



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for JANUARY 22, 2020, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on January 22, 2020, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Clements, Cline, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Rucker, Smith, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Takubo

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

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

S. B. 51 - Specifying forms of grandparent visitation.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

Chairman Trump vacated the chair and Senator Weld presided.

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

S. B. 191 - Creating felony offense of aggravated cruelty to animals.

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

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

S. B. 522 - Relating to compensation awards to crime victims.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

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

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. B. 529 - Establishing limitations on claims and benefits against state.

Chris Alder, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed amendment and title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee amended the bill on page 1, section 13a, line 16 after the words "exoneration was granted" and inserted the words "by final order vacating the claimant's conviction".

On motion of Senator Trump, the committee adopted the amendment as described by counsel.

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

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

On Motion of Senator Trump the committee adjourned.

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Ryan W. Weld
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beverly Douglas", written in a cursive style.

Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk