unanimous consent was granted to offer an amendment to the bill on third reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Garcia, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

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

ARTICLE 16. NONINTOXICATING BEER.

§11-16-17. Container labeling.

(a) ~~It shall be~~ is unlawful for any brewer, brewpub, manufacturer, distributor, or retailer to have affixed upon any beer, ale, or other malt beverage or malt cooler container, sold or for sale in this state, a label bearing any design, picture, or wording, indicating that the contents of the container are brewed or manufactured for one particular distributor or retailer or group of retailers, or use any trademark other than that of a licensed brewer or manufacturer.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any brewer, brewpub, or resident brewer may make a private label for a nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer brand available for purchase by a Class A licensee exclusively for sale by the licensee at a one-time commemorative event held by the licensee. The private label shall contain designs, pictures, or wording relating to the Class A licensee's commemorative event and may not contain any statement or display that may encourage intemperance or advertising presentations designed to appeal to persons under 21 years of age. No beer brand bearing a private label may be made available for purchase under this subsection prior to the label's registration and approval by the Commissioner.

(1) A nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer brand made available for purchase with a private label under this subsection shall:

(A) Be made available exclusively for a limited purchase by one Class A licensee who purchases the entire production of the beer brand bearing the private label;

(B) In the case of an existing formulated brand with just the addition of the private label, be purchased at the regular, posted price for the existing nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer brand, with no reduced price or discount to be offered to the purchasing licensee; and

(C) Not be manufactured, sold, and labeled in a quantity exceeding 25 cases of 24 bottles, cans, or other sealed containers annually.

(2) As used in this subsection:

(A) The term "Class A licensee" means an entity issued a Class A license for on-premise consumption by the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration.

(B) The term "commemorative event" means a one-time celebration of a Class A licensee's business anniversary.

(C) The term "private label" means a label affixed to a nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer container that bears any design, picture, or wording indicating that the contents of the container are brewed or manufactured for one particular purchaser.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall be effective beginning on July 1, 2025, and shall expire and have no further force or effect on or after July 1, 2026.

The bill, as just amended, was again ordered to engrossment.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 875 was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Hamilton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Taylor, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—20.

The nays were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Deeds, Grady, Hart, Helton, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Tarr, and Thorne—13.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 875) passed.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 875—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-16-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to container labeling of nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer; permitting certain brewers, brewpubs, manufacturers, and resident brewers to make privately labeled nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer brands available for purchase; providing for label requirements; providing for pricing and purchasing restrictions; defining terms; and setting effective and sunset dates.

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 911, Relating to adjunct teaching permits.

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, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 911) passed.

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

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 911—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; limiting validity of adjunct teacher permit to one year; allowing adjunct teacher permit to be renewed based on performance as determined by an evaluation; 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.

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

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

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. 939) passed.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 939—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16B-13-4a, relating to testing for substance use disorder; and setting forth testing guidelines for medication-assisted treatment programs.

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. S. B. 939) takes effect from passage.

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

Eng. Senate Bill 940, Relating to Water Pollution Control Act.

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

At the request of Senator Woodrum, unanimous consent was granted to offer an amendment to the bill on third reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Woodrum, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 3, section 8, line 44, after the word "regime", by changing the comma to a period and striking out the remainder of the bill.

The bill, as just amended, was again ordered to engrossment.

Engrossed Senate Bill 940 was then 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. 940) 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 House Bill 2043, Relating to use of dog and/or drones for tracking or locating mortally wounded deer, elk, turkey, wild boar or bear.

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, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Willis—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 H. B. 2043) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

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

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

Senate Bill 163, Including certain mental health disorders in existing public health programs.

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

Senate Bill 252, Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients.

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 470, Creating WV Athletic Freedom 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 569, Establishing certain rights for purchasers of residential improvements.

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 639, Creating WV Small Business Appreciation and Acknowledgement 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 723, Relating to clinical inpatient medical treatment centers for substance use disorder.

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 726, Relating to medication-assisted treatment programs.

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

On motions of Senators Woelfel and Helton, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page 3, section 14, lines 55 through 56, by striking out the words "have an in-person visit at a licensed facility in West Virginia owned, leased, or possessed by the telehealth service a minimum of once every six months" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "be referred every three months to a primary care provider".

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Senators Woelfel and Helton to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

The bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 726), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 730, Establishing Forest Carbon Registry.

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 794, Authorizing DOH to erect warning signs.

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

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 referred to the Committee on Rules.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 883, Providing director of WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training discretion and authority in certain appointments.

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 912, Relating to student growth assessment program.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's second reading calendar.

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 914, Relating to testing and attendance requirements for private, parochial, and church schools.

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 933, Creating Small Business Protection Act.

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

Senate Bill 941, Clarifying authority regarding dams designed by US Conservation Service.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the bill was ordered to engrossment and advanced to third reading with the right for amendments to be considered on that reading.

Senate Bill 942, Modifying requirements for diesel-powered equipment in mines.

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

Senate Bill 943, Clarifying apiaries are protected agricultural operations.

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

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

Senate Bill 944, Creating WV Child First Advisory Committee.

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

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the bill was ordered to engrossment and advanced to third reading with the right for amendments to be considered on that reading.

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

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 Joint Resolution 8, Citizenship Requirement to Vote in WV Elections Amendment.

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 2513, Enhancing training requirements for county boards of education members.

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 2548, Clarifying duties of state superintendent regarding rule implementation.

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

The end of today's second reading calendar having been reached, the Senate returned to the consideration of

Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 912, Relating to student growth assessment program.

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

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

On page 5, section 5, lines 93 through 100, by striking out subdivision (2) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (2), to read as follows:

(2) ~~Prior to the testing window of the 2017-2018 school year, the~~ The state board shall align the comprehensive statewide student assessment for all grade levels in which the test is given

with the ~~college-readiness~~ academic standards adopted pursuant to ~~section thirty-nine, article two of this chapter subsection (c) of this section~~ or develop other aligned tests to be required in grades three through eight and administered once during the grade span of nine through twelve to assess progress toward college and career readiness in English/language arts and math. The assessment in science shall be administered once in grade spans three through five, once in grade spans six through eight, and once in grade spans nine through twelve;.

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 912), as amended, was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate reconsidered its action by which in earlier proceedings today it advanced to third reading

Eng. Senate Bill 942, Modifying requirements for diesel-powered equipment in mines.

The action thereon having been reconsidered,

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the bill was advanced to third reading with the right for amendments to be considered on that reading.

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made by Senators Stuart and Weld.

The Senate then proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

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 31, 2025:

Senate Bill 19: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 252: Senator Chapman;

Senate Bill 469: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 481: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 507: Senator Hart;

Senate Bill 854: Senator Helton;

Senate Bill 929: Senator Helton;

And,

Senate Bill 933: Senator Helton.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 1:05 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 11 a.m.

SENATE CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 02, 2025
11:00 AM**

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM

Consideration of executive nominations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S. R. 44 - Memorializing life of basketball legend Jerry West

THIRD READING

Eng. S. B. 89 - Creating alternative high-risk population public charter schools

Eng. S. B. 163 - Including certain mental health disorders in existing public health programs

Eng. S. B. 252 - Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 470 - Creating WV Athletic Freedom Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 569 - Establishing certain rights for purchasers of residential improvements

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 639 - Creating WV Small Business Appreciation and Acknowledgement Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 723 - Relating to clinical inpatient medical treatment centers for substance use disorder

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 726 - Relating to medication-assisted treatment programs

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 730 - Establishing Forest Carbon Registry

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 794 - Authorizing DOH to erect warning signs

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 834 - Relating to tax credit for qualified rehabilitated buildings investment

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 883 - Providing director of WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training discretion and authority in certain appointments

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 912 - Relating to student growth assessment program

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 914 - Relating to testing and attendance requirements for private, parochial, and church schools

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 933 - Creating Small Business Protection Act

Eng. S. B. 941 - Clarifying authority regarding dams designed by US Conservation Service - (With right to amend)

Eng. S. B. 942 - Modifying requirements for diesel-powered equipment in mines - (With right to amend)

Eng. S. B. 944 - Creating WV Child First Advisory Committee - (With right to amend)

Eng. S. J. R. 2 - Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. J. R. 8 - Citizenship Requirement to Vote in WV Elections Amendment

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2548 - Clarifying duties of state superintendent regarding rule implementation (original similar to SB706)

SECOND READING

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. 2513 - Enhancing training requirements for county boards of education members - (Com. amends pending)

ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regular Session 2025

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Natural Resources

(Room 208W)