



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Banking and Insurance

Minutes for FEBRUARY 03, 2020, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance met on February 03, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Azinger, Clements, Hamilton, Rucker, Swope, Tarr, Facemire, Jeffries, Palumbo, Prezioso, and Romano

Members absent: Senators Blair and Weld

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

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

**S. B. 279 - Requiring dental insurance plans honor assignment made in writing by person covered.**

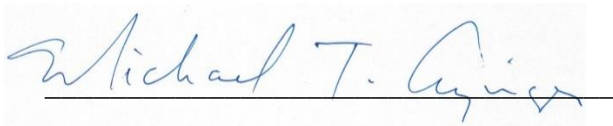
Chair Azinger recognized counsel, Marey Casey, to explain the proposed committee substitute in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Senator Romano requested to hear from a representative of the dental association. Chair Azinger recognized and swore in Richard Stevens, Executive Director of the West Virginia Dental Association, to speak to the proposed committee substitute and answer questions from the committee. Mr. Stevens spoke against the language in the committee substitute. Chair Azinger then recognized and swore in Alex Macia, a representative of Delta Dental. Mr. Macia answered further questions from the committee. Due to time constraints, Chair Azinger stated that the committee would recess and come back to address this legislation. Vice Chair Clements moved for the committee to recess until 10 minutes after the Judiciary and Finance Committee meetings, whichever would be later. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The committee recessed.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance reconvened at 4:52 pm. Chair Azinger called the meeting to order and continued with the discussion phase of the proposed Committee Substitute for S.B. 279. Senator Tarr was asked to serve as Vice Chair. Acting Vice Chair, Senator Tarr, moved the language of the committee substitute. Upon voice vote, the motion was rejected. The committee substitute was not agreed to. Chair Azinger confirmed the committee's desire to revert to the original form of the bill. Acting Vice Chair Tarr moved that S.B. 279 be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be reported to the committee on the Judiciary. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The bill will be reported.

**S. B. 284 - Creating WV Health Care Continuity Act.**

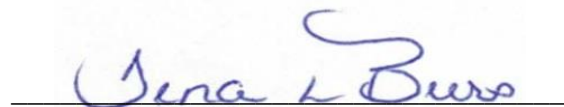
Chair Azinger recognized counsel, Chase Neely, to explain the proposed committee substitute in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Senator Romano requested to hear from someone in the Attorney General's office. Chair Azinger recognized and swore in Attorney General Patrick Morrissey to answer questions from the committee. Senator Romano requested to hear from a member of the Hospital Association to speak to the bill. With leave of the committee, Chair Azinger recognized Joseph M. Letnaunchyn, President and CEO of the West Virginia Hospital Association. Mr. Letnaunchyn spoke of his concerns regarding the legislation and answered questions from the committee. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute. Acting Vice Chair Tarr moved that the committee substitute be reported with a recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Health and Human Resources. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The committee substitute will be reported.

On motion of Senator Tarr, the committee adjourned.



Michael T. Azinger

Committee Chair



Tina L. Burs

Committee Clerk



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RICHARD D. STEVENS

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