



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Banking and Insurance

Minutes for FEBRUARY 15, 2021, 10:49 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance met on February 15, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Azinger, Clements, Hamilton, Karnes, Nelson, Rucker, Swope, Weld, Beach, Ihlenfeld, and Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Boley and Romano

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

Chair Azinger opened the meeting by welcoming back the returning committee members and staff. He then welcomed new Senators and Intern, Tanner Keen to the committee. Chair Azinger then recognized Vice Chair Clements, for the purpose of making organizational motions.

Vice Chair Clements moved that rules of the Senate be adopted to govern the committee in its deliberations. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Clements moved that the Chair be authorized to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Clements moved that the staff be authorized as needed, to make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions, and drafts which may be brought before the committee. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Clements moved that counsel be authorized to incorporate all bills, or resolutions, as well as any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the committee and the committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, and to report such committee substitute in lieu of the bill or resolution. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Clements moved that any witness appearing before the Committee, with the exception of Senate staff and elected officials, be administered the oath authorized by Senate Rule 28a. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Vice Chair Clements moved that members who are physically present in their Capitol offices may participate remotely in committee meetings and hearings as though they were physically present, that the Chair be allowed to provide for simultaneous video and audio participation by committee members during such meetings, that members so attending be counted as present in determining a quorum, and that such members vote on every question pursuant to Senate Rule 43. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

Chair Azinger recognized James Dodrill, West Virginia Insurance Commissioner, to give the committee an update on the Insurance Commission agency bills that will likely come before the committee. Commissioner Dodrill provided the update and answered questions from the committee.

With nothing further to come before the committee, on motion of Vice Chair Clements the committee adjourned.

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Michael T. Azinger

Committee Chair

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Tina L. Burs

Committee Clerk