



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Natural Resources

Minutes for March 12, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources met on March 12, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Hamilton, Deeds, Hart, Jeffries, Morris, Queen, Rose, Woodrum, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Tarr

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

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

Chairman Hamilton brought the following bills before the committee.

Committee Substitute for S. B. 21 – Assessing wildlife impact fee on wind power projects.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the Committee, Quintana Hayden, Senior Director, Wildlife & Federal Lands, American Clean Power Association, addressed the committee virtually and responded to questions.

With leave of the Committee, Zach Brown, Assistant Chief of Operations at WVDNR, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee recommended that the Committee Substitute for SB21 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.

Committee Substitute for S. B. 701 – Classifying forestry equipment for levy purposes.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the Committee, Anthony Raines and Robert Boyles, WV Forestry Association, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee recommended that SB701 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.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Bill Hamilton

Chair



Trina Strain

Clerk