



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Military

Minutes for February 21, 2025, 9:32 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Military met on February 21, 2025, 9:32 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Weld, Fuller, Bartlett, Clements, Deeds, Tarr, Taylor, Willis

Members absent: Senators Grady, Woelfel

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

Chair Weld opened the meeting by welcoming back returning members and introducing the new members and committee staff.

Organizational Motions

Chair Weld recognized Vice Chair Fuller for the purpose of making organizational motions. Vice Chair Fuller moved,

- that the Rules of the Senate be adopted to govern the committee in its deliberations,
- that the chair be authorized to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee,
- that the staff be authorized to, as needed, make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions, and drafts which may be brought before the committee,
- that committee 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, and
- 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, each motion was adopted.

S. B. 103 - Exempting certain records from public release.

Chair Weld recognized counsel Lincoln Wolfe, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. Vice Chair Fuller moved the bill be reported to the full senate, with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The bill will be reported.

S. B. 144 - Relating to Military Incentive Program.

Chair Weld recognized counsel Lincoln Wolfe, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. Vice Chair Fuller moved the bill 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. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The bill will be reported.

S. B. 149 - Exempting certain military veterans and their dependents from tuition.

Chair Weld recognized counsel Lincoln Wolfe, to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having them read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute, as explained by counsel. Vice Chair Fuller moved the committee substitute 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. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The committee substitute will be reported.

S. B. 429 - Providing tax credit to certain disabled veterans for lifetime hunting, trapping, and fishing license.

Chair Weld recognized counsel Lincoln Wolfe, to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having them read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute, as explained by counsel. Vice Chair Fuller moved the committee substitute 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. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted. The committee substitute will be reported

Other Business:

Chair Weld recognized Senator Bartlett, who expressed his appreciation for being placed on this committee. He expressed his respect for Veterans and stated that it was an honor to serve them.

On Motion of Senator Fuller the committee adjourned.



Ryan Weld
Chairman



Trina Strain
clerk