

West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:00 p.m. in room 451-M on Tuesday, February 19, 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, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr for approval of the minutes from the Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m. meetings. 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 SB 11 – Relating to retirement and pension benefits of certain PERS and Teachers Retirement System members who serve in the Legislature, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who move adoption of SB 11 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain CS for SB 86 – Requiring county boards provide free feminine hygiene products in grades six to 12, explain the committee substitute to the committee substitute and to answer questions of the committee.

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

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who move adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 86 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 CS for SB 383 – Creating WV Healthy Food Crop Block Grant Program, explain the committee substitute to the committee substitute and to answer questions of the committee.

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

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who move adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 383 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 456 – Authorizing railroads and commercial watercraft claim refundable exemption from motor fuel excise tax, and to answer questions of the committee.

Matthew Irby, Director, Tax Account Administration, West Virginia Tax Department was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who moved SB 456 be moved to the foot of the bills until a representative from the Department of Revenue could provide more information. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for SB 546 – Relating to health care provider taxes, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who moved adoption of CS for SB 546, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Tarr, who moved the Committee stand at ease for 10 minutes pending the arrival of a representative from the West Virginia Department of Revenue to provide additional information.

Upon reconvening, the Chairman recognized Mark Muchow, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, and Dave Hardy, Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue and Matthew Irby, Director, Tax Account Administration, West Virginia Tax Department, to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tarr, who moved to lay over SB 456 pending additional information requested from the Department of Revenue be provided to the Committee. The motion carried.

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