



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Natural Resources

Minutes for April 02, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources met on April 02, 2025, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Queen, Rose, Tarr

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

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

Chairman Hamilton brought the following bills before the committee.

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2399 – Relating to taxation of managed timber.

Counsel explained the bill in lieu of having it read and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Jeremy Jones, Director of WV Division of Forestry, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Delegate Hillenbrand, lead sponsor of the bill, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the Eng. Com. Sub. for HB2399 will 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 committee on Finance waived the double committee reference.

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2836 – Relating to wild animal rehabilitation permits.

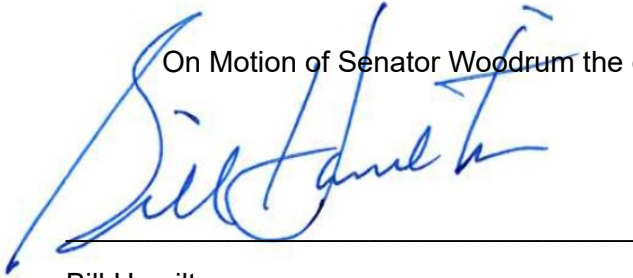
Counsel explained the bill in lieu of having it read.

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

With leave of the committee, Rebekah Perry Franks, Director of Animal Care & Education at Heritage Farms, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On the motion of Senator Woodrum, Eng. Com. Sub. for HB2836 will be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the 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