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Senator Weld, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill No. 2447, Renaming the Court of Claims the state Claims Commission.

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendments of the Senate to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2447 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill striking out everything after the enacting section, and that both houses agree to an amendment as follows:

On page nine, after section seventeen, article two, chapter fourteen, by adding a new section, to read as follows:

§14-2-17a. Shortened procedure for road condition claims.

Notwithstanding the regular and shortened procedures provided for in sections sixteen and seventeen of this article, there shall be a shortened procedure for road condition claims. The shortened procedure authorized by this section shall apply only to a claim possessing all of the following characteristics:

- (1) The claim does not arise under an appropriation for the current fiscal year.
- (2) The claim alleges that a condition on the state's highways or roads caused property damage.
- (3) The Division of Highways concurs in the claim.

(4) The amount claimed does not exceed \$1,000.

The Division of Highways shall prepare a stipulation concerning the claim and file it with the clerk. The commission shall order the claim approved and shall file its statement with the clerk.

And,

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the title of the bill and agree to a new title to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2447 -- A BILL to repeal §14-2-6 and §14-2-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to repeal §14-2A-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §14-2-3, §14-2-4, §14-2-4a, §14-2-5, §14-2-7, §14-2-8, §14-2-9, §14-2-10, §14-2-11, §14-2-12, §14-2-13, §14-2-14, §14-2-15, §14-2-16, §14-2-17, §14-2-19, §14-2-20, §14-2-21, §14-2-22, §14-2-23, §14-2-24, §14-2-25, §14-2-26, §14-2-27 and §14-2-28 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §14-2-17a; and to amend and reenact §14-2A-5, §14-2A-6, §14-2A-9, §14-2A-10, §14-2A-11, §14-2A-12, §14-2A-13, §14-2A-14, §14-2A-15, §14-2A-16, §14-2A-17, §14-2A-18, §14-2A-19, §14-2A-19a, §14-2A-19b, §14-2A-20, §14-2A-21, §14-2A-25, §14-2A-26 and §14-2A-28 of said code, all relating to certain claims against the state generally; renaming the West Virginia Court of Claims the West Virginia Legislative Claims Commission; renaming judges commissioners; clarifying the length of the existing terms for the current commissioners; clarifying that commissioners are not judicial officers; modifying definitions; providing explicit power of removal of commissioners to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates; providing authority to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates for the hiring of a clerk, chief deputy clerk, deputy clerks, claim investigators, and support staff and setting salaries for said positions; authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House to permit commissioners serve more than one hundred twenty days in any fiscal year; increasing the monetary limit for agency agreed to claims from \$1,000 to \$3,000; and updating and modifying and clarifying procedures and practices of the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan J. Weld,
Chair,

Mark Zatezalo,
Chair,

Mark R. Maynard,

John D. O'Neal IV,

Glenn Jeffries,

Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Rodney Miller,

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of Delegates.*