



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Finance

Minutes for FEBRUARY 10, 2020, 5:32 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on February 10, 2020, 5:32 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Blair, Tarr, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Roberts, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Stollings, Unger

Members absent: None

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

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

Senate Bill 285 – Eliminating WV Greyhound Development Fund

The Chairman recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to present a PowerPoint presentation about the bill, explain the draft committee substitute and to answer questions from the committee.

The Chairman recognized the following speakers to speak in favor of the bill:

Richie Heath, representing Grey2K USA, and Johnna Gaunch, representing the Humane Society of the United States.

The Chairman recognized the following speakers to speak against the bill:

Steve Sarris, President, West Virginia Kennel Owners Association and Ron Graley, representing United Steel Workers/Mardi Gras Casino Employees.

Robert Heron, City Manager, City of Wheeling, Joe Moore, Director, West Virginia Racing Commission, and Paul Barnette, Chief Accountant, West Virginia Lottery, were also recognized to answer questions from the committee.

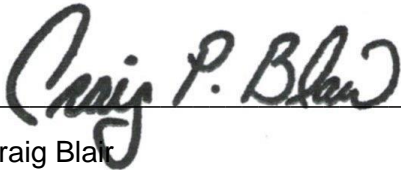
Senator Maroney was recognized for an amendment that would eliminate funding for thoroughbred racing. Senator Sypolt was recognized and questioned the germaneness of the amendment. The Chairman ruled that the amendment was germane. The Chairman then moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment failed.

Vice-Chairman Tarr was then recognized to move adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the committee substitute adopted.

Chairman Blair again recognized the Vice-Chair, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 285 with the recommendation it do pass. A roll call was demanded by Senator Maroney. The demand was sustained. A roll call was taken by the Committee Clerk, with the results being 10 Yeas, 6 Nays and one member absent and not voting. The Chairman declared Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 285 adopted.

There was no further business to come before the committee.

On Motion of Senator Tarr the committee adjourned.

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Craig Blair
Chair

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Tammy Shamblin
Committee Clerk