



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for January 16, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on January 16, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Clements, Azinger, Chapman, Deeds, Maynard, Oliverio, Plymale, Roberts, Stover, Taylor, Trump

Members absent: Senator Boley

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

The next item on the agenda was **SB280** – Allowing teachers in public schools to teach intelligent design.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of having it read. The Committee Substitute was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Haden Hodge and Hunter Bernard, students from Hurricane High School, to speak on the bill, and pursuant to Senate Rule 28a, administered an oath. Mr. Hodge and Mr. Bernard both spoke on the bill. Questions and discussion from the committee followed. The Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 280** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump. Senator Trump requested unanimous consent to address the committee. No objection was heard. Senator Trump addressed the committee.

The next item on the agenda was **SB152** – Displaying official US motto in public schools.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of having it read. The Committee Substitute was explained. A question and discussion from the committee followed. The Committee Substitute was agreed to.

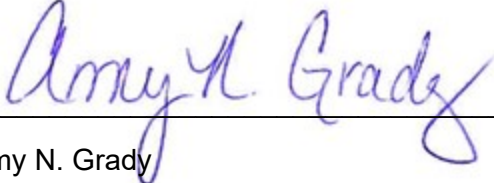
Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 152** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB253** – Establishing minimum enrollment for school aid formula.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained. Discussion from the committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 253** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the **Committee on Finance**. The motion was adopted.

On Motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady

Chair



Benjamin Mack

Clerk