



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Military

Minutes for March 07, 2025, 9:10 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Military met on March 07, 2025, 10:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senator Woelfel

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

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

Chairman Roberts brought the following bills before the committee.

**ENG. Committee Substitute for HB. 2053** - Relating to including the United States Space Force in the definition armed forces.

Counsel explained the bill and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Fuller, Eng. Committee Substitute for HB 2053 was 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.

**SB. 666** - Updating definition of disabled veteran taxpayer.

Counsel explained the bill and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Fuller, SB666 was 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.

**Com. Sub. for S. SB. 658** - Prohibiting certain persons from receiving compensation for advising or assisting with veterans' benefits.

Counsel explained the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, James Dodrill, spoke to the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Chris Hall, Veterans Guardian, spoke to the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Ryan Kennedy, Secretary of Veterans Assistance, spoke to the bill and responded to questions.

The committee agreed to the language of committee substitute.

On the motion of Senator Fuller, the committee substitute for SB658 was reported to the full senate with the recommendation it due pass.

On Motion of Senator Fuller the committee adjourned.



Ryan Weld

Chair



Trina Strain

clerk