

West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Thursday, February 28, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 9:30 a.m. in room 451-M on Thursday, February 28, 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 Boley, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Maroney, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 5:00 p.m. meeting. 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 HB 2311 – Exempting short-term license holders to submit information to the State Tax Commission once the term of the permit has expired, explain the committee amendment pending from the Committee on Government Organization, and to answer questions of the committee. Dale Steager, Commissioner, West Virginia Tax Department, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of the committee substitute pending from the Committee on Government Organization. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of HB 2311, as amended, 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 HB 2405 – Imposing a healthcare related provider tax on certain health care organizations, explain a proposed committee amendment, and to answer questions of the committee. Fred Lewis, Deputy Commissioner, West Virginia Bureau of Medical Services, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

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

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2405 as amended, 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 Committee Substitute for HB 2734- Relating to reduced rates for low-income residential customers of privately-owned sewer and combined water and sewer utilities, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2734 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 HB 3045 – Exempting certain complimentary hotel rooms from hotel occupancy tax, and answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of HB 3045 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 Committee Substitute for HB 2901, explain the proposed committee amendment and to answer questions of the committee. John Myers, Director, West Virginia Lottery Commission, Paul Barnette, Chief Accountant, West Virginia Lottery Commission, Doug Buffington, Assistant Director, West Virginia Lottery Commissioner, Todd Rumbaugh, Deputy State Highway Engineer, Construction and Development, and Kim Florence, Regional Manager, Delaware North, were also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved the committee amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Hamilton for an amendment to the amendment.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved the amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment to the amendment adopted.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Palumbo for an amendment, then ruled the proposed amendment out of order.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Hamilton, who moved to have his amendment reconsidered.

The Chairman recognized Senator Hamilton who moved to withdraw his amendment. The motion passed.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Hamilton, who offered an amendment.

The Chairman recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

Chairman Blair again recognized Senator Boley, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2901, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass.

The Chairman put the question on the motion and being in doubt, called for a show of hands. There being 7 yeas and 8 nays, Committee Substitute for HB 2901, did not pass.

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