



WEST VIRGINIA SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019, 3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on February 6, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 208-W.

All members being present, with the exception of Senator Boso, who was absent, the Chairman declared the presence of a quorum. (See attached roll call and agenda).

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Trump moved **H. B. 2459** to the top of the agenda.

H. B. 2459 - Exercising authority to exempt individuals domiciled within the state from certain restrictions contained in federal law.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adopted the title amendment.

S. B. 440 - Relating to Antihazing Law.

Bill Aibel, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee recommended the bill for passage.

S. B. 491 - Extending effective date for voter registration in conjunction with driver licensing.

Sarah Canterbury, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Linda Ellis, Temporary Deputy Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Donald Kersey, Director and Deputy Legal Counsel, Elections Division, West Virginia Secretary of State, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Romano the committee amended the committee substitute to extend the effective date for voter registration in conjunction with driver licensing until July 1, 2021 and require the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation , and the Secretary of State to each appear before, and file a report with, the Joint Committee on Government and Finance and the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary during the interim meetings following September 1, 2019 listing all infrastructure each agency requires.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute, as amended.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump IV, Chair



Beverly Douglas, Analyst/Clerk