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West Virginia Legislature
Senate Finance Committee

Thursday, February 7, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:00 p.m. in room 451-M on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Senator Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the committee clerk took a silent roll call to establish a quorum.

Members present: Senators Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Maroney, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Senator Swope for approval of the minutes from the Thursday, February 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m. meeting. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized Jeff Johnson Counsel to the Committee on Finance, to explain CS for SB 40 –Establishing Military Service Members Court program, and to answer questions of the committee. Senator Weld was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of CS for SB 40 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized Counsel Johnson to explain SB 47 –Providing wind power projects be taxed at real property rate, and to answer questions of the committee. Bob Orndorff, State Policy Director, Dominion Energy, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of SB 47 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized Alan Nichols Counsel to the Committee on Finance, to explain SB 117 –Relating to incentives for consolidating local governments, and to answer questions of the committee. Senator Sypolt was recognized for a motion to lay the bill over. The motion carried.

Chairman Blair recognized Counsel Nichols to explain SB 291 –Relating generally to survivor benefits for emergency response providers, present a draft committee substitute and to answer questions of committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion declare the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 291 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Nichols to explain SB 296 – Providing 11-month window to permit members of PERS to purchase credited service, and to answer questions of the committee. Senator Sypolt requested further information regarding the number of participants who benefit from the bill in the event it completes the legislative process.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of SB 296 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Counsel Johnson to explain SB 461 – Providing for personal income tax withholding on certain lottery winnings, and to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Swope, who moved adoption of SB 461 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chairman recognized Senator Tarr for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.

*Senator Hamilton requested the Committee Clerk record his voting sentiment regarding SB 47 as a Nay in the minutes.