

**West Virginia Legislature**

**Senate Finance Committee**

Thursday, February 14, 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 14, 2019. Senator Sypolt, Acting 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, Roberts Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, and Unger.

The Chairman recognized Chris DeWitte, Budget Analyst to the Committee on Finance, to explain HB 2666 – Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Veterans’ Assistance, and to answer questions of the committee. Dennis Davis, Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Veteran’s Assistance was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Analyst DeWitte to explain an amendment prepared by staff.

The Chairman moved to accept the amendment and declared the amendment adopted.

Chairman Sypolt recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of HB 2666 as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Sypolt recognized Analyst DeWitte, to explain HB 2668 – Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Administration, Public Defender Services, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Analyst DeWitte to explain an amendment prepared by staff.

The Chairman moved to accept the amendment and declared the amendment adopted.

Chairman Sypolt recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of HB 2668 as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Sypolt recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for SB 310- Establishing certain requirements for dental insurance, explain the proposed committee substitute for the committee substitute and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Hamilton who moved adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 310, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain SB 519 – Requiring county emergency dispatchers complete course for telephonic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and to answer questions of the committee. Melanie Pagliaro, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association of West Virginia, to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of SB 519, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Alan Nichols, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for SB 553 – Relating to federal funds for land-grant institutions, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of CS for SB 553, 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 587 –Relating to PEIA reimbursement of air ambulance providers, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved adoption of SB 587, 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 Hamilton for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.