



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 10, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 10, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Helton, Deeds, Azinger, Bartlett, Fuller, Maynard, Queen, Roberts, Rucker, Takubo, Taylor, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Grady, Martin, Rose, Willis

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.

Senator Helton announced that Senate Bill 744 and Senate Bill 745 would be pulled from the agenda.

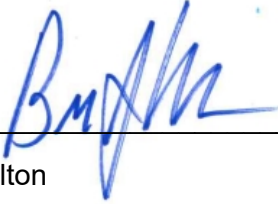
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 562 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Cynthia Kirkhart, CEO of Facing Hunger Food Bank, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 562 be reported to the full Senate, with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 649 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 649 be reported to the full Senate, with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 797. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 797 be

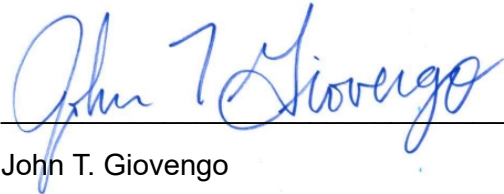
reported to the full Senate, with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Brian Helton

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk