NOTE: The fourth volume continues with Journal proceedings proper (page 3157) of March 7, 2020, the date of final adjournment; followed by the Appendix consisting of remarks of members during the Regular Session, 2020; History of Bills and Resolutions of both houses considered by the Senate; a Topical Index of all Senate bills introduced; and the Index of the Official Journal.
at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The Current Expense appropriation includes funding for the arts funds, department programming funds, grants, fairs and festivals and Camp Washington Carver and shall be expended only upon authorization of the Division of Culture and History and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5A, Article 3, and Chapter 12 of the Code.

From the above appropriation for Educational Enhancements (fund 0293, appropriation 69500), $500,000 shall be used for Save the Children and $73,500 shall be used for the Clay Center.

51 - Library Commission

(WV Code Chapter 10)

Fund 0296 FY 2021 Org 0433

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52 - Educational Broadcasting Authority

(WV Code Chapter 10)

Fund 0300 FY 2021 Org 0439

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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0300, appropriation 75500)
at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

53 - *Environmental Quality Board*  
(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 0270 FY 2021 Org 0311

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54 - *Division of Environmental Protection*  
(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 0273 FY 2021 Org 0313

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55 - *Air Quality Board*  
(WV Code Chapter 16)
### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

#### 56 - Department of Health and Human Resources –

**Office of the Secretary**

(WV Code Chapter 5F)

**Fund 0400 FY 2021 Org 0501**

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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for the Women’s Commission (fund 0400, appropriation 19100) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

#### 57 - Division of Health –

**Central Office**

(WV Code Chapter 16)

**Fund 0407 FY 2021 Org 0506**

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Safe Drinking Water Program (fund 0407, appropriation 18700), Office of Drug Control Policy (fund 0407, appropriation 35401), Office of Drug Control Policy – Surplus (fund 0407, appropriation 35402), Statewide EMS Program Support (fund 0407, appropriation 38300), Office of Medical Cannabis (fund 0407, appropriation 42001), Maternal and Child Health Clinics, Clinicians and Medical Contracts and Fees (fund 0407, appropriation 57500), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0407, appropriation 75500), Emergency Response Entities – Special
Projects (fund 0407, appropriation 82200), and Tobacco Education Program (fund 0407, appropriation 90600) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0407, appropriation 13000), an amount not less than $100,000 is for the West Virginia Cancer Coalition; $50,000 shall be expended for the West Virginia Aids Coalition; $100,000 is for Adolescent Immunization Education; $73,065 is for informal dispute resolution relating to nursing home administrative appeals; $50,000 is for Hospital Hospitality House of Huntington; $200,000 is for Potomac Center Inc. of Romney, West Virginia; and $1,000,000 shall be used for the administration of the Telestroke program.

From the above appropriation for Maternal and Child Health Clinics, Clinicians and Medical Contracts and Fees (fund 0407, appropriation 57500) up to $400,000 may be transferred to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic Treatment Fund (fund 5197) and $11,000 is for the Marshall County Health Department for dental services.

58 - Consolidated Medical Services Fund
(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0525 FY 2021 Org 0506

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Total: $224,618,154
Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Jim’s Dream (fund 0525, appropriation 14901), Behavioral Health Program (fund 0525, appropriation 21900), Institutional Facilities Operations (fund 0525, appropriation 33500), Substance Abuse Continuum of Care (fund 0525, appropriation 35400), and Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0525, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title I, section three of this bill, the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources shall have the authority to transfer funds within the above appropriations: Provided, That no more than five percent of the funds appropriated to one appropriation may be transferred to other appropriations: Provided, however, That no funds from other appropriations shall be transferred to the personal services and employee benefits appropriation.

Included in the above appropriation for Behavioral Health Program (fund 0525, appropriation 21900) is $100,000 for the Healing Place of Huntington.

The above appropriation for Institutional Facilities Operations (fund 0525, appropriation 33500) contains prior year salary increases due to the Hartley court order in the amount of $2,202,013 for William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital, and $2,067,984 for Mildred Mitchel-Bateman Hospital.

From the above appropriation for Substance Abuse Continuum of Care (fund 0525, appropriation 35400), the funding will be consistent with the goal areas outlined in the Comprehensive Substance Abuse Strategic Action Plan.

Additional funds have been appropriated in fund 5156, fiscal year 2021, organization 0506, for the operation of the institutional facilities. The secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources is authorized to utilize up to ten percent of the funds from the Institutional Facilities Operations appropriation to facilitate cost effective and cost saving services at the community level.
59 - Division of Health –

West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0561 FY 2021 Org 0506

West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment
Revolving Fund-Transfer..................68900 $ 647,500

The above appropriation for Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund – Transfer shall be transferred to the West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund or appropriate bank depository and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving – Administrative Expense Fund as provided by Chapter 16 of the Code.

60 - Human Rights Commission

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0416 FY 2021 Org 0510

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,073,553
Unclassified...........................................09900 4,024
Current Expenses ................................13000 331,304
BRIM Premium......................................91300 10,764
Total................................................. $ 1,419,645

61 - Division of Human Services

(WV Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 0403 FY 2021 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 50,356,249
Unclassified...........................................09900 5,688,944
Current Expenses ................................13000 11,708,336
Child Care Development.........................14400 3,102,718
Medical Services...................................18900 297,855,264
Social Services.....................................19500 226,476,781
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0403, appropriation 75500) and Indigent Burials (fund 0403, appropriation 85100) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
Notwithstanding the provisions of Title I, section three of this bill, the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources shall have the authority to transfer funds within the above appropriations: Provided, That no more than five percent of the funds appropriated to one appropriation may be transferred to other appropriations: Provided, however, That no funds from other appropriations shall be transferred to the personal services and employee benefits appropriation.

The secretary shall have authority to expend funds for the educational costs of those children residing in out-of-state placements, excluding the costs of special education programs.

Included in the above appropriation for Social Services (fund 0403, appropriation 19500) is funding for continuing education requirements relating to the practice of social work.

The above appropriation for Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund (fund 0403, appropriation 38400) shall be transferred to the Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund (fund 5455).

The above appropriation for James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund (fund 0403, appropriation 45500) shall be transferred to the James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund (fund 5454) as provided by Article 5Q, Chapter 16 of the Code.

The above appropriation for WV Works Separate State Program (fund 0403, appropriation 69800), shall be transferred to the WV Works Separate State College Program Fund (fund 5467), and the WV Works Separate State Two-Parent Program Fund (fund 5468) as determined by the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources.

From the above appropriation for Child Support Enforcement (fund 0403, appropriation 70500) an amount not to exceed $300,000 may be transferred to a local banking depository to be utilized to offset funds determined to be uncollectible.

From the above appropriation for the Grants for Licensed Domestic Violence Programs and Statewide Prevention (fund
0403, appropriation 75000), 50% of the total shall be divided equally and distributed among the fourteen (14) licensed programs and the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV). The balance remaining in the appropriation for Grants for Licensed Domestic Violence Programs and Statewide Prevention (fund 0403, appropriation 75000), shall be distributed according to the formula established by the Family Protection Services Board.

The above appropriation for Children’s Trust Fund – Transfer (fund 0403, appropriation 95100) shall be transferred to the Children’s Trust Fund (fund 5469, org 0511).

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

62 - Department of Homeland Security –

Office of the Secretary

(WV Code Chapter 5F)

Fund 0430 FY 2021 Org 0601

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0430, appropriation 09900), Fusion Center (fund 0430, appropriation 46900), Justice Reinvestment Training – Surplus (fund 0430, appropriation 69900), WV Fire and EMS Survivor Benefit (fund 0430, appropriation 93900), and Homeland State Security Administrative Agency (fund 0430, appropriation
95300) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0430, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Worker Funeral Expense Payment Fund (fund 6003).

63 - West Virginia Parole Board

(WV Code Chapter 62)

Fund 0440 FY 2021 Org 0605

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The above appropriation for Salaries of Members of West Virginia Parole Board (fund 0440, appropriation 22700) includes funding for salary, annual increment (as provided for in W.Va. Code §5-5-1), and related employee benefits of board members.

64 - Division of Emergency Management

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0443 FY 2021 Org 0606

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BRIM Premium...............................................91300  96,529
   Total..................................................... $ 6,149,915

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Federal Funds/Grant Match (fund 0443, appropriation 74900), Early Warning Flood System (fund 0443, appropriation 87700), and Disaster Mitigation (fund 0443, appropriation 95200) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

65 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

   Central Office

   (WV Code Chapter 15A)

   Fund 0446 FY 2021 Org 0608

   Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 576,577
   Current Expenses ........................................ 13000  2,400
   Total..................................................... $ 578,977

66 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

   Correctional Units

   (WV Code Chapter 15A)

   Fund 0450 FY 2021 Org 0608

   Employee Benefits.................................01000  $ 1,258,136
   Children’s Protection Act (R) ..............09000  838,437
   Unclassified..............................................09900  1,578,800
   Current Expenses (R) .........................13000  52,016,936
   Facilities Planning and Administration (R) ..38600  1,274,200
   Charleston Correctional Center ..............45600  3,400,402
   Beckley Correctional Center .................49000  2,518,874
   Anthony Correctional Center ...............50400  6,096,779
   Huttonsville Correctional Center ..........51400  21,920,001
   Northern Correctional Center ..............53400  8,018,685
   Inmate Medical Expenses (R)...............53500  21,226,064
   Pruntytown Correctional Center ..........54300  8,597,911
Corrections Academy........................................ 56900 1,925,980  
Information Technology Services..................... 59901 2,759,052 
Martinsburg Correctional Center...................... 66300 4,348,990  
Parole Services......................................... 68600 5,850,564  
Special Services ....................................... 68700 6,477,777  
Investigative Services ................................. 71600 3,394,070  
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) ............... 75500 2,000,000  
Salem Correctional Center......................... 77400 11,455,381  
McDowell County Correctional Center........... 79000 2,542,590  
Stevens Correctional Center....................... 79100 7,863,195 
Parkersburg Correctional Center.................. 82800 3,927,845  
St. Mary’s Correctional Center.................... 88100 14,497,534  
Denmar Correctional Center .......................... 88200 5,189,043  
Ohio County Correctional Center................. 88300 2,147,492 
Mt. Olive Correctional Complex ................ 88800 22,357,432  
Lakin Correctional Center............................ 89600 10,711,864  
BRIM Premium......................................... 91300 2,527,657  
Total................................................................  238,721,691 

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Children’s Protection Act (fund 0450, appropriation 09000), Unclassified – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 09700), Current Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 13000), Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0450, appropriation 38600), Inmate Medical Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 53500), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 66100), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 67700), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0450, appropriation 75500), Security System Improvements – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 75501), and Roof Repairs and Mechanical System Upgrades (fund 0450, appropriation 75502) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The Commissioner of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall have the authority to transfer between individual correctional unit appropriations as specified above and may transfer funds from the individual correctional unit appropriations as specified above to
Current Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 13000) or Inmate Medical Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 53500).

From the above appropriation to Current Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 13000) payment shall be made to house Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation inmates in federal, county, and/or regional jails.

Any realized savings from Energy Savings Contract may be transferred to Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0450, appropriation 38600).

67 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

Bureau of Juvenile Services
(WV Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0570 FY 2021 Org 0608

Statewide Reporting Centers.............26200 $ 7,358,529
Robert L. Shell Juvenile Center ..........26700 2,519,068
Resident Medical Expenses (R).........53501 3,604,999
Central Office..............................70100 2,167,320
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R)....75500 250,000
Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center .........79300 2,692,984
BRIM Premium..............................91300 115,967
Kenneth Honey Rubenstein
Juvenile Center (R)......................98000 5,808,523
Vicki Douglas Juvenile Center ...........98100 2,389,494
Northern Regional Juvenile Center ...98200 2,876,302
Lorrie Yeager Jr. Juvenile Center ......98300 2,422,880
Sam Perdue Juvenile Center ..........98400 2,614,497
Tiger Morton Center ..................98500 2,633,060
Donald R. Kuhn Juvenile Center .......98600 5,060,657
J.M. “Chick” Buckbee Juvenile Center ..98700 2,527,617
Total.........................................$ 45,041,897

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Resident Medical Expenses (fund 0570, appropriation 53501), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0570, appropriation 75500),
Roof Repairs and Mechanical System Upgrades (fund 0570, appropriation 75502), and Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Juvenile Center (fund 0570, appropriation 98000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The Director of Juvenile Services shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations to the individual juvenile centers above including statewide reporting centers and central office and may transfer funds from the individual juvenile centers to Resident Medical Expenses (fund 0570, appropriation 53501).

68 - West Virginia State Police

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0453 FY 2021 Org 0612

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Communications and Other Equipment (fund 0453, appropriation 55800), and Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0453, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
From the above appropriation for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0453, appropriation 00100), an amount not less than $25,000 shall be expended to offset the costs associated with providing police services for the West Virginia State Fair.

69 - Fire Commission

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0436 FY 2021 Org 0619

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 64,021

70 - Division of Protective Services

(WV Code Chapter 5F)

Fund 0585 FY 2021 Org 0622

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 3,029,459
Unclassified (R).................................09900 21,991
Current Expenses ......................................13000 422,981
Repairs and Alterations.............................06400 8,500
Equipment (R).....................................07000 64,171
BRIM Premium.................................91300 32,602
Total................................................. $ 3,579,704

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Equipment (fund 0585, appropriation 07000), and Unclassified (fund 0585, appropriation 09900) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

71 - Division of Administrative Services

(WV Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0619 FY 2021 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 2,306,255
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 305,000
Total.................................................. $ 2,611,255
### 72 - Division of Justice and Community Services

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0546 FY 2021 Org 0623

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Child Advocacy Centers (fund 0546, appropriation 45800), Community Corrections (fund 0546, appropriation 56100), Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Commission (fund 0546 appropriation 71400), Qualitative Analysis and Training for Youth Services (fund 0546, appropriation 76200), and Law Enforcement Training – Surplus (fund 0546, appropriation 83899) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

From the above appropriation for Child Advocacy Centers (fund 0546, appropriation 45800), the division may retain an amount not to exceed four percent of the appropriation for administrative purposes.

### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

73 - Office of the Secretary

(WV Code Chapter 11)
Fund 0465 FY 2021 Org 0701

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 516,906
Unclassified...............................................09900  5,837
Current Expenses ......................................13000  81,594
Repairs and Alterations...............................06400  1,262
Equipment..................................................07000  8,000
Other Assets...............................................69000  500
Total.......................................................... $ 614,099

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Unclassified – Total (fund 0465, appropriation 09600) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

74 - Tax Division

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 0470 FY 2021 Org 0702

Personal Services and
  Employee Benefits (R) .......................00100  $ 19,272,541
Unclassified (R) ......................................09900  224,578
Current Expenses (R) .......................13000  5,873,635
Repairs and Alterations .................06400  10,150
Equipment .................................................07000  54,850
Tax Technology Upgrade .............09400  3,700,000
Integrated Tax Assessment System (R) ....29200  1,100,000
Multi State Tax Commission ...........65300  77,958
Other Assets ...........................................69000  10,000
BRIM Premium ........................................91300  15,579
Total.......................................................... $ 30,339,291

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0470, appropriation 00100), Unclassified (fund 0470, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0470, appropriation 13000), and Integrated Tax Assessment System (fund 0470, appropriation 29200) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
75 - State Budget Office

(WV Code Chapter 11B)

Fund 0595 FY 2021 Org 0703

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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Unclassified (fund 0595, appropriation 09900) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

76 - West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 0593 FY 2021 Org 0709

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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0593, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

77 - Division of Professional and Occupational Licenses – State Athletic Commission

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0523 FY 2021 Org 0933

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Total............................................................ $ 36,811

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

78 - State Rail Authority

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0506 FY 2021 Org 0804

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 361,627
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000  3,087,707
Other Assets (R)...........................................69000  1,270,019
BRIM Premium.............................................91300  201,541
Total............................................................ $ 4,920,894

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0506, appropriation 13000), $2,800,000 shall be transferred to the State Rail Authority – Commuter Rail Access Fund (fund 8402).

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation Other Assets (fund 0506, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

79 - Division of Public Transit

(WV Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0510 FY 2021 Org 0805

Equipment (R)..............................................07000 $ 25,000
Current Expenses (R).....................................13000  2,237,989
Total............................................................ $ 2,262,989

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Equipment (fund 0510, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0510, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0510, appropriation 25800), and Other Assets (fund 0510, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
80 - Aeronautics Commission

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0582 FY 2021 Org 0807

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 223,740
Current Expenses (R)..............................13000 591,839
Repairs and Alterations...........................06400 100
BRIM Premium.......................................91300 4,438
Total................................................ $ 820,117

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0582, appropriation 09900) and Current Expenses (fund 0582, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE

81 - Department of Veterans’ Assistance

(WV Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 0456 FY 2021 Org 0613

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,987,212
Unclassified...........................................09900 20,000
Current Expenses .................................13000 161,450
Repairs and Alterations...........................06400 5,000
Veterans’ Field Offices...............................22800 405,550
Veterans’ Nursing Home (R).......................28600 6,916,912
Veterans’ Toll Free Assistance Line..............32800 2,015
Veterans’ Reeducation Assistance (R)..........32900 40,000
Veterans’ Grant Program (R).......................34200 560,000
Veterans’ Grave Markers............................47300 10,000
Veterans Outreach Programs .....................61700 200,740
Veterans Cemetery...................................80800 389,215
BRIM Premium...........................................91300 50,000
Total................................................ $ 10,748,094
Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Veterans’ Nursing Home (fund 0456, appropriation 28600), Veterans’ Reeducation Assistance (fund 0456, appropriation 32900), Veterans’ Grant Program (fund 0456, appropriation 34200), Veterans’ Bonus – Surplus (fund 0456, appropriation 34400), and Educational Opportunities for Children of Deceased Veterans (fund 0456, appropriation 85400) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

82 - Department of Veterans’ Assistance –
Veterans’ Home

(WV Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 0460 FY 2021 Org 0618

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits | 00100 | 1,217,096 |
| Current Expenses | 13000 | 46,759 |
| **Total** | | **$1,263,855** |

BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

83 - Bureau of Senior Services

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0420 FY 2021 Org 0508

| Current Expenses | 13000 | 500,000 |
| Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens | 53900 | 29,950,955 |
| **Total** | | **$30,450,955** |

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0420, appropriation 13000), $500,000 shall be used for Local Senior Citizens Projects.

The above appropriation for Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens
(fund 0420, appropriation 53900) along with the federal moneys generated thereby shall be used for reimbursement for services provided under the program.

The above appropriation is in addition to funding provided in fund 5405 for this program.

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

84 - West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education –

Control Account

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0596 FY 2021 Org 0420

West Virginia Council for Community and Technical Education (R) .................39200 $ 738,955
Transit Training Partnership .........................78300 34,293
Community College
   Workforce Development (R) ....................87800 2,786,925
College Transition Program ..........................88700 278,222
West Virginia Advance
   Workforce Development (R) ...............89300 3,118,960
Technical Program Development (R) ..........89400 1,800,735
WV Invests Grant Program ..........................89401 7,034,748
Total.................................................. $ 15,792,838

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for West Virginia Council for Community and Technical Education (fund 0596, appropriation 39200), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0596, appropriation 66100), Community College Workforce Development (fund 0596, appropriation 87800), West Virginia Advance Workforce Development (fund 0596, appropriation 89300), and Technical Program Development (fund 0596, appropriation 89400) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
From the above appropriation for the Community College Workforce Development (fund 0596, appropriation 87800), $200,000 shall be expended on the Mine Training Program in Southern West Virginia.

Included in the above appropriation for West Virginia Advance Workforce Development (fund 0596, appropriation 89300) is $200,000 to be used exclusively for advanced manufacturing and energy industry specific training programs.

85 - Mountwest Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0599 FY 2021 Org 0444

Mountwest Community and
Technical College ................................. 48700 $ 6,489,307

86 - New River Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0600 FY 2021 Org 0445

New River Community and
Technical College ........................................ 35800 $ 5,864,886

87 - Pierpont Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0597 FY 2021 Org 0446

Pierpont Community and
Technical College ................................. 93000 $ 7,820,129

88 - Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0601 FY 2021 Org 0447
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College ..........................88500  $  7,830,842

89 - West Virginia University at Parkersburg

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0351 FY 2021 Org 0464

West Virginia University – Parkersburg.......47100  $  10,319,284

90 - Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0380 FY 2021 Org 0487

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College ..........................44600  $  8,241,823

91 - West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0383 FY 2021 Org 0489

West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College ..........................44700  $  7,285,825

92 - Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0587 FY 2021 Org 0492

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College ..........................41200  $  2,179,912

93 - BridgeValley Community and Technical College

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0618 FY 2021 Org 0493
Bridge Valley Community and Technical College ........................................ 71700 $ 8,098,811

**HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

94 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

**Administration** –

**Control Account**

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0589 FY 2021 Org 0441

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Tuition Contract Program (fund 0589, appropriation 16500), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0589, appropriation 66100), and HEAPS Grant Program (fund 0589, appropriation 86700) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
The above appropriation for Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0589, appropriation 38600) is for operational expenses of the West Virginia Education, Research and Technology Park between construction and full occupancy.

The above appropriation for Higher Education Grant Program (fund 0589, appropriation 16400) shall be transferred to the Higher Education Grant Fund (fund 4933, org 0441) established by W.Va. Code §18C-5-3.

The above appropriation for Underwood-Smith Scholarship Program-Student Awards (fund 0589, appropriation 16700) shall be transferred to the Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship and Loan Assistance Fund (fund 4922, org 0441) established by W.Va. Code §18C-4-1.

The above appropriation for PROMISE Scholarship – Transfer (fund 0589, appropriation 80000) shall be transferred to the PROMISE Scholarship Fund (fund 4296, org 0441) established by W.Va. Code §18C-7-7.

95 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

Administration -

West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing (WVNET)

(WV Code Chapter 18B9)

Fund 0551 FY 2021 Org 0495

WVNET .................................................................16900 $  1,747,826

96 - West Virginia University –

School of Medicine

Medical School Fund

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0343 FY 2021 Org 0463
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The above appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0343, appropriation 37700) includes rural health activities and programs; rural residency development and education; and rural outreach activities.

The above appropriation for West Virginia University School of Medicine BRIM Subsidy (fund 0343, appropriation 46000) shall be paid to the Board of Risk and Insurance Management as a general revenue subsidy against the “Total Premium Billed” to the institution as part of the full cost of their malpractice insurance coverage.

97 - West Virginia University –

General Administrative Fund

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0344 FY 2021 Org 0463

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From the above appropriation for Jackson’s Mill (fund 0344, appropriation 46100) $250,000 shall be used for the West Virginia State Fire Training Academy.

98 - Marshall University –

School of Medicine

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0347 FY 2021 Org 0471

Marshall Medical School .............................. 17300 $ 12,235,068
Rural Health Outreach Programs (R) ............ 37700 156,022
Forensic Lab ........................................ 37701 227,415
Center for Rural Health ......................... 37702 157,096
Marshall University Medical School
   BRIM Subsidy .................................. 44900  872,612
Total ................................................. $ 13,648,213

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Program (fund 0347, appropriation 37700) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The above appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0347, appropriation 37700) includes rural health activities and programs; rural residency development and education; and rural outreach activities.

The above appropriation for Marshall University Medical School BRIM Subsidy (fund 0347, appropriation 44900) shall be paid to the Board of Risk and Insurance Management as a general revenue subsidy against the “Total Premium Billed” to the institution as part of the full cost of their malpractice insurance coverage.

99 - Marshall University –

General Administration Fund

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Vista E-Learning (fund 0348, appropriation 51900), State Priorities – Brownfield Professional Development (fund 0348, appropriation 53100), Marshall University Graduate College Writing Project (fund 0348, appropriation 80700), and WV Autism Training Center (fund 0348, appropriation 93200) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

### 100 - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0336, appropriation 37700)
at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The above appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0336, appropriation 37700) includes rural health activities and programs; rural residency development and education; and rural outreach activities.

The above appropriation for West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine BRIM Subsidy (fund 0336, appropriation 40300) shall be paid to the Board of Risk and Insurance Management as a general revenue subsidy against the “Total Premium Billed” to the institution as part of the full cost of their malpractice insurance coverage.

101 - Bluefield State College
(WV Code Chapter 18B)
Fund 0354 FY 2021 Org 0482
Bluefield State College ..........................40800 $ 6,383,221

102 - Concord University
(WV Code Chapter 18B)
Fund 0357 FY 2021 Org 0483
Concord University ..............................41000 $ 10,476,415

103 - Fairmont State University
(WV Code Chapter 18B)
Fund 0360 FY 2021 Org 0484
Fairmont State University ..........................41400 $ 18,600,341

104 - Glenville State College
(WV Code Chapter 18B)
Fund 0363 FY 2021 Org 0485
Glenville State College .......................... 42800 $ 6,446,942

105 - Shepherd University
(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0366 FY 2021 Org 0486
Shepherd University .......................... 43200 $ 12,683,829

106 - West Liberty University
(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0370 FY 2021 Org 0488
West Liberty University .......................... 43900 $ 9,102,662

107 - West Virginia State University
(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0373 FY 2021 Org 0490
West Virginia State University .......................... 44100 $ 11,342,512
West Virginia State University
   Land Grant Match .......................... 95600 2,950,192
Total .......................... $ 14,292,704

From the above appropriation for West Virginia State University (fund 0373, appropriation 44100), $300,000 shall be for the Healthy Grandfamilies program.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

108 - Adjutant General –

State Militia
(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0433 FY 2021 Org 0603
Unclassified (R).................................09900 $ 106,798
College Education Fund......................23200 4,000,000
Civil Air Patrol...............................23400 249,664
Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy.........70900 4,800,000
Armory Board Transfer......................70015
Military Authority (R).......................74800 6,260,251
Drug Enforcement and Support ............74801 1,500,000
Total............................................ $ 19,234,268

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0433, appropriation 09900), Military Authority (fund 0433, appropriation 74800), and Military Authority – Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 74899) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

From the above appropriations an amount approved by the Adjutant General may be transferred to the State Armory Board for operation and maintenance of National Guard Armories.

The adjutant general shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations.

From the above appropriation and other state and federal funding, the Adjutant General shall provide an amount not less than $4,800,000 to the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy to meet anticipated program demand.

109 - Adjutant General –

Military Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0605 FY 2021 Org 0603

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 100,000
Current Expenses ..................................13000 57,775
Total.................................................. $ 157,775

Total TITLE II, Section 1 – General Revenue
(Including claims against the state) .......... $4,574,513,367
Sec. 2. Appropriations from state road fund. — From the state road fund there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

110 - Division of Motor Vehicles

(WV Code Chapters 17, 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 20, and 24A)

Fund 9007 FY 2021 Org 0802

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111 - Division of Highways

(WV Code Chapters 17 and 17C)

Fund 9017 FY 2021 Org 0803

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Highway Litter Control...............................28200  1,650,000
Courtesy Patrol.........................................28201  5,000,000
Total.......................................................... $1,308,582,854

The above appropriations are to be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 17 and 17C of the code.

The Commissioner of Highways shall have the authority to operate revolving funds within the State Road Fund for the operation and purchase of various types of equipment used directly and indirectly in the construction and maintenance of roads and for the purchase of inventories and materials and supplies.

There is hereby appropriated in addition to the above appropriations, sufficient money for the payment of claims, accrued or arising during this budgetary period, to be paid in accordance with Sections 17 and 18, Article 2, Chapter 14 of the code.

It is the intent of the Legislature to capture and match all federal funds available for expenditure on the Appalachian highway system at the earliest possible time. Therefore, should amounts in excess of those appropriated be required for the purposes of Appalachian programs, funds in excess of the amount appropriated may be made available upon recommendation of the commissioner and approval of the Governor. Further, for the purpose of Appalachian programs, funds appropriated by appropriation may be transferred to other appropriations upon recommendation of the commissioner and approval of the Governor.

112 - Office of Administrative Hearings

(WV Code Chapter 17C)

Fund 9027 FY 2021 Org 0808

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 1,698,752
Current Expenses ......................................13000  338,278
Repairs and Alterations.........................06400  3,000
Equipment..............................................07000  15,500
BRIM Premium...........................................91300  10,000
Total....................................................... $ 2,065,530
Total TITLE II, Section 2 – State Road Fund  
(Including claims against the state) ................. $1,357,570,267

Sec. 3. Appropriations from other funds. — From the funds designated there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

LEGISLATIVE

113 - Crime Victims Compensation Fund

(WV Code Chapter 14)

Fund 1731 FY 2021 Org 2300

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JUDICIAL

114 - Supreme Court –

Family Court Fund

(WV Code Chapter 51)

Fund 1763 FY 2021 Org 2400

Current Expenses ...........................................13000 $ 1,150,000

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 1763, appropriation 13000), $100,000 shall be used for the West Virginia CASA Association.
115 - Supreme Court –

*Court Advanced Technology Subscription Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 51)

Fund 1704 FY 2021 Org 2400

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 100,000

116 - Supreme Court –

*Adult Drug Court Participation Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 62)

Fund 1705 FY 2021 Org 2400

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 200,000

**EXECUTIVE**

117 - Governor’s Office –

*Minority Affairs Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 1058 FY 2021 Org 0100

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 177,737
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 503,200
Martin Luther King, Jr.
  Holiday Celebration..............................03100 8,926
Total......................................................... $ 689,863

118 - Auditor’s Office –

*Land Operating Fund*

(WV Code Chapters 11A, 12, and 36)

Fund 1206 FY 2021 Org 1200
Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $  799,211
Unclassified........................................09900  15,139
Current Expenses .........................13000  715,291
Repairs and Alterations.....................06400  2,600
Equipment........................................07000  426,741
Cost of Delinquent Land Sales..........76800 1,841,168
Total.................................................. $  3,800,150

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the necessary amount for the expenditure of funds other than Personal Services and Employee Benefits to enable the division to pay the direct expenses relating to land sales as provided in Chapter 11A of the West Virginia Code.

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by law.

119 - Auditor’s Office –

Local Government Purchasing Card Expenditure Fund

(WV Code Chapter 6)

Fund 1224 FY 2021 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $  627,779
Current Expenses ..............................13000  282,030
Repairs and Alterations.....................06400  6,000
Equipment........................................07000  10,805
Other Assets.....................................69000  50,000
Statutory Revenue Distribution..........74100 3,500,000
Total............................................... $  4,476,614

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the amount necessary to meet the transfer of revenue distribution requirements to provide a proportionate share of rebates back to the general fund of local governments based on utilization of the program in accordance with W.Va. Code §6-9-2b.
120 - Auditor’s Office –

Securities Regulation Fund

(WV Code Chapter 32)

Fund 1225 FY 2021 Org 1200

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121 - Auditor’s Office – Technology Support and Acquisition Fund

(WV Code Chapter 12)

Fund 1233 FY 2021 Org 1200

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Fifty percent of the deposits made into this fund shall be transferred to the Treasurer’s Office – Technology Support and Acquisition Fund (fund 1329, org 1300) for expenditure for the purposes described in W.Va. Code §12-3-10c.

122 - Auditor’s Office –

Purchasing Card Administration Fund

(WV Code Chapter 12)

Fund 1234 FY 2021 Org 1200

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Equipment.................................07000   650,000
Other Assets.................................69000   308,886
Statutory Revenue Distribution.............74100   8,000,000

Total.................................................. $14,092,845

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the amount necessary to meet the transfer and revenue distribution requirements to the Purchasing Improvement Fund (fund 2264), the Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority, and the State Park Operating Fund (fund 3265) per W.Va. Code §12-3-10d.

123 - Auditor’s Office –

Chief Inspector’s Fund

(WV Code Chapter 6)

Fund 1235 FY 2021 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 3,583,096
Current Expenses ................................13000 765,915
Equipment.........................................07000 50,000

Total.................................................. $4,399,011

124 - Auditor’s Office –

Volunteer Fire Department Workers’

Compensation Premium Subsidy Fund

(WV Code Chapters 12 and 33)

Fund 1239 FY 2021 Org 1200

Volunteer Fire Department
Workers’ Compensation Subsidy ..........83200 $ 2,500,000

125 - Treasurer’s Office

College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program

Administrative Account
### 126 - Department of Agriculture –  
**Agriculture Fees Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 19)

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### 127 - Department of Agriculture –  
**West Virginia Rural Rehabilitation Program**

(WV Code Chapter 19)

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### 128 - Department of Agriculture –  
**General John McCausland Memorial Farm Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 19)
**Fund 1409 FY 2021 Org 1400**

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The above appropriations shall be expended in accordance with Article 26, Chapter 19 of the Code.

**129 - Department of Agriculture –**

*Farm Operating Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

**Fund 1412 FY 2021 Org 1400**

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**130 - Department of Agriculture –**

*Capital Improvements Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

**Fund 1413 FY 2021 Org 1400**

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131 - Department of Agriculture –

Donated Food Fund

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1446 FY 2021 Org 1400

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132 - Department of Agriculture –

Integrated Predation Management Fund

(WV Code Chapter 7)

Fund 1465 FY 2021 Org 1400

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133 - Department of Agriculture –

West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1481 FY 2021 Org 1400

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134 - Department of Agriculture –

Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Fund

(WV Code Chapter 19)
### Fund 1483 FY 2021 Org 1400

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#### 135 - Department of Agriculture –

**State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center**  
(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

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### Fund 1507 FY 2021 Org 1500

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits | $ | 363,466 |
| Current Expenses | | 148,803 |
| Repairs and Alterations | | 1,000 |
| Equipment | | 1,000 |
| **Total** | **$** | **514,269** |

### Fund 1513 FY 2021 Org 1500

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Current Expenses ..................................13000 54,615
Repairs and Alterations .........................06400 1,000
Equipment .........................................07000 1,000
Total ................................................ $ 279,184

138 - Attorney General –
Preneed Funeral Guarantee Fund
(WV Code Chapter 47)
Fund 1514 FY 2021 Org 1500
Current Expenses ..................................13000 $ 901,135

139 - Secretary of State –
Service Fees and Collection Account
(WV Code Chapters 3, 5, and 59)
Fund 1612 FY 2021 Org 1600
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,065,106
Unclassified .........................................09900 4,524
Current Expenses ..................................13000 8,036
Total ................................................ $ 1,077,666

140 - Secretary of State –
General Administrative Fees Account
(WV Code Chapters 3, 5, and 59)
Fund 1617 FY 2021 Org 1600
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 2,947,630
Unclassified .........................................09900 25,529
Current Expenses ..................................13000 976,716
Technology Improvements ......................59900 570,000
Total ................................................ $ 4,519,875
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

141 - Department of Administration –

Office of the Secretary –

Tobacco Settlement Fund

(WV Code Chapter 4)

Fund 2041 FY 2021 Org 0201

Tobacco Settlement Securitization
Trustee Pass Thru ........................................ 65000 $ 80,000,000

142 - Department of Administration –

Office of the Secretary –

Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 2044 FY 2021 Org 0201

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 33,028,000

The above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 2044, appropriation 13000) shall be transferred to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board – Teachers’ Accumulation Fund (fund 2600).

143 - Department of Administration –

Division of Finance –

Shared Services Section Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2020 FY 2021 Org 0209

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,500,000
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 500,000
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144 - Division of Information Services and Communications

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2220 FY 2021 Org 0210

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of collections made by the Division of Information Services and Communications as provided by law.

Each spending unit operating from the General Revenue Fund, from special revenue funds or receiving reimbursement for postage from the federal government shall be charged monthly for all postage meter service and shall reimburse the revolving fund monthly for all such amounts.

145 - Division of Purchasing –

Vendor Fee Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2263 FY 2021 Org 0213

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146 - Division of Purchasing –

Purchasing Improvement Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2264 FY 2021 Org 0213

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 778,176
Unclassified.................................09900 5,562
Current Expenses .........................13000 393,066
Repairs and Alterations....................06400 500
Equipment..................................07000 500
Other Assets...............................69000 500
BRIM Premium............................91300 850
Total........................................ $ 1,179,154

147 - Travel Management –

Aviation Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2302 FY 2021 Org 0215

Unclassified...............................09900 $ 1,000
Current Expenses .........................13000 149,700
Repairs and Alterations....................06400 1,175,237
Equipment..................................07000 1,000
Buildings..................................25800 100
Other Assets...............................69000 100
Land.........................................73000 100
Total........................................ $ 1,327,237

148 - Fleet Management Division Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2301 FY 2021 Org 0216

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 757,145
Unclassified...............................09900 4,000
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $8,130,614
Repairs and Alterations ................................. 06400 12,000
Equipment .................................................. 07000 800,000
Other Assets ................................................ 69000 2,000
Total .................................................................. $9,705,759

149 - Division of Personnel

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 2440 FY 2021 Org 0222

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $4,760,683
Unclassified.................................................. 09900 51,418
Current Expenses ...............................13000 $1,262,813
Repairs and Alterations .............................. 06400 5,000
Equipment ................................................. 07000 20,000
Other Assets .............................................. 69000 60,000
Total ............................................................ $6,159,914

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of fees collected by the Division of Personnel.

150 - West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute

(WV Code Chapter 7)

Fund 2521 FY 2021 Org 0228

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $251,663
Unclassified.................................................. 09900 4,023
Current Expenses ...............................13000 $297,528
Repairs and Alterations .............................. 06400 600
Equipment ................................................. 07000 500
Other Assets .............................................. 69000 500
Total ............................................................ $554,814

151 - Office of Technology –

Chief Technology Officer Administration Fund
From the above fund, the provisions of W.Va. Code §11B-2-18 shall not operate to permit expenditures in excess of the funds authorized for expenditure herein.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

152 - *Division of Forestry*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 3081 FY 2021 Org 0305

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153 - *Division of Forestry – Timbering Operations Enforcement Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 3082 FY 2021 Org 0305

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154 - Division of Forestry –

Severance Tax Operations

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 3084 FY 2021 Org 0305

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits | 00100 | $859,626 |
| Current Expenses | 13000 | $435,339 |
| Total | | $1,294,965 |

155 - Geological and Economic Survey –

Geological and Analytical Services Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 3100 FY 2021 Org 0306

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits | 00100 | $37,966 |
| Unclassified | 09900 | $2,182 |
| Current Expenses | 13000 | $141,631 |
| Repairs and Alterations | 06400 | $50,000 |
| Equipment | 07000 | $20,000 |
| Other Assets | 69000 | $10,000 |
| Total | | $261,779 |

The above appropriations shall be used in accordance with W.Va. Code §29-2-4.

156 - West Virginia Development Office –

Department of Commerce –

Marketing and Communications Operating Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3002 FY 2021 Org 0307

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits | 00100 | $1,724,082 |
| Equipment | 07000 | $36,000 |
Unclassified..........................09900 30,000
Current Expenses .....................13000 1,315,078
Total......................................... $ 3,105,160

157 - West Virginia Development Office –

Office of Coalfield Community Development

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3162 FY 2021 Org 0307

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158 - West Virginia Development Office

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3014 FY 2021 Org 0307

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159 - Division of Labor –

West Virginia Jobs Act Fund

(WV Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3176 FY 2021 Org 0308

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160 - Division of Labor –

HVAC Fund
### 161 - Division of Labor –

**Contractor Licensing Board Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

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### 162 - Division of Labor –

**Elevator Safety Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

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### 163 - Division of Labor –

**Vehicle and Property Safety Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

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### 163 - Division of Labor –

**Steam Boiler Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

**Fund 3189 FY 2021 Org 0308**

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### 164 - Division of Labor –

**Crane Operator Certification Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

**Fund 3191 FY 2021 Org 0308**

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### 165 - Division of Labor –

**Amusement Rides and Amusement Attraction Safety Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

**Fund 3192 FY 2021 Org 0308**

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Total ...................................................... $ 244,763

166 - Division of Labor –

State Manufactured Housing Administration Fund

(WV Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3195 FY 2021 Org 0308

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167 - Division of Labor –

Weights and Measures Fund

(WV Code Chapter 47)

Fund 3196 FY 2021 Org 0308

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168 - Division of Labor –

Bedding and Upholstery Fund
### 169 - Division of Labor –

**Psychophysiological Examiners Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 21)

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### 170 - Division of Natural Resources –

**License Fund – Wildlife Resources**

(WV Code Chapter 20)

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of fees collected by the Division of Natural Resources.
Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Improvements and Land Purchase (fund 3200, appropriation 24800) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

171 - Division of Natural Resources –

Natural Resources Game Fish and Aquatic Life Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3202 FY 2021 Org 0310

Current Expenses ........................................ $13000 125,000

172 - Division of Natural Resources –

Nongame Fund

(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3203 FY 2021 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 688,103
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 201,810
Equipment ................................................... 07000 106,615
Total ......................................................... $ 996,528

173 - Division of Natural Resources –

Planning and Development Division

(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3205 FY 2021 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 457,738
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 257,864
Repairs and Alterations ................................. 06400 15,016
Equipment ................................................... 07000 8,300
Buildings .................................................... 25800 8,300
Other Assets ................................................. 69000 1,900,000
Land .......................................................... 73000 31,700
Total .......................................................... $ 2,678,918
174 - Division of Natural Resources –

Whitewater Study and Improvement Fund

(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3253 FY 2021 Org 0310

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175 - Division of Natural Resources –

Whitewater Advertising and Promotion Fund

(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3256 FY 2021 Org 0310

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176 - Division of Miners’ Health, Safety and Training –

Special Health, Safety and Training Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22A)

Fund 3355 FY 2021 Org 0314

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177 - Department of Commerce –

*Office of the Secretary –*

*Broadband Enhancement Fund*

Fund 3013 FY 2021 Org 0327

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $ 131,682 |
| Current Expenses ........................................13000 | $ 1,648,318 |
| Total...................................................................... | $ 1,780,000 |

178 - Office of Energy –

*Energy Assistance*

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3010 FY 2021 Org 0328

| Energy Assistance – Total .........................64700 | $ 7,211 |

179 - State Board of Rehabilitation –

*Division of Rehabilitation Services –*

*West Virginia Rehabilitation Center Special Account*

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8664 FY 2021 Org 0932

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $ 119,738 |
| Current Expenses ........................................13000 | $ 1,180,122 |
| Repairs and Alterations ..............................06400 | $ 85,500 |
| Equipment .....................................................07000 | $ 220,000 |
| Buildings .......................................................25800 | $ 150,000 |
| Other Assets ...............................................69000 | $ 150,000 |
| Total...................................................................... | $ 1,905,360 |
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

180 - State Board of Education –

Strategic Staff Development

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3937 FY 2021 Org 0402

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $ 134,000 |
| Unclassified........................................09900 | 1,000 |
| Current Expenses .....................................13000 | 765,000 |
| Total...................................................... | $ 900,000 |

181 - State Board of Education –

School Construction Fund

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 3952 FY 2021 Org 0402

| SBA Construction Grants .........................24000 | $ 35,845,818 |
| Directed Transfer ..................................70000 | 1,371,182 |
| Total...................................................... | $ 37,217,000 |

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3951, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the School Building Authority Fund (fund 3959) for the administrative expenses of the School Building Authority.

182 - School Building Authority

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3959 FY 2021 Org 0404

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $ 1,134,522 |
| Current Expenses .....................................13000 | 244,100 |
| Repairs and Alterations............................06400 | 13,150 |
| Equipment................................................07000 | 26,000 |
| Total...................................................... | $ 1,417,772 |
### DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY

#### 183 - Division of Culture and History –

**Public Records and Preservation Revenue Account**

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 3542 FY 2021 Org 0432

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### 184 - Solid Waste Management Board

(WV Code Chapter 22C)

Fund 3288 FY 2021 Org 0312

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#### 185 - Division of Environmental Protection –

**Hazardous Waste Management Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3023 FY 2021 Org 0313

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Other Assets..........................................69000  2,000  
**Total**.................................................................. $ 947,812

**186 - Division of Environmental Protection –**

*Air Pollution Education and Environment Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3024 FY 2021 Org 0313

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**187 - Division of Environmental Protection –**

*Special Reclamation Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3321 FY 2021 Org 0313

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**188 - Division of Environmental Protection –**

*Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 22)
### Fund 3322 FY 2021 Org 0313

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $143,906 |
| Current Expenses ..................................13000 | $356,094 |
| **Total..........................................................** | $500,000 |

189 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Oil and Gas Operating Permit and Processing Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

### Fund 3323 FY 2021 Org 0313

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $3,486,896 |
| Current Expenses ..................................13000 | $1,249,758 |
| Repairs and Alterations ..........................06400 | $40,600 |
| Equipment ..............................................07000 | $8,000 |
| Unclassified ...........................................09900 | $44,700 |
| Other Assets ..........................................69000 | $15,000 |
| **Total..........................................................** | $4,844,954 |

190 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Mining and Reclamation Operations Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

### Fund 3324 FY 2021 Org 0313

| Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 | $3,566,280 |
| Current Expenses ..................................13000 | $2,202,231 |
| Repairs and Alterations ..........................06400 | $60,260 |
| Equipment ..............................................07000 | $83,000 |
| Unclassified ...........................................09900 | $920 |
| Other Assets ..........................................69000 | $57,500 |
| **Total..........................................................** | $5,970,191 |

191 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Underground Storage Tank

Administrative Fund
(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3325 FY 2021 Org 0313

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192 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Hazardous Waste Emergency Response Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3331 FY 2021 Org 0313

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193 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Solid Waste Reclamation and

Environmental Response Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3332 FY 2021 Org 0313

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194 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Solid Waste Enforcement Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3333 FY 2021 Org 0313

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195 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Air Pollution Control Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3336 FY 2021 Org 0313

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196 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Environmental Laboratory

Certification Fund
Fund 3340 FY 2021 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 352,834
Current Expenses .........................................13000 201,146
Repairs and Alterations .................................06400 1,000
Unclassified ...............................................09900 1,120
Other Assets .............................................69000 163,000
Total ....................................................... $ 719,100

197 - Division of Environmental Protection –
Stream Restoration Fund

Fund 3349 FY 2021 Org 0313

Current Expenses .........................................13000 $ 5,182,076

198 - Division of Environmental Protection –
Litter Control Fund

Fund 3486 FY 2021 Org 0313

Current Expenses .........................................13000 $ 60,000

199 - Division of Environmental Protection –
Recycling Assistance Fund

Fund 3487 FY 2021 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 660,575
Current Expenses .........................................13000 2,754,258
Repairs and Alterations ....................................06400 800
Equipment ...................................................07000 500
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200 - Division of Environmental Protection –

Mountaintop Removal Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3490 FY 2021 Org 0313

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

202 - Division of Health –

Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund

(WV Code Chapter 19)
Fund 5111 FY 2021 Org 0506

Current Expenses ........................................13000 $ 10,667,392

203 - Division of Health –

The Vital Statistics Account
(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5144 FY 2021 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 938,484
Unclassified..................................................09900 15,500
Current Expenses ........................................13000 2,757,788
Total.......................................................... $ 3,711,772

204 - Division of Health –

Hospital Services Revenue Account

Special Fund

Capital Improvement, Renovation and Operations
(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5156 FY 2021 Org 0506

Institutional Facilities Operations ..........33500 $ 35,555,221
Medical Services Trust Fund – Transfer ....51200 27,800,000
Total.......................................................... $ 63,355,221

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the Hospital Services Revenue Account Special Fund created by W.Va. Code §16-1-13, and shall be used for operating expenses and for improvements in connection with existing facilities.

Additional funds have been appropriated in fund 0525, fiscal year 2021, organization 0506, for the operation of the institutional facilities. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources is authorized to utilize up to ten percent of the funds from the appropriation for Institutional Facilities Operations to facilitate cost effective and cost saving services at the community level.
Necessary funds from the above appropriation may be used for medical facilities operations, either in connection with this fund or in connection with the appropriation designated Institutional Facilities Operations in the Consolidated Medical Service Fund (fund 0525, organization 0506).

205 - Division of Health –

Laboratory Services Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5163 FY 2021 Org 0506

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206 - Division of Health –

The Health Facility Licensing Account

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5172 FY 2021 Org 0506

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207 - Division of Health –

Hepatitis B Vaccine

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5183 FY 2021 Org 0506

Current Expenses ......................................13000 | $ 9,740
### 208 - Division of Health –

**Lead Abatement Account**

(WV Code Chapter 16)

**Fund 5204 FY 2021 Org 0506**

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### 209 - Division of Health –

**West Virginia Birth-to-Three Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 16)

**Fund 5214 FY 2021 Org 0506**

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### 210 - Division of Health –

**Tobacco Control Special Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 16)

**Fund 5218 FY 2021 Org 0506**

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### 211 - Division of Health –

**Medical Cannabis Program Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 16A)

**Fund 5420 FY 2021 Org 0506**
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Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 509,658
Current Expenses ..................................13000 2,046,040
Total.................................................. $ 2,555,698

212 - West Virginia Health Care Authority –

Health Care Cost Review Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5375 FY 2021 Org 0507

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,345,380
Unclassified............................................09900 20,100
Current Expenses ..................................13000 785,445
Total.................................................. $ 2,150,925

The above appropriation is to be expended in accordance with
and pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §16-29B and from
the special revolving fund designated Health Care Cost Review
Fund.

213 - West Virginia Health Care Authority –

Certificate of Need Program Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5377 FY 2021 Org 0507

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 829,798
Current Expenses ..................................13000 474,967
Total.................................................. $ 1,304,765

214 - Division of Human Services –

Health Care Provider Tax –

Medicaid State Share Fund

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 5090 FY 2021 Org 0511
Medical Services..........................18900  $213,594,315  
Medical Services Administrative Costs......78900  242,287  
Total.................................................. $213,836,602

The above appropriation for Medical Services Administrative Costs (fund 5090, appropriation 78900) shall be transferred to a special revenue account in the treasury for use by the Department of Health and Human Resources for administrative purposes. The remainder of all moneys deposited in the fund shall be transferred to the Medical Services Program Fund (fund 5084).

215 - Division of Human Services –  
Child Support Enforcement Fund  
(WV Code Chapter 48A)  
Fund 5094 FY 2021 Org 0511  

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216 - Division of Human Services –  
Medical Services Trust Fund  
(WV Code Chapter 9)  
Fund 5185 FY 2021 Org 0511  

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The above appropriation to Medical Services shall be used to provide state match of Medicaid expenditures as defined and authorized in subsection (c) of W.Va. Code §9-4A-2a. Expenditures from the fund are limited to the following: payment of backlogged billings, funding for services to future federally mandated population groups and payment of the required state
match for Medicaid disproportionate share payments. The remainder of all moneys deposited in the fund shall be transferred to the Division of Human Services accounts.

217 - Division of Human Services –

James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5454 FY 2021 Org 0511

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218 - Division of Human Services –

Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund

(WV Code Chapter 48)

Fund 5455 FY 2021 Org 0511

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 900,000

219 - Division of Human Services –

West Virginia Works Separate State College Program Fund

(WV Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5467 FY 2021 Org 0511

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 500,000

220 - Division of Human Services –

West Virginia Works Separate State Two-Parent Program Fund

(WV Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5468 FY 2021 Org 0511

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 1,500,000
221 - Division of Human Services –

Marriage Education Fund

(WV Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5490 FY 2021 Org 0511

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

222 - Department of Homeland Security –

Office of the Secretary –

Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Worker

Funeral Expense Payment Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6003 FY 2021 Org 0601

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223 - Division of Emergency Management –

Statewide Interoperable Radio Network Account

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6208 FY 2021 Org 0606

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224 - Division Emergency Management –

West Virginia Interoperable Radio Project

(WV Code Chapter 24)
Fund 6295 FY 2021 Org 0606

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 2,000,000

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Unclassified – Total (fund 6295, appropriation 09600) at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

225 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

Parolee Supervision Fees

(WV Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 6362 FY 2021 Org 0608

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226 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority

(WV Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 6675 FY 2021 Org 0608

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227 - West Virginia State Police –

Motor Vehicle Inspection Fund

(WV Code Chapter 17C)
Fund 6501 FY 2021 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,907,726
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 1,488,211
Repairs and Alterations ................................. 06400 204,500
Equipment .................................................. 07000 3,770,751
Buildings .................................................. 25800 534,000
Other Assets ............................................. 69000 5,000
BRIM Premium .......................................... 91300 302,432
Total ....................................................... $ 8,212,620

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees collected for inspection stickers as provided by law.

228 - West Virginia State Police –

Forensic Laboratory Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6511 FY 2021 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,600,000
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 90,000
Repairs and Alterations ................................. 06400 5,000
Equipment .................................................. 07000 545,000
Total ....................................................... $ 2,240,000

229 - West Virginia State Police –

Drunk Driving Prevention Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6513 FY 2021 Org 0612

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 1,327,000
Equipment .................................................. 07000 3,491,895
BRIM Premium .......................................... 91300 154,452
Total ....................................................... $ 4,973,347
The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of receipts collected pursuant to W.Va. Code §11-15-9a and 16 and paid into a revolving fund account in the State Treasury.

230 - West Virginia State Police –

Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6516 FY 2021 Org 0612

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231 - West Virginia State Police –

Surplus Transfer Account

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6519 FY 2021 Org 0612

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232 - West Virginia State Police –

Central Abuse Registry Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6527 FY 2021 Org 0612

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Repairs and Alterations .......................... 06400 500
Equipment ........................................ 07000 300,500
Other Assets ...................................... 69000 300,500
BRIM Premium .................................. 91300 18,524
Total .................................................. $ 928,096

**233 - West Virginia State Police –**

*Bail Bond Enforcer Account*  
(WV Code Chapter 15)  
Fund 6532 FY 2021 Org 0612

Current Expenses .................................. 13000 $ 8,300

**234 - West Virginia State Police –**

*State Police Academy Post Exchange*  
(WV Code Chapter 15)  
Fund 6544 FY 2021 Org 0612

Current Expenses .................................. 13000 $ 160,000
Repairs and Alterations .......................... 06400 40,000
Total .................................................. $ 200,000

**235 - Fire Commission –**

*Fire Marshal Fees*  
(WV Code Chapter 29)  
Fund 6152 FY 2021 Org 0619

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 3,480,533
Unclassified ........................................ 09900 3,800
Current Expenses .................................. 13000 1,246,550
Repairs and Alterations .......................... 06400 58,500
Equipment .......................................... 07000 140,800
BRIM Premium .................................. 91300 65,000
Total .................................................. $ 4,995,183
236 - Division of Administrative Services –

WV Community Corrections Fund

(WV Code Chapter 62)

Fund 6386 FY 2021 Org 0623

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237 - Division of Administrative Services –

Court Security Fund

(WV Code Chapter 51)

Fund 6804 FY 2021 Org 0623

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238 - Division of Administrative Services –

Second Chance Driver’s License Program Account

(WV Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 6810 FY 2021 Org 0623

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

239 - Division of Financial Institutions

(WV Code Chapter 31A)

Fund 3041 FY 2021 Org 0303
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 2,703,057
Current Expenses ........................................13000 650,475
Equipment .................................................07000 8,500
Total ....................................................... $ 3,362,032

240 - Office of the Secretary –

State Debt Reduction Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 7007 FY 2021 Org 0701

Retirement Systems – Unfunded Liability ....77500 $ 20,000,000

The above appropriation for Retirement System – Unfunded Liability shall be transferred to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board – West Virginia Teachers Retirement System Employers School Aid Formula Funds Holding Account Fund (fund 2606).

241 - Home Rule Board Operations

(WV Code Chapter 8)

Fund 7010 FY 2021 Org 0701

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 25,000
Unclassified ..............................................09900 680
Current Expenses ........................................13000 42,000
Repairs and Alterations ..............................06400 120
Equipment .................................................07000 200
Total ....................................................... $ 68,000

242 - Tax Division –

Cemetery Company Account

(WV Code Chapter 35)

Fund 7071 FY 2021 Org 0702

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 25,928
Current Expenses ........................................13000 7,717
Total ....................................................... $ 33,645
### 243 - Tax Division –

**Special Audit and Investigative Unit**

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 7073 FY 2021 Org 0702

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### 244 - Tax Division –

**Wine Tax Administration Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 60)

Fund 7087 FY 2021 Org 0702

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### 245 - Tax Division –

**Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Standard and Fire Prevention Act Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 47)

Fund 7092 FY 2021 Org 0702

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**246 - Tax Division –**

*Local Sales Tax and Excise Tax Administration Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 11)

Fund 7099 FY 2021 Org 0702

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**247 - State Budget Office –**

*Public Employees Insurance Reserve Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 11B)

Fund 7400 FY 2021 Org 0703

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The above appropriation for Public Employees Insurance Reserve Fund – Transfer shall be transferred to the Medical Services Trust Fund (fund 5185, org 0511) for expenditure.

**248 - State Budget Office –**

*Public Employees Insurance Agency Financial Stability Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 11B)

Fund 7401 FY 2021 Org 0703

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The above appropriation shall be transferred to special revenue funds to be utilized by the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency for the purposes of permitting the PEIA Finance Board to offset $5 million in retiree premium increases. Additionally, $10 million will be put into a reserve fund to stabilize and preserve the future solvency of PEIA. Such amount shall not be included in the calculation of the plan year aggregate premium cost-sharing percentages between employers and employees.

249 - Insurance Commissioner –

Examination Revolving Fund

(WV Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7150 FY 2021 Org 0704

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250 - Insurance Commissioner –

Consumer Advocate

(WV Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7151 FY 2021 Org 0704

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251 - Insurance Commissioner –

Insurance Commission Fund

(WV Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7152 FY 2021 Org 0704

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .... 00100 $24,169,021
Current Expenses ............................. 13000 8,797,758
Repairs and Alterations ...................... 06400 68,614
Equipment ..................................... 07000 1,728,240
Buildings .............................. 25800 25,000
Other Assets ............................. 69000 340,661
Total .................................... $35,129,294

252 - Insurance Commissioner –

Workers’ Compensation Old Fund

(WV Code Chapter 23)

Fund 7162 FY 2021 Org 0704

Employee Benefits ......................... 01000 $50,000
Current Expenses ......................... 13000 250,500,000
Total ..................................... $250,550,000

253 - Insurance Commissioner –

Workers’ Compensation Uninsured Employers’ Fund

(WV Code Chapter 23)

Fund 7163 FY 2021 Org 0704

Current Expenses ......................... 13000 $15,000,000

254 - Insurance Commissioner –

Self-Insured Employer Guaranty Risk Pool

(WV Code Chapter 23)
Fund 7164 FY 2021 Org 0704
Current Expenses ................................................. 13000 $ 9,000,000

255 - Insurance Commissioner –
Self-Insured Employer Security Risk Pool
(WV Code Chapter 23)

Fund 7165 FY 2021 Org 0704
Current Expenses ................................................. 13000 $ 14,000,000

256 - Municipal Bond Commission
(WV Code Chapter 13)

Fund 7253 FY 2021 Org 0706
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 282,589
Current Expenses ................................................. 13000 144,844
Equipment .......................................................... 07000 100
Total ................................................................. $ 427,533

257 - Racing Commission –
Relief Fund
(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7300 FY 2021 Org 0707
Medical Expenses – Total.................................24500 $ 57,000

The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of collections of license fees and fines as provided by law.

No expenditures shall be made from this fund except for hospitalization, medical care and/or funeral expenses for persons contributing to this fund.
### 258 - Racing Commission –

**Administration and Promotion Account**

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7304 FY 2021 Org 0707

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### 259 - Racing Commission –

**General Administration**

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7305 FY 2021 Org 0707

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### 260 - Racing Commission –

**Administration, Promotion, Education, Capital Improvement and Greyhound Adoption Programs**

*to include Spaying and Neutering Account*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7307 FY 2021 Org 0707

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261 - Alcohol Beverage Control Administration –  

Wine License Special Fund

(WV Code Chapter 60)

Fund 7351 FY 2021 Org 0708

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To the extent permitted by law, four classified exempt positions shall be provided from Personal Services and Employee Benefits appropriation for field auditors.

262 - Alcohol Beverage Control Administration

(WV Code Chapter 60)

Fund 7352 FY 2021 Org 0708

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of liquor revenues and any other revenues available.
The above appropriations include the salary of the commissioner and the salaries, expenses, and equipment of administrative offices, warehouses, and inspectors.

The above appropriations include funding for the Tobacco/Alcohol Education Program.

There is hereby appropriated from liquor revenues, in addition to the above appropriations as needed, the necessary amount for the purchase of liquor as provided by law and the remittance of profits and taxes to the General Revenue Fund.

263 - State Athletic Commission Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 7009 FY 2021 Org 0933

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

264 - Division of Motor Vehicles –

Dealer Recovery Fund

(WV Code Chapter 17)

Fund 8220 FY 2021 Org 0802

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265 - Division of Motor Vehicles –

Motor Vehicle Fees Fund

(WV Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 8223 FY 2021 Org 0802

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**266 - Division of Highways –**

* A. James Manchin Fund

(WV Code Chapter 22)

Fund 8319 FY 2021 Org 0803

Current Expenses 13000 $2,500,000

**267 - State Rail Authority -**

* West Virginia Commuter Rail Access Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8402 FY 2021 Org 0804

Current Expenses 13000 $2,800,000

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE**

**268 - Veterans’ Facilities Support Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 6703 FY 2021 Org 0613

Current Expenses 13000 $1,654,234

Other Assets 69000 $10,000

Total 69000 $1,664,234

**269 - Department of Veterans’ Assistance –**

* WV Veterans’ Home –

Special Revenue Operating Fund
Fund 6754 FY 2021 Org 0618

Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 $ 289,400
Repairs and Alterations................................. 06400 10,600
Total................................................................ $ 300,000

BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

270 - Bureau of Senior Services –

Community Based Service Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 5409 FY 2021 Org 0508

Personal Services and Employee Benefits….00100 $ 160,883
Current Expenses ........................................ 13000 10,348,710
Total................................................................ $ 10,509,593

The total amount of these appropriations are funded from annual table game license fees to enable the aged and disabled citizens of West Virginia to stay in their homes through the provision of home and community-based services.

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

271 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

System –

Tuition Fee Capital Improvement Fund

(Capital Improvement and Bond Retirement Fund)

Control Account

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4903 FY 2021 Org 0442
Debt Service...........................................04000  $ 27,713,123
General Capital Expenditures .................30600      5,000,000
Facilities Planning and Administration......38600      441,111
Total............................................................ $ 33,154,234

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the Special Capital Improvement Fund created in W.Va. Code §18B-10-8. Projects are to be paid on a cash basis and made available on July 1.

The above appropriations, except for Debt Service, may be transferred to special revenue funds for capital improvement projects at the institutions.

272 - Tuition Fee Revenue Bond Construction Fund

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4906 FY 2021 Org 0442

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay (fund 4906, appropriation 51100) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The appropriation shall be paid from available unexpended cash balances and interest earnings accruing to the fund. The appropriation shall be expended at the discretion of the Higher Education Policy Commission and the funds may be allocated to any institution within the system.

The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the unexpended proceeds of revenue bonds previously issued pursuant to W.Va. Code §18-12B-8, which have since been refunded.

273 - Community and Technical College –

Capital Improvement Fund

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4908 FY 2021 Org 0442
Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Improvements – Total (fund 4908, appropriation 95800) at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the sale of the Series 2017 Community and Technical College Capital Improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds and anticipated interest earnings.

274 - West Virginia University –

West Virginia University Health Sciences Center

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4179 FY 2021 Org 0463

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MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

275 - Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists –

Barbers and Beauticians Special Fund

(WV Code Chapters 16 and 30)

Fund 5425 FY 2021 Org 0505

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of collections made by the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists as provided by law.

276 - Hospital Finance Authority –

Hospital Finance Authority Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5475 FY 2021 Org 0509

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by Article 29A, Chapter 16 of the Code.

277 - WV State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses –

Licensed Practical Nurses

(WV Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8517 FY 2021 Org 0906

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278 - WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses –

Registered Professional Nurses

(WV Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8520 FY 2021 Org 0907

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Equipment..................................................07000  25,000
Other Assets ................................................ 69000  4,500

Total................................................................. $ 1,645,767

279 - Public Service Commission

(WV Code Chapter 24)

Fund 8623 FY 2021 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 12,481,921
Unclassified.....................................................09900  147,643
Current Expenses .................................13000  2,572,202
Repairs and Alterations ............................06400  55,000
Equipment .....................................................07000  160,000
Buildings .....................................................25800  10
PSC Weight Enforcement ........................34500  4,605,652
Debt Payment/Capital Outlay .................52000  350,000
Land ............................................................73000  10
BRIM Premium..............................................91300  172,216

Total................................................................. $ 20,544,654

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of collections for special license fees from public service corporations as provided by law.

The Public Service Commission is authorized to transfer up to $500,000 from this fund to meet the expected deficiencies in the Motor Carrier Division (fund 8625, org 0926) due to the amendment and reenactment of W.Va. Code §24A-3-1 by Enrolled House Bill Number 2715, Regular Session, 1997.

280 - Public Service Commission –

Gas Pipeline Division –

Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety Fund

(WV Code Chapter 24B)

Fund 8624 FY 2021 Org 0926
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $   294,658
Unclassified...........................................09900   3,851
Current Expenses .................................13000   93,115
Repairs and Alterations.........................06400   4,000
Total.................................................... $   395,624

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of receipts collected for or by the Public Service Commission pursuant to and in the exercise of regulatory authority over pipeline companies as provided by law.

281 - Public Service Commission –

Motor Carrier Division

(WV Code Chapter 24A)

Fund 8625 FY 2021 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $   2,377,514
Unclassified...........................................09900 29,233
Current Expenses .................................13000 577,557
Repairs and Alterations.........................06400   23,000
Equipment.............................................07000 50,000
Total.................................................... $   3,057,304

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of receipts collected for or by the Public Service Commission pursuant to and in the exercise of regulatory authority over motor carriers as provided by law.

282 - Public Service Commission –

Consumer Advocate Fund

(WV Code Chapter 24)

Fund 8627 FY 2021 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $   876,994
Current Expenses .................................13000 386,472
Equipment.............................................07000 9,872
The total amount of these appropriations shall be supported by cash from a special revenue fund out of collections made by the Public Service Commission.

283 - Real Estate Commission –

Real Estate License Fund

(WV Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8635 FY 2021 Org 0927

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The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid out of collections of license fees as provided by law.

284 - WV Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology –

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Operating Fund

(WV Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8646 FY 2021 Org 0930

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285 - WV Board of Respiratory Care –

Board of Respiratory Care Fund

(WV Code Chapter 30)
### 286 - WV Board of Licensed Dietitians –

**Dietitians Licensure Board Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 30)

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### 287 - Massage Therapy Licensure Board –

**Massage Therapist Board Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 30)

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### 288 - Board of Medicine –

**Medical Licensing Board Fund**

(WV Code Chapter 30)

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289 - West Virginia Enterprise Resource Planning Board –

Enterprise Resource Planning System Fund

(WV Code Chapter 12)

Fund 9080 FY 2021 Org 0947

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290 - Board of Treasury Investments –

Board of Treasury Investments Fee Fund

(WV Code Chapter 12)

Fund 9152 FY 2021 Org 0950

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There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriation if needed, an amount of funds necessary for the Board of Treasury Investments to pay the fees and expenses of custodians, fund advisors and fund managers for the consolidated fund of the State as provided in Article 6C, Chapter 12 of the Code.

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by law.
From the above appropriations, the Adjutant General may receive and expend funds to conduct operations and activities to include functions of the Military Authority. The Adjutant General may transfer funds between appropriations, except no funds may be transferred to Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 6057, appropriation 00100).

Total TITLE II, Section 3 – Other Funds
(Including claims against the state) $1,513,410,079

Sec. 4. Appropriations from lottery net profits. — Net profits of the lottery are to be deposited by the Director of the Lottery to the following accounts in the amounts indicated. The Director of the Lottery shall prorate each deposit of net profits in the proportion the appropriation for each account bears to the total of the appropriations for all accounts.

After first satisfying the requirements for Fund 2252, Fund 3963, and Fund 4908 pursuant to W.Va. Code §29-22-18, the Director of the Lottery shall make available from the remaining net profits of the lottery any amounts needed to pay debt service for which an appropriation is made for Fund 9065, Fund 4297, Fund 3390, Fund 3514, Fund 9067, and Fund 9068 and is authorized to transfer any such amounts to Fund 9065, Fund 4297, Fund 3390,
Fund 3514, Fund 9067, and Fund 9068 for that purpose. Upon receipt of reimbursement of amounts so transferred, the Director of the Lottery shall deposit the reimbursement amounts to the following accounts as required by this section.

292 - Education, Arts, Sciences and Tourism –

Debt Service Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 2252 FY 2021 Org 0211

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293 - West Virginia Development Office –

West Virginia Tourism Office

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3067 FY 2021 Org 0304

| Tourism – Telemarketing Center ......................... 46300 | $ 82,080 |
| Tourism – Advertising (R) ............................. 61800 | 2,422,407 |
| Tourism – Operations (R) ............................. 66200 | 4,227,938 |
| Total ....................................................... | $ 6,732,425 |

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Tourism – Advertising (fund 3067, appropriation 61800), and Tourism – Operations (fund 3067, appropriation 66200) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

294 - Division of Natural Resources

(WV Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3267 FY 2021 Org 0310
### Personal Services and Employee Benefits

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 3267, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 3267, appropriation 13000), Non-Game Wildlife (fund 3267, appropriation 52700), State Parks and Recreation Advertising (fund 3267, appropriation 61900), Capital Outlay – Parks (fund 3267, appropriation 28800), Non-Game Wildlife (fund 3267, appropriation 52700), and State Parks and Recreation Advertising (fund 3267, appropriation 61900) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

### State Board of Education

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

**Fund 3951 FY 2021 Org 0402**

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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 3951, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 3951, appropriation 13000), Assessment Program (fund 3951, appropriation 39600), and 21st Century Technology Infrastructure Network Tools and Support (fund 3951, appropriation 93300) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

### State Department of Education – School Building Authority –
Debt Service Fund

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3963 FY 2021 Org 0404

Debt Service – Total .......................................................... 31000 $ 15,320,363
Directed Transfer ......................................................... 70000 2,679,637
Total ................................................................................. $ 18,000,000

The School Building Authority shall have the authority to transfer between the above appropriations in accordance with W.Va. Code §29-22-18.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3963, appropriation 70000) may be transferred to the Department of Education, State Board of Education, School Building Authority, School Construction Fund, fund 3952, organization 0404 to be used for school construction and maintenance projects.

297 - Division of Culture and History –

Lottery Education Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 3534 FY 2021 Org 0432

Huntington Symphony ........................................... 02700 $ 59,058
Preservation WV (R) ................................................... 09200 491,921
Fairs and Festivals (R) .............................................. 12200 1,346,814
Commission for National and
  Archeological Curation/Capital
    Improvements (R) ................................................. 24600 36,276
Historic Preservation Grants (R) ......................... 31100 368,428
West Virginia Public Theater ................................. 31200 120,019
Greenbrier Valley Theater ................................. 42300 115,000
Theater Arts of West Virginia .............................. 46400 90,000
Marshall Artists Series ......................................... 51800 36,005
Grants for Competitive Arts Program (R) ......... 62400 726,000
West Virginia State Fair..............................65700 31,241
Save the Music...........................................68000 24,000
Contemporary American Theater Festival....81100 57,281
Independence Hall .......................................81200 27,277
Mountain State Forest Festival ..................86400 38,187
WV Symphony..............................................90700 59,058
Wheeling Symphony.....................................90800 59,058
Appalachian Children’s Chorus.....................91600 54,554
Total..........................................................$ 4,115,157

From the above appropriation for Preservation West Virginia (fund 3534, appropriation 09200) funding shall be provided to the African-American Heritage Family Tree Museum (Fayette) $2,673, Arts Monongahela (Monongalia) $11,881, Barbour County Arts and Humanities Council $891, Beckley Main Street (Raleigh) $2,970, Buffalo Creek Memorial (Logan) $2,970, Carnegie Hall (Greenbrier) $46,899, Ceredo Historical Society (Wayne) $1,188, Ceredo Kenova Railroad Museum (Wayne) $1,188, Ceredo Museum (Wayne) $720, Children’s Theatre of Charleston (Kanawha) $3,127, Chuck Mathena Center (Mercer) $62,532, Collis P. Huntington Railroad Historical Society (Cabell) $5,941, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (Marion) $4,159, First Stage Children’s Theater Company $1,188, Flannigan Murrell House (Summers) $3,781, Fort Ashby Fort (Mineral) $891, Fort New Salem (Harrison) $2,198, Fort Randolph (Mason) $2,970, General Adam Stephen Memorial Foundation (Berkeley) $11,006, Grafton Mother’s Day Shrine Committee (Taylor) $8,749, Hardy County Tour and Crafts Association $11,881, Heartwood in the Hills (Calhoun) $5,040, Heritage Farm Museum & Village (Cabell) $29,703, Historic Fayette Theater (Fayette) $3,267, Historic Middleway Conservancy (Jefferson) $594, Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society $2,970, Jefferson County Historical Landmark Commission $4,753, Maddie Carroll House (Cabell) $4,455, Marshall County Historical Society $5,049, McCoy Theater (Hardy) $11,881, Memorial Day Patriotic Exercise (Taylor) $20,000, Morgantown Theater Company (Monongalia) $11,881, Mountaineer Boys’ State (Lewis) $5,941, Nicholas Old Main Foundation (Nicholas) $1,188, Norman Dillon Farm Museum (Berkeley) $5,941, Old Opera
House Theater Company (Jefferson) $8,911, Parkersburg Arts Center (Wood) $11,881, Pocahontas Historic Opera House $3,564, Raleigh County All Wars Museum $5,941, Rhododendron Girl’s State (Ohio) $5,941, Roane County 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Program $2,970, Society for the Preservation of McGrew House (Preston) $2,079, Southern West Virginia Veterans’ Museum $3,393, Summers County Historic Landmark Commission $2,970, Those Who Served War Museum (Mercer) $2,376, Three Rivers Avian Center (Summers) $5,311, Veterans Committee for Civic Improvement of Huntington (Wayne) $2,970, West Virginia Museum of Glass (Lewis) $2,970, West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (Kanawha) $20,792, Camp Horseshoe (Tucker) $59,406, Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia (Raleigh) $7,129, Z.D. Ramsdell House (Wayne) $720.

From the above appropriation for Fairs and Festivals (fund 3534, appropriation 12200) funding shall be provided to the A Princeton 4th (Mercer) $1,800, African-American Cultural Heritage Festival (Jefferson) $2,970, Alderson 4th of July Celebration (Greenbrier) $2,970, Allegheny Echo (Pocahontas) $4,456, Alpine Festival/Leaf Peepers Festival (Tucker) $6,683, American Civil War (Grant) $3,127, American Legion Post 8 Veterans Day Parade (McDowell) $1,250, Angus Beef and Cattle Show (Lewis) $891, Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards (Jefferson) $938, Annual Ruddle Park Jamboree (Pendleton) $4,690, Antique Market Fair (Lewis) $1,188, Apple Butter Festival (Morgan) $3,564, Arkansaw Homemaker’s Heritage Weekend (Hardy) $2,079, Armed Forces Day-South Charleston (Kanawha) $1,782, Arthurdale Heritage New Deal Festival (Preston) $2,970, Athens Town Fair (Mercer) $1,188, Augusta Fair (Randolph) $2,970, Autumn Harvest Fest (Monroe) $2,448, Barbour County Fair $14,851, Barboursville Octoberfest (Cabell) $2,970, Battelle District Fair (Monongalia) $2,970, Battle of Dry Creek (Greenbrier) $891, Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Committee (Mason) $2,970, Belle Town Fair (Kanawha) $2,673, Belleville Homecoming (Wood) $11,881, Bergoo Down Home Days (Webster) $1,485, Berkeley County Youth Fair $10,990, Black Bear 4K Mountain Bike Race (Kanawha) $684, Black Heritage Festival (Harrison) $3,564, Black Walnut Festival
(Roane) $5,940, Blast from the Past (Upshur) $1,440, Blue-Gray Reunion (Barbour) $2,079, Boone County Fair $5,940, Boone County Labor Day Celebration $2,376, Bradshaw Fall Festival (McDowell) $1,188, Brandonville Heritage Day (Preston) $1,048, Braxton County Fair $6,832, Braxton County Monster Fest / West Virginia Autumn Festival $1,485, Brooke County Fair $2,079, Bruceton Mills Good Neighbor Days (Preston) $1,188, Buckwheat Festival (Preston) $5,050, Buffalo 4th of July Celebration (Putnam) $400, Buffalo October Fest (Putnam) $3,240, Burlington Apple Harvest Festival (Mineral) $17,821, Burlington Pumpkin Harvest Festival (Raleigh) $2,970, Burnsville Freedom Festival (Braxton) $1,407, Cabell County Fair $5,940, Calhoun County Wood Festival $1,188, Campbell’s Creek Community Fair (Kanawha) $1,485, Cape Coalwood Festival Association (McDowell) $1,485, Capon Bridge Founders Day Festival (Hampshire) $1,188, Capon Springs Ruritan 4th of July (Hampshire) $684, Cass Homecoming (Pocahontas) $1,188, Cedarville Town Festival (Gilmer) $684, Celebration of America (Monongalia) $3,564, Chapmanville Apple Butter Festival (Logan) $684, Chapmanville Fire Department 4th of July (Logan) $1,782, Charles Town Christmas Festival (Jefferson) $2,970, Charles Town Heritage Festival (Jefferson) $2,970, Cherry River Festival (Nicholas) $3,861, Chester Fireworks (Hancock) $891, Chester 4th of July Festivities (Hancock) $2,970, Chief Logan State Park-Civil War Celebration (Logan) $4,752, Chilifest West Virginia State Chili Championship (Cabell) $1,563, Christmas In Our Town (Marion) $3,127, Christmas in Shepherdstown (Jefferson) $2,376, Christmas in the Park (Brooke) $2,970, Christmas in the Park (Logan) $14,851, City of Dunbar Critter Dinner (Kanawha) $5,940, City of Logan Polar Express (Logan) $4,456, City of New Martinsville Festival of Memories (Wetzel) $6,534, Clay County Golden Delicious Apple Festival $4,158, Clay District Fair (Monongalia) $1,080, Coal Field Jamboree (Logan) $20,792, Coalton Days Fair (Randolph) $4,158, Craigsville Fall Festival (Nicholas) $2,079, Cruise into Princeton (Mercer) $2,160, Culturefest World Music & Arts Festival (Mercer) $4,690, Delbarton Homecoming (Mingo) $2,079, Doddridge County Fair $4,158, Durbin Days (Pocahontas) $2,970, Elbert/Filbert Reunion Festival (McDowell) $891, Fairview 4th of
July Celebration (Marion) $684, Farm Safety Day (Preston) $1,188, Farmer’s Day Festival (Monroe) $2,330, Fenwick Mountain Old Time Community Festival (Nicholas) $2,880, FestivALL Charleston (Kanawha) $11,881, Flemington Day Fair and Festival (Taylor) $2,379, Follansbee Community Days (Brooke) $4,900, Fort Gay Mountain Heritage Days (Wayne) $2,970, Fort Henry Days (Ohio) $3,148, Fort Henry Living History (Ohio) $1,563, Fort New Salem Spirit of Christmas Festival (Harrison) $2,432, Frankford Autumnfest (Greenbrier) $2,970, Franklin Fishing Derby (Pendleton) $4,456, Freshwater Folk Festival (Greenbrier) $2,970, Friends Auxiliary of W.R. Sharpe Hospital (Lewis) $2,970, Frontier Days (Harrison) $1,782, Fund for the Arts-Wine & All that Jazz Festival (Kanawha) $1,485, Gassaway Days Celebration (Braxton) $2,970, Gilbert Elementary Fall Blast (Mingo) $2,188, Gilbert Spring Fling (Mingo) $3,595, Gilmer County Farm Show $2,376, Grant County Arts Council $1,188, Great Greenbrier River Race (Pocahontas) $5,940, Greater Quinwood Days (Greenbrier) $781, Guyandotte Civil War Days (Cabell) $5,941, Hamlin 4th of July Celebration (Lincoln) $2,970, Hampshire Civil War Celebration Days (Hampshire) $684, Hampshire County 4th of July Celebration $11,881, Hampshire County Fair $5,002, Hancock County Oldtime Fair $2,970, Hardy County Commission - 4th of July $5,940, Hatfield McCoy Matewan Reunion Festival (Mingo) $12,330, Hatfield McCoy Trail National ATV and Dirt Bike Weekend (Wyoming) $2,970, Heat’n the Hills Chilifest (Lincoln) $2,970, Heritage Craft Festival (Monroe) $1,044, Heritage Days Festival (Roane) $891, Hilltop Festival (Cabell) $684, Hilltop Festival of Lights (McDowell) $1,188, Hinton Railroad Days (Summers) $4,347, Holly River Festival (Webster) $891, Hometown Mountain Heritage Festival (Fayette) $2,432, Hundred 4th of July (Wetzel) $4,307, Hurricane 4th of July Celebration (Putnam) $2,970, Iaeger Town Fair (McDowell) $891, Irish Heritage Festival of West Virginia (Raleigh) $2,970, Irish Spring Festival (Lewis) $684, Italian Heritage Festival-Clarksburg (Harrison) $17,821, Jackson County Fair $2,970, Jamboree (Pocahontas) $2,970, Jane Lew Arts and Crafts Fair (Lewis) $684, Jefferson County Fair Association $14,851, Jersey Mountain Ruritan Pioneer Days (Hampshire) $684, John Henry Days Festival (Monroe) $4,698, Johnnie
Johnson Blues and Jazz Festival (Marion) $2,970, Johnstown Community Fair (Harrison) $1,485, Junior Heifer Preview Show (Lewis) $1,188, Kanawha Coal Riverfest-St. Albans 4th of July Festival (Kanawha) $2,970, Keeper of the Mountains-Kayford (Kanawha) $1,485, Kenova Autumn Festival (Wayne) $4,377, Kermit Fall Festival (Mingo) $1,782, Keystone Reunion Gala (McDowell) $1,563, King Coal Festival (Mingo) $2,970, Kingwood Downtown Street Fair and Heritage Days (Preston) $1,188, L.Z. Rainelle West Virginia Veterans Reunion (Greenbrier) $2,970, Lady of Agriculture (Preston) $684, Larry Joe Harless Center Octoberfest Hatfield McCoy Trail (Mingo) $5,940, Larry Joe Harless Community Center Spring Middle School Event (Mingo) $2,970, Last Blast of Summer (McDowell) $2,970, Lewisburg Shanghai (Greenbrier) $1,188, Lincoln County Fall Festival $4,752, Lincoln County Winterfest $2,970, Lindside Veterans’ Day Parade (Monroe) $720, Little Levels Heritage Festival (Pocahontas) $1,188, Lost Creek Community Festival (Harrison) $4,158, Main Street Arts Festival (Upshur) $3,127, Main Street Martinsburg Chocolate Fest and Book Fair (Berkeley) $2,813, Mannington District Fair (Marion) $3,564, Maple Syrup Festival (Randolph) $684, Marion County FFA Farm Fest $1,485, Marmet Labor Day Celebration (Kanawha) $3,078, Marshall County Antique Power Show $1,485, Mason County Fair $2,970, Matewan Massacre Reenactment (Mingo) $5,004, Matewan-Magnolia Fair (Mingo) $15,932, McARTS-McDowell County $11,881, McGrew House History Day (Preston) $1,188, McNeill’s Rangers (Mineral) $4,752, Meadow Bridge Hometown Festival (Fayette) $743, Meadow River Days Festival (Greenbrier) $1,782, Mercer Bluestone Valley Fair (Mercer) $1,188, Mercer County Fair $1,188, Mercer County Heritage Festival $3,474, Milton Christmas in the Park (Cabell) $1,485, Milton Old Timey Days (Cabell) $1,485, Mineral County Veterans Day Parade $891, Molasses Festival (Calhoun) $1,188, Monongahfest (Marion) $3,752, Moon Over Mountwood Fishing Festival (Wood) $1,782, Morgan County Fair-History Wagon $891, Moundsville Bass Festival (Marshall) $2,376, Moundsville July 4th Celebration (Marshall) $2,970, Mount Liberty Fall Festival (Barbour) $1,485, Mountain Fest (Monongalia) $11,881, Mountain Festival (Mercer) $2,747, Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival (Jefferson)
$2,970, Mountain Music Festival (McDowell) $1,485, Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival (Berkeley) $4,456, Mountain State Arts & Crafts Fair Cedar Lakes (Jackson) $26,732, Mullens Dogwood Festival (Wyoming) $4,158, Multi-Cultural Festival of West Virginia (Kanawha) $11,881, Music and Barbecue - Banks District VFD (Upshur) $1,278, New Cumberland Christmas Parade (Hancock) $1,782, New Cumberland 4th of July (Hancock) $2,970, New River Bridge Day Festival (Fayette) $23,762, Nicholas County Fair $2,970, Nicholas County Potato Festival $2,079, Oak Leaf Festival (Fayette) $6,253, Oceana Heritage Festival (Wyoming) $3,564, Oglebay City Park - Festival of Lights (Ohio) $47,524, Oglebay Festival (Ohio) $5,940, Ohio County Fair $5,346, Ohio River Fest (Jackson) $4,320, Ohio Valley Beef Association (Wood) $1,485, Ohio Valley Black Heritage Festival (Ohio) $3,267, Old Central City Fair (Cabell) $2,970, Old Tyme Christmas (Jefferson) $1,425, Paden City Labor Day Festival (Wetzel) $3,861, Parkersburg Homecoming (Wood) $8,754, Patty Fest (Monongalia) $1,188, Paw Paw District Fair (Marion) $2,079, Pax Reunion Committee (Fayette) $2,970, Pendleton County 4-H Weekend $1,188, Pendleton County Committee for Arts $8,910, Pendleton County Fair $6,253, Pennsboro Country Road Festival (Ritchie) $1,188, Petersburg 4th of July Celebration (Grant) $11,881, Petersburg HS Celebration (Grant) $5,940, Piedmont-Annual Back Street Festival (Mineral) $2,376, Pinch Reunion (Kanawha) $891, Pine Bluff Fall Festival (Harrison) $2,376, Pine Grove 4th of July Festival (Wetzel) $4,158, Pineville Festival (Wyoming) $3,564, Pleasants County Agriculture Youth Fair $2,970, Poca Heritage Days (Putnam) $1,782, Pocahontas County Pioneer Days $4,159, Point Pleasant Stern Wheel Regatta (Mason) $2,970, Pratt Fall Festival (Kanawha) $1,485, Princeton Autumnfest (Mercer) $1,563, Princeton Street Fair (Mercer) $2,970, Putnam County Fair $2,970, Quartets on Parade (Hardy) $2,376, Rainelle Fall Festival (Greenbrier) $3,127, Rand Community Center Festival (Kanawha) $1,485, Randolph County Community Arts Council $1,782, Randolph County Fair $4,158, Randolph County Ramp and Rails $1,188, Ranson Christmas Festival (Jefferson) $2,970, Ranson Festival (Jefferson) $2,970, Renick Liberty Festival (Greenbrier) $684, Ripley 4th of July (Jackson) $8,910, Ritchie County Fair and
Exposition $2,970, Ritchie County Pioneer Days $684, River City Festival (Preston) $684, Roane County Agriculture Field Day $1,782, Rock the Park (Kanawha) $3,240, Rocket Boys Festival (Raleigh) $1,710, Romney Heritage Days (Hampshire) $1,876, Ronceverte River Festival (Greenbrier) $2,970, Rowlesburg Labor Day Festival (Preston) $684, Rupert Country Fling (Greenbrier) $1,876, Saint Spyridon Greek Festival (Harrison) $1,485, Salem Apple Butter Festival (Harrison) $2,376, Sistersville 4th of July (Tyler) $3,267, Skirmish on the River (Mingo) $1,250, Smoke on the Water (Wetzel) $1,782, South Charleston Summerfest (Kanawha) $5,940, Southern Wayne County Fall Festival $684, Spirit of Grafton Celebration (Taylor) $6,240, St. Albans City of Lights - December (Kanawha) $2,970, Sternwheel Festival (Wood) $1,782, Stoco Reunion (Raleigh) $1,485, Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts & Crafts Jubilee (Lewis) $6,534, Stonewall Jackson’s Roundhouse Raid (Berkeley) $7,200, Strawberry Festival (Upshur) $17,821, Sylvester Big Coal River Festival (Boone) $1,944, Tacy Fair (Barbour) $684, Taste of Parkersburg (Wood) $2,970, Taylor County Fair $3,567, The Gathering at Sweet Creek (Wood) $1,782, Three Rivers Coal Festival (Marion) $4,604, Thunder on the Tygart - Mothers’ Day Celebration (Taylor) $7,300, Town of Delbarton 4th of July Celebration (Mingo) $1,782, Town of Fayetteville Heritage Festival (Fayette) $4,456, Town of Rivesville 4th of July Festival (Marion) $3,127, Town of Winfield - Putnam County Homecoming $3,240, St. Albans Train Fest (Kanawha) $6,120, Treasure Mountain Festival (Pendleton) $14,851, Tri-County Fair (Grant) $22,548, Tucker County Arts Festival and Celebration $10,692, Tucker County Fair $2,821, Tucker County Health Fair $1,188, Turkey Festival (Hardy) $1,782, Tyler County Fair $3,088, Union Community Irish Festival (Barbour) $648, Upper Kanawha Valley Oktoberfest (Kanawha) $1,485, Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival (Ohio) $7,128, Valley District Fair (Preston) $2,079, Veterans Welcome Home Celebration (Cabell) $938, Vietnam Veterans of America # 949 Christmas Party (Cabell) $684, Volcano Days at Mountwood Park (Wood) $2,970, War Homecoming Fall Festival (McDowell) $891, Wardensville Fall Festival (Hardy) $2,970, Wayne County Fair $2,970, Wayne County Fall Festival $2,970, Webster County Fair $3,600, Webster County Wood Chopping Festival $8,910,
Webster Wild Water Weekend (Webster) $1,188, Weirton July 4th Celebration (Hancock) $11,881, Welcome Home Family Day (Wayne) $1,900, Wellsburg 4th of July Celebration (Brooke) $4,456, Wellsburg Apple Festival of Brooke County $2,970, West Virginia Blackberry Festival (Harrison) $2,970, West Virginia Chestnut Festival (Preston) $684, West Virginia Coal Festival (Boone) $5,940, West Virginia Coal Show (Mercer) $1,563, West Virginia Dairy Cattle Show (Lewis) $5,940, West Virginia Dandelion Festival (Greenbrier) $2,970, West Virginia Day at the Railroad Museum (Mercer) $1,800, West Virginia Fair and Exposition (Wood) $4,812, West Virginia Fireman’s Rodeo (Fayette) $1,485, West Virginia Oil and Gas Festival (Tyler) $6,534, West Virginia Peach Festival (Hampshire) $3,240, West Virginia Polled Hereford Association (Braxton) $891, West Virginia Pumpkin Festival (Cabell) $5,940, West Virginia Water Festival - City of Hinton (Summers) $9,144, Weston VFD 4th of July Firemen Festival (Lewis) $1,188, Wetzel County Autumnfest $3,267, Wetzel County Town and Country Days $10,098, Wheeling Celtic Festival (Ohio) $1,166, Wheeling City of Lights (Ohio) $4,752, Wheeling Sternwheel Regatta (Ohio) $5,940, Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta (Ohio) $11,881, Whipple Community Action (Fayette) $1,485, Wine Festival and Mountain Music Event (Harrison) $2,970, Wirt County Fair $1,485, Wirt County Pioneer Days $1,188, Wyoming County Civil War Days $1,296, Youth Stockman Beef Expo (Lewis) $1,188.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Commission for National and Community Service (fund 3534, appropriation 19300), Archeological Curation/Capital Improvements (fund 3534, appropriation 24600), Historic Preservation Grants (fund 3534, appropriation 31100), Grants for Competitive Arts Program (fund 3534, appropriation 62400), and Project ACCESS (fund 3534, appropriation 86500) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

298 - Library Commission –

Lottery Education Fund
## Books and Films

| 17900 | $360,784 |

## Services to Libraries

| 18000 | 550,000 |

## Grants to Public Libraries

| 18200 | 9,439,571 |

## Digital Resources

| 30900 | 219,992 |

## Infomine Network

| 88400 | 943,353 |

**Total:** $11,513,700

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Libraries – Special Projects (fund 3559, appropriation 62500) at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

### 299 - Educational Broadcasting Authority

[(WV Code Chapter 10)]

#### Fund 3587 FY 2021 Org 0439

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 3587, appropriation 75500) at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

### 300 - Bureau of Senior Services –

#### Lottery Senior Citizens Fund

[(WV Code Chapter 29)]

#### Fund 5405 FY 2021 Org 0508

| 00100 | $209,640 |
| 13000 | 332,284 |
| 06400 | 1,000 |
| 20000 | 2,435,250 |
| 20200 | 18,500 |
| 53900 | 4,615,503 |
Roger Tompkins Alzheimer’s Respite Care .................. 64300  2,302,016
WV Alzheimer’s Hotline ..................................... 72400  45,000
Regional Aged and Disabled
    Resource Center ........................................... 76700  425,000
Senior Services Medicaid Transfer ....................... 87100  16,400,070
Legislative Initiatives for the Elderly .................. 90400  9,671,239
Long Term Care Ombudsman ................................. 90500  297,226
BRIM Premium .................................................. 91300  7,718
In-Home Services and Nutrition
    for Senior Citizens ........................................ 91700  6,095,941
Total ..................................................................... $ 42,856,387

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Senior Citizen Centers and Programs (fund 5405, appropriation 46200) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

Included in the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 5405, appropriation 13000), is funding to support an in-home direct care workforce registry.

The above appropriation for Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens (appropriation 53900) along with the federal moneys generated thereby shall be used for reimbursement for services provided under the program.

301 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

    Lottery Education –

    Higher Education Policy Commission –

    Control Account

(WV Code Chapters 18B and 18C)

Fund 4925 FY 2021 Org 0441

RHI Program and Site Support (R) .................... 03600  $ 1,912,491
RHI Program and Site Support –
    RHEP Program Administration ....................... 03700  146,653
RHI Program and Site Support – Grad Med Ed and Fiscal Oversight (R) ..................03800  88,913
Minority Doctoral Fellowship (R) ...............16600  129,604
Health Sciences Scholarship (R)................17600  225,527
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences –
   Rural Health Residency Program (R).....60100  62,725
WV Engineering, Science, and
   Technology Scholarship Program.........86800  452,831
Total................................................................. $  3,018,744

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4925, appropriation 03600), RHI Program and Site Support – Grad Med Ed and Fiscal Oversight (fund 4925, appropriation 03800), Minority Doctoral Fellowship (fund 4925, appropriation 16600), Health Sciences Scholarship (fund 4925, appropriation 17600), and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences – Rural Health Residency Program (fund 4925, appropriation 60100) at the close of fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

The above appropriation for WV Engineering, Science, and Technology Scholarship Program (fund 4925, appropriation 86800) shall be transferred to the West Virginia Engineering, Science and Technology Scholarship Fund (fund 4928, org 0441) established by W.Va. Code §18C-6-1.

302 - Community and Technical College –

   Capital Improvement Fund

   (WV Code Chapter 18B)

   Fund 4908 FY 2021 Org 0442

Debt Service – Total ..............................................31000  $  5,000,000

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Improvements – Total (fund 4908, appropriation 84700) at the close of fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.
303 - Higher Education Policy Commission –
Lottery Education –

West Virginia University – School of Medicine

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4185 FY 2021 Org 0463

WVU Health Sciences –
  RHI Program and Site Support (R)........03500  $ 1,181,728
  MA Public Health Program and
    Health Science Technology (R)...........62300  52,445
Health Sciences Career Opportunities
  Program (R)..................................86900  336,987
  HSTA Program (R).........................87000  1,761,948
  Center for Excellence in Disabilities (R).....96700  313,517
  Total.............................................. $ 3,646,625

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for
WVU Health Sciences – RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4185, appropriation 03500), MA Public Health Program and
Health Science Technology (fund 4185, appropriation 62300),
Health Sciences Career Opportunities Program (fund 4185, appropriation 86900), HSTA Program (fund 4185, appropriation
87000), and Center for Excellence in Disabilities (fund 4185, appropriation 96700) at the close of fiscal year 2020 are hereby
reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

304 - Higher Education Policy Commission –
Lottery Education –

Marshall University – School of Medicine

(WV Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4896 FY 2021 Org 0471

Marshall Medical School –
  RHI Program and Site Support (R)........03300  $ 427,075
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences –
  Rural Health Residency Program (R).....60100  171,361
Total.................................................................. $   598,436

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Marshall Medical School – RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4896, appropriation 03300) and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences – Rural Health Residency Program (fund 4896, appropriation 60100) at the close of fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

Total TITLE II, Section 4 – Lottery Revenue........ $ 127,808,000

Sec. 5. Appropriations from state excess lottery revenue fund. — In accordance with W.Va. Code §29-22-18a, §29-22A-10d, §29-22A-10e, §29-22C-27a and §29-25-22b, the following appropriations shall be deposited and disbursed by the Director of the Lottery to the following accounts in this section in the amounts indicated.

After first funding the appropriations required by W.Va. Code §29-22-18a, §29-22A-10d, §29-22A-10e, §29-22C-27a and §29-25-22b, the Director of the Lottery shall provide funding from the State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund for the remaining appropriations in this section to the extent that funds are available. In the event that revenues to the State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund are sufficient to meet all the appropriations required made pursuant to this section, then the Director of the Lottery shall then provide the funds available for fund 5365, appropriation 18900.

305 - Lottery Commission –

Refundable Credit

Fund 7207 FY 2021 Org 0705

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The above appropriation shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund to provide reimbursement for the refundable credit allowable under W.Va. Code §11-21-21. The amount of the required transfer shall be determined solely by the State Tax Commissioner and shall be completed by the Director of the Lottery upon the commissioner’s request.

306 - Lottery Commission –

General Purpose Account

Fund 7206 FY 2021 Org 0705

General Revenue Fund – Transfer ............... 70011  $ 65,000,000

The above appropriation shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund as determined by the Director of the Lottery in accordance with W.Va. Code §29-22-18a.

307 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

Education Improvement Fund

Fund 4295 FY 2021 Org 0441

PROMISE Scholarship – Transfer ............... 80000  $ 29,000,000

The above appropriation shall be transferred to the PROMISE Scholarship Fund (fund 4296, org 0441) established by W.Va. Code §18C-7-7.

The Legislature has explicitly set a finite amount of available appropriations and directed the administrators of the Program to provide for the award of scholarships within the limits of available appropriations.

308 - Economic Development Authority –

Economic Development Project Fund

Fund 9065 FY 2021 Org 0944

Debt Service – Total .................................. 31000  $ 19,000,000
Pursuant to W.Va. Code §29-22-18a, subsection (f), excess lottery revenues are authorized to be transferred to the lottery fund as reimbursement of amounts transferred to the economic development project fund pursuant to section four of this title and W.Va. Code §29-22-18, subsection (f).

309 - Department of Education –

School Building Authority

Fund 3514 FY 2021 Org 0404

Debt Service – Total .................................. 31000 $ 19,000,000
Direct Transfer ........................................ 70000 100
Total ....................................................... $ 19,000,100

The School Building Authority shall have the authority to transfer between the above appropriations in accordance with W. Va. Code §29-22-18a.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3514, appropriation 70000) may be transferred to the Department of Education, State Board of Education, School Building Authority, School Construction Fund, fund 3952, organization 0404 to be used for school construction and maintenance projects.

310 - West Virginia Infrastructure Council –

West Virginia Infrastructure Transfer Fund

Fund 3390 FY 2021 Org 0316

Directed Transfer ...................................... 70000 $ 46,000,000


311 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

Higher Education Improvement Fund

Fund 4297 FY 2021 Org 0441
Directed Transfer ............................................... 70000   $  15,000,000

The above appropriation shall be transferred to fund 4903, org 0442 as authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41.

312 - Division of Natural Resources –

State Park Improvement Fund

Fund 3277 FY 2021 Org 0310

Current Expenses (R) ........................................ 13000   $  23,300
Repairs and Alterations (R) ................................. 06400   161,200
Equipment (R) ................................................ 07000   200,000
Buildings (R) .................................................. 25800   100,000
Other Assets (R) .............................................. 69000   1,020,500
Total .............................................................. $  1,505,000

Any unexpended balances remaining in the above appropriations for Repairs and Alterations (fund 3277, appropriation 06400), Equipment (fund 3277, appropriation 07000), Unclassified – Total (fund 3277, appropriation 09600), Unclassified (fund 3277, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 3277, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 3277, appropriation 25800), and Other Assets (fund 3277, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

313 - Economic Development Authority –

Cacapon and Beech Fork State Parks –

Lottery Revenue Debt Service

Fund 9067 FY 2021 Org 0944

Debt Service ..................................................... 04000   $  2,032,000

314 - Economic Development Authority –

State Parks Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund
Fund 9068 FY 2021 Org 0944

Debt Service.................................................04000 $ 4,395,000

315 - Racing Commission –

Fund 7308 FY 2021 Org 0707

Special Breeders Compensation
(WVC §29-22-18a, subsection (l)) ........21800 $ 2,000,000

316 - Lottery Commission –

Distributions to Statutory Funds and Purposes

Fund 7213 FY 2021 Org 0705

Parking Garage Fund – Transfer...............70001 $ 500,000
2004 Capitol Complex Parking Garage Fund –
   Transfer..................................................70002 216,478
Capitol Dome and Improvements Fund –
   Transfer..................................................70003 1,796,256
Capitol Renovation and Improvement Fund –
   Transfer..................................................70004 2,381,252
Development Office Promotion Fund –
   Transfer..................................................70005 1,298,864
Research Challenge Fund – Transfer..........70006 1,731,820
Tourism Promotion Fund – Transfer.........70007 4,808,142
Cultural Facilities and Capitol Resources Matching
   Grant Program Fund – Transfer............70008 1,250,535
State Debt Reduction Fund – Transfer.......70010 20,000,000
General Revenue Fund – Transfer ............70011 1,167,799
West Virginia Racing Commission Racetrack
   Video Lottery Account .......................70012 3,463,637
Historic Resort Hotel Fund ....................70013 24,010
Licensed Racetrack Regular Purse Fund ......70014 22,383,247
Total.......................................................... $ 61,022,040

317 - Governor’s Office

(WV Code Chapter 5)
Fund 1046 FY 2021 Org 0100

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Publication of Papers and Transition Expenses – Lottery Surplus (fund 1046, appropriation 06600) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

318 - Office of Technology

(WV Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2532 FY 2021 Org 0231

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Cyber Security (fund 2532, appropriation 99001), Enterprise Data Center (fund 2532, appropriation 99002), and Enterprise Telephony Modernization (fund 2532, appropriation 99003) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

319 - West Virginia Development Office

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3170 FY 2021 Org 0307

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified – Total (fund 3170, appropriation 09600), Recreational Grants or Economic Development Loans (fund 3170, appropriation 25300), and Connectivity Research and Development – Lottery Surplus (fund 3170, appropriation 92300) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

320 - Higher Education Policy Commission –

Administration –

Control Account

(WV Code Chapter 18B)
Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Advanced Technology Centers (fund 4932, appropriation 02800) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

321 - Division of Human Services

(WV Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 5365 FY 2021 Org 0511

Medical Services.................................................18900 $ 66,302,960

322 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –

Correctional Units

(WV Code Chapters 15A)

Fund 6283 FY 2021 Org 0608

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 6283, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2020 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

Total TITLE II, Section 5 –

Excess Lottery Funds........................................... $ 340,257,000

Sec. 6. Appropriations of federal funds. — In accordance with Article 11, Chapter 4 of the Code from federal funds there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

LEGISLATIVE

323 - Crime Victims Compensation Fund

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**JUDICIAL**

324 - *Supreme Court*

Fund 8867 FY 2021 Org 2400

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**EXECUTIVE**

325 - *Department of Agriculture*

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8736 FY 2021 Org 1400

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326 - *Department of Agriculture – Meat Inspection Fund*
(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8737 FY 2021 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 658,571  
Unclassified........................................09900 8,755  
Current Expenses ..............................13000 136,012  
Repairs and Alterations......................06400 5,500  
Equipment......................................07000 114,478  
Total............................................ $ 923,316

327 - Department of Agriculture –  
State Conservation Committee  

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8783 FY 2021 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 97,250  
Current Expenses ..............................13000 15,599,974  
Total............................................. $ 15,697,224

328 - Department of Agriculture –  
Land Protection Authority  

Fund 8896 FY 2021 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 46,526  
Unclassified........................................09900 5,004  
Current Expenses ..............................13000 448,920  
Total............................................. $ 500,450

329 - Attorney General –  
Medicaid Fraud Unit  

Fund 8882 FY 2021 Org 1500

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 1,038,458  
Unclassified........................................09900 15,336  
Current Expenses ..............................13000 456,638
Repairs and Alterations..........................06400     4,313
Equipment.............................................07000     7,500
Other Assets .......................................69000   11,336
Total.................................................. $ 1,533,581

330 - Secretary of State –

State Election Fund

(WV Code Chapter 3)

Fund 8854 FY 2021 Org 1600

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 210,240
Unclassified...........................................09900    7,484
Current Expenses ...............................13000   415,727
Repairs and Alterations ........................06400   15,000
Other Assets .......................................69000   100,000
Total.................................................. $ 748,451

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

331 - Division of Forestry

(WV Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8703 FY 2021 Org 0305

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 1,640,060
Unclassified...........................................09900    51,050
Current Expenses ...............................13000   5,232,560
Repairs and Alterations ........................06400   155,795
Equipment..............................................07000   100,000
Other Assets .......................................69000   1,808,300
Total.................................................. $ 8,987,765

332 - Geological and Economic Survey

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8704 FY 2021 Org 0306
Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 54,432
Unclassified.................................09900 2,803
Current Expenses .........................13000 195,639
Repairs and Alterations..................06400 5,000
Equipment..................................07000 7,500
Other Assets..................................69000 15,000
Total.................................................. $ 280,374

333 - West Virginia Development Office

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 8705 FY 2021 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,039,921
Unclassified.................................09900 50,000
Current Expenses .........................13000 4,504,019
Total.............................................. $ 5,593,940

334 - West Virginia Development Office –
Office of Economic Opportunity

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 8901 FY 2021 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 497,289
Repairs and Alterations..................06400 250
Equipment..................................07000 6,000
Unclassified.................................09900 106,795
Current Expenses .........................13000 10,069,166
Total.............................................. $ 10,679,500

335 - Division of Labor

(WV Code Chapters 21 and 47)

Fund 8706 FY 2021 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 409,251
Unclassified.................................09900 5,572
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Repairs and Alterations .............................. 06400  500  
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336 - Division of Natural Resources  
(WV Code Chapter 20)  
Fund 8707 FY 2021 Org 0310  

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(WV Code Chapter 22)  
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338 - WorkForce West Virginia  
(WV Code Chapter 23)  
Fund 8835 FY 2021 Org 0323  

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Pursuant to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1103, Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and the provisions of W.Va. Code §21A-9-9, the above appropriation to Unclassified and Current Expenses shall be used by WorkForce West Virginia for the specific purpose of administration of the state’s unemployment insurance program or job service activities, subject to each and every restriction, limitation or obligation imposed on the use of the funds by those federal and state statutes.

339 - Office of Energy

(WV Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 8892 FY 2021 Org 0328

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340 - State Board of Rehabilitation –

Division of Rehabilitation Services

(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8734 FY 2021 Org 0932

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341 - State Board of Rehabilitation –

Division of Rehabilitation Services –

Disability Determination Services
(WV Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8890 FY 2021 Org 0932

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 12,476,122
Current Expenses ...........................................13000 13,383,206
Repairs and Alterations .......................06400 1,100
Equipment .............................................07000 83,350
Total ........................................................ $ 25,943,778

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

342 - State Board of Education –

State Department of Education

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8712 FY 2021 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 5,785,359
Unclassified .............................................09900 2,000,000
Current Expenses ...........................................13000 222,367,820
Repairs and Alterations .......................06400 10,000
Equipment .............................................07000 10,000
Other Assets ............................................69000 10,000
Total ........................................................ $230,183,179

343 - State Board of Education –

School Lunch Program

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8713 FY 2021 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,881,766
Unclassified .............................................09900 1,150,500
Current Expenses ...........................................13000 148,281,265
Repairs and Alterations .......................06400 20,000
Equipment .............................................07000 100,000
Other Assets ............................................69000 25,000
Total ........................................................ $151,458,531
### 344 - State Board of Education – Vocational Division

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

**Fund 8714 FY 2021 Org 0402**

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### 345 - State Board of Education – Aid for Exceptional Children

(WV Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

**Fund 8715 FY 2021 Org 0402**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY**

### 346 - Commission for National and Community Service

(WV Code Chapter 5F)

**Fund 8841 FY 2021 Org 0432**

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347 - Division of Culture and History

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8718 FY 2021 Org 0432

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348 - Library Commission

(WV Code Chapter 10)

Fund 8720 FY 2021 Org 0433

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349 - Educational Broadcasting Authority

(WV Code Chapter 10)

Fund 8721 FY 2021 Org 0439

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

350 - Division of Environmental Protection

(WV Code Chapter 22)
Fund 8708 FY 2021 Org 0313

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

351 - Consolidated Medical Service Fund

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 8723 FY 2021 Org 0506

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352 - Division of Health –

Central Office

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 8802 FY 2021 Org 0506

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### 353 - Division of Health –

*West Virginia Safe Drinking Water Treatment*

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 8824 FY 2021 Org 0506

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### 354 - Human Rights Commission

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 8725 FY 2021 Org 0510

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### 355 - Division of Human Services

(WV Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 8722 FY 2021 Org 0511

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

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**357 - Division of Emergency Management**

(WV Code Chapter 15)

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**358 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

(WV Code Chapters 15A)

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**359 - West Virginia State Police**

(WV Code Chapter 15)

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**360 - Fire Commission**

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8819 FY 2021 Org 0619

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**361 - Division of Administrative Services**

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8803 FY 2021 Org 0623

- Personal Services and Employee Benefits: $1,222,258
- Unclassified: $25,185
- Current Expenses: $25,381,973
- Repairs and Alterations: $1,750

Total: $26,631,166

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**362 - Insurance Commissioner**

(WV Code Chapter 33)

Fund 8883 FY 2021 Org 0704

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**363 - Division of Motor Vehicles**

(WV Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 8787 FY 2021 Org 0802

- Personal Services and Employee Benefits: $551,394
- Current Expenses: $5,448,106
- Repairs and Alterations: $500

Total: $6,000,000
### 364 - Division of Public Transit
(WV Code Chapter 17)

Fund 8745 FY 2021 Org 0805

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### 365 - Aeronautics Commission
(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8831 FY 2021 Org 0807

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### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE

### 366 - Department of Veterans’ Assistance
(WV Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 8858 FY 2021 Org 0613

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**367 - Department of Veterans’ Assistance – Veterans’ Home**

(WV Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 8728 FY 2021 Org 0618

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### BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

**368 - Bureau of Senior Services**

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8724 FY 2021 Org 0508

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### MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**369 - Public Service Commission – Motor Carrier Division**

(WV Code Chapter 24A)

Fund 8743 FY 2021 Org 0926

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Equipment ..............................................07000  935,500
Total................................................................... $  2,696,029

370 - Public Service Commission –

Gas Pipeline Division

(WV Code Chapter 24B)

Fund 8744 FY 2021 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100   $  621,039
Current Expenses .............................................13000  124,628
Equipment .................................................07000  3,000
Unclassified............................09900  4,072
Total.......................................................... $  752,739

371 - National Coal Heritage Area Authority

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8869 FY 2021 Org 0941

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100   $  163,405
Current Expenses .............................................13000  633,417
Repairs and Alterations .................................06400  5,000
Equipment .................................................07000  3,000
Other Assets ..............................................69000  2,000
Total.......................................................... $  806,822

372 - Adjutant General –

State Militia

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8726 FY 2021 Org 0603

Unclassified...............................................09900  982,705
Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy.................70900  7,200,000
Martinsburg Starbase..........................74200  439,622
Charleston Starbase..............................74300  424,685
Military Authority........................................74800 91,380,274
Total.......................................................... $100,427,286

The Adjutant General shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations.

373 - Adjutant General –

West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Forfeiture Fund

(WV Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8785 FY 2021 Org 0603

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 1,350,000
Current Expenses .......................13000 150,000
Repairs and Alterations.................06400 50,000
Buildings...........................................25800 100,000
Land ...........................................73000 50,000
Other Assets ................................69000 100,000
Equipment ...................................07000 200,000
Total.......................................................... $ 2,000,000

Total TITLE II, Section 6 - Federal Funds
(Including claims against the state) ............... $5,254,586,178

Sec. 7. Appropriations from federal block grants. — The following items are hereby appropriated from federal block grants to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021.

374 - West Virginia Development Office –

Community Development

Fund 8746 FY 2021 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits....00100 $ 10,658,978
Unclassified.................................09900 2,375,000
Current Expenses .......................13000 224,476,883
Total.......................................................... $237,510,861
### 375 - Department of Commerce

**West Virginia Development Office** –
**Office of Economic Opportunity** –
**Community Services**

Fund 8902 FY 2021 Org 0307

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### 376 - WorkForce West Virginia –

**Workforce Investment Act**

Fund 8749 FY 2021 Org 0323

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### 377 - Division of Health –

**Maternal and Child Health**

Fund 8750 FY 2021 Org 0506

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378 - Division of Health –
Preventive Health

Fund 8753 FY 2021 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 268,337
Unclassified ............................................. 09900 22,457
Current Expenses ..................................... 13000 1,895,366
Equipment .............................................. 07000 165,642
Total ...................................................... $ 2,351,802

379 - Division of Health –
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Fund 8793 FY 2021 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 657,325
Unclassified ............................................. 09900 115,924
Current Expenses ..................................... 13000 10,853,740
Total ...................................................... $ 11,626,989

380 - Division of Health –
Community Mental Health Services

Fund 8794 FY 2021 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 551,368
Unclassified ............................................. 09900 33,533
Current Expenses ..................................... 13000 4,883,307
Total ...................................................... $ 5,468,208

381 - Division of Human Services –
Energy Assistance

Fund 8755 FY 2021 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100 $ 1,860,574
Unclassified ............................................. 09900 350,000
Current Expenses ..................................... 13000 38,182,151
Total ...................................................... $ 40,392,725
382 - Division of Human Services –

Social Services

Fund 8757 FY 2021 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 8,806,005
Unclassified........................................09900  171,982
Current Expenses ..............................13000  8,870,508
Total.................................................. $ 17,848,495

383 - Division of Human Services –

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Fund 8816 FY 2021 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 20,559,397
Unclassified........................................09900  1,250,000
Current Expenses ..............................13000  105,851,386
Total.................................................. $127,660,783

384 - Division of Human Services –

Child Care and Development

Fund 8817 FY 2021 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits ....00100  $ 2,797,226
Unclassified........................................09900  350,000
Current Expenses ..............................13000  47,000,307
Total.................................................. $ 50,147,533

Total TITLE II, Section 7 –
Federal Block Grants ................................ $555,940,542

Sec. 8. Awards for claims against the state. — There are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2021, from the fund as designated, in the amounts as specified, general revenue funds in the amount of $1,397,579, special revenue funds in the amount of $6,433, state road funds in the amount of $844,164, and federal
revenue funds in the amount of $280,346 for payment of claims against the state.

**Sec. 9. Appropriations from general revenue fund surplus accrued.** — The following item is hereby appropriated from the state fund, general revenue, and is to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021 out of surplus funds only, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriations be payable only from surplus as of July 31, 2020 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, only after first meeting requirements of W.Va. Code §11B-2-20(b).

In the event that surplus revenues available on July 31, 2020, are not sufficient to meet the appropriation made pursuant to this section, then the appropriation shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available as of the date mandated to meet the appropriation in this section and shall be allocated first to provide the necessary funds to meet the first appropriation of this section and each subsequent appropriation in the order listed in this section.

385 - Governor’s Office –

Civil Contingent Fund

(WV Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0105 FY 2021 Org 0100

Milton Flood Wall - Surplus(R)............. XXXXX $ 6,000,000

Total TITLE II, Section 9 – Surplus Accrued........ $ 6,000.00

**Sec. 10. Appropriations from lottery net profits surplus accrued.** — The following item is hereby appropriated from the lottery net profits, and is to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021 out of surplus funds only, as determined by the
director of lottery, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriation be payable only from surplus accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

In the event that surplus revenues available from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, are not sufficient to meet the appropriation made pursuant to this section, then the appropriation shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available.

386 - Bureau of Senior Services –

Lottery Senior Citizens Fund

(WV Code Chapter 29)

Fund 5405 FY 2021 Org 0508

In-Home Services and Nutrition for
Senior Citizens – Lottery Surplus .......... 76699  $ 750,000
Senior Services Medicaid Transfer –
Lottery Surplus .............................................. 68199 16,000,000
Total .................................................................... $ 16,750,000

Total TITLE II, Section 10 –
Surplus Accrued............................................... $ 16,750,000

Sec. 11. Appropriations from state excess lottery revenue surplus accrued. — The following item is hereby appropriated from the state excess lottery revenue fund, and is to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021 out of surplus funds only, as determined by the director of lottery, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriation be payable only from surplus accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
In the event that surplus revenues available from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, are not sufficient to meet the appropriation made pursuant to this section, then the appropriation shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available.

387 - *Division of Human Services*

(WV Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 5365 FY 2021 Org 0511

Medical Services – Lottery Surplus.............68100 $ 17,000,000

Total TITLE II, Section 11 –

Surplus Accrued........................................... $ 17,000,000

**Sec. 12. Special revenue appropriations.** — There are hereby appropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2021 appropriations made by general law from special revenues which are not paid into the state fund as general revenue under the provisions of W.Va. Code §12-2-2: *Provided,* That none of the money so appropriated by this section shall be available for expenditure except in compliance with the provisions of W.Va. Code §12-2 and 3, and W.Va. Code §11B-2, unless the spending unit has filed with the director of the budget and the legislative auditor prior to the beginning of each fiscal year:

(a) An estimate of the amount and sources of all revenues accruing to such fund; and

(b) A detailed expenditure schedule showing for what purposes the fund is to be expended.

During Fiscal Year 2021, the following funds are hereby available and are to be transferred to the appropriate funds as specified from available balances per the following:

388 -*Attorney General*

*Consumer Protection Recovery Fund*

(WV Code Chapter 46A)
From the above appropriation for Directed Transfer (Fund 1509, appropriation 70000), $100,000 shall be transferred to the Supreme Court – Family Court Fund (Fund 1763), $1,000,000 shall be transferred to the West Virginia State Police – Forensic Laboratory Fund (Fund 6511) and $5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund (Fund 5111).

389 - Attorney General

Medicaid Fraud Control Fund

(WV Code Chapter 9)

Fund 1506 FY 2021 Org 1500

From the above appropriation for Directed Transfer (Fund 1509, appropriation 70000), $941,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Human Services – Medical Services Trust Fund (Fund 5185). Total TITLE II, Section 12 – Appropriations for Special Revenue

Sec. 13. State improvement fund appropriations. — Bequests or donations of nonpublic funds, received by the Governor on behalf of the state during the fiscal year 2021, for the purpose of making studies and recommendations relative to improvements of the administration and management of spending units in the executive branch of state government, shall be deposited in the state treasury in a separate account therein designated state improvement fund.

There are hereby appropriated all moneys so deposited during the fiscal year 2021 to be expended as authorized by the Governor,
for such studies and recommendations which may encompass any
problems of organization, procedures, systems, functions, powers
or duties of a state spending unit in the executive branch, or the
betterment of the economic, social, educational, health and general
welfare of the state or its citizens.

Sec. 14. Specific funds and collection accounts. — A fund or
collection account which by law is dedicated to a specific use is
hereby appropriated in sufficient amount to meet all lawful
demands upon the fund or collection account and shall be expended
according to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 12 of the Code.

Sec. 15. Appropriations for refunding erroneous payment.
— Money that has been erroneously paid into the state treasury is
hereby appropriated out of the fund into which it was paid, for
refund to the proper person.

When the officer authorized by law to collect money for the
state finds that a sum has been erroneously paid, he or she shall
issue his or her requisition upon the Auditor for the refunding of
the proper amount. The Auditor shall issue his or her warrant to the
Treasurer and the Treasurer shall pay the warrant out of the fund
into which the amount was originally paid.

Sec. 16. Sinking fund deficiencies. — There is hereby
appropriated to the Governor a sufficient amount to meet any
deficiencies that may arise in the mortgage finance bond insurance
fund of the West Virginia housing development fund which is
under the supervision and control of the municipal bond
commission as provided by W.Va. Code §31-18-20b, or in the
funds of the municipal bond commission because of the failure of
any state agency for either general obligation or revenue bonds or
any local taxing district for general obligation bonds to remit funds
necessary for the payment of interest and sinking fund
requirements. The Governor is authorized to transfer from time to
time such amounts to the municipal bond commission as may be
necessary for these purposes.

The municipal bond commission shall reimburse the state of
West Virginia through the Governor from the first remittance
collected from the West Virginia housing development fund or from any state agency or local taxing district for which the Governor advanced funds, with interest at the rate carried by the bonds for security or payment of which the advance was made.

Sec. 17. Appropriations for local governments. — There are hereby appropriated for payment to counties, districts and municipal corporations such amounts as will be necessary to pay taxes due counties, districts and municipal corporations and which have been paid into the treasury:

(a) For redemption of lands;

(b) By public service corporations;

(c) For tax forfeitures.

Sec. 18. Total appropriations. — Where only a total sum is appropriated to a spending unit, the total sum shall include personal services and employee benefits, annual increment, current expenses, repairs and alterations, buildings, equipment, other assets, land, and capital outlay, where not otherwise specifically provided and except as otherwise provided in TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS, Sec. 3.

Sec. 19. General school fund. — The balance of the proceeds of the general school fund remaining after the payment of the appropriations made by this act is appropriated for expenditure in accordance with W.Va. Code §18-9A-16.

TITLE III – ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Appropriations conditional. — The expenditure of the appropriations made by this act, except those appropriations made to the legislative and judicial branches of the state government, are conditioned upon the compliance by the spending unit with the requirements of Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code.

Where spending units or parts of spending units have been absorbed by or combined with other spending units, it is the intent of this act that appropriations and reappropriations shall be to the
succeeding or later spending unit created, unless otherwise indicated.

Sec. 2. Constitutionality. — If any part of this act is declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, its decision shall not affect any portion of this act which remains, but the remaining portion shall be in full force and effect as if the portion declared unconstitutional had never been a part of the act.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Blair’s amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to the bill, the same was put and prevailed.

On motion of Senator Blair, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment, as amended.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 150, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Tarr—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 150) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith,
Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Tarr—1.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 150) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to, and requested the Senate to recede therefrom, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate refused to recede from its amendments to the bill and requested the appointment of a committee of conference of three from each house on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Whereupon, Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators Sypolt, Weld, and Palumbo.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had agreed to the appointment of a committee of conference of three from each house on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4388**, Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner’s authority to restrict advertising.
The message further announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the House of Delegates:

Delegates Howell, C. Martin, and Staggers.

At the request of Senator Beach, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate, including the Committee on Rules,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 5:12 p.m., the Senate recessed until 6:15 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 6:37 p.m. and resumed business under the second order and the introduction of guests.

Senator Trump announced that in the meeting previously held, the Committee on Rules had returned to the Senate calendar, on third reading, Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961 and Eng. House Bill 4960 under Rule 17 of the Rules of the Senate.

The Senate again proceeded to the eighth order of business, the next bill coming up in numerical sequence being

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961, Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the right having been granted on yesterday, Friday, March 6, 2020, for amendments to be received on third reading, was reported by the Clerk.

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page six, section nine, after line fifty, by inserting two new subsections, designated subsections (g) and (h), to read as follows:
(g) By July 1, 2020, a public water system supplying water to the public within the state shall immediately, but in no instance later than six hours, report the occurrence and the lifting of each advisory to local departments of health and to local office of emergency management 911 answering point.

(h) By July 1, 2021, a public water system shall make available to interested customers boiled water advisories promptly through a text and a voice alert mass notification system.

There being no further amendments offered,

Having been engrossed, the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961), as just amended, was then read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Romano, Rucker, and Takubo—3.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961) passed.

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-9 and §16-1-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly; public health and sanitation of water; requiring the appropriate water utility to install the backflow prevention assembly at the meter on certain categories of facilities; requiring
the appropriate water utility to maintain the backflow prevention assembly; providing for consumer choice; requiring risk assessment; imposing civil penalties; requiring the water utility to provide information relating to maintenance and necessity for any backflow prevention assembly; providing for exemption; and improving dissemination of boiled water advisories to affected communities through local health departments and local emergency management 911 answering points; requiring boiled water advisories to be communicated through alert mass notification systems.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Eng. House Bill 4960, Relating to exempting from licensure as an electrician.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Maroney, Maynard, Roberts, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Trump, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—13.

The nays were: Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Smith, Stollings, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel—18.

Absent: Romano, Rucker, and Takubo—3.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting not having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4960) rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

Without objection, the Senate returned to the third order of business.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body to the title of the bill, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to


On motion of Senator Weld, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 213**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44D-1-103, §44D-1-105, and §44D-1-108 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §44D-6-603 of said code; to amend and reenact §44D-7-703 of said code; to amend and reenact §44D-8-808 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §44D-8A-801, §44D-8A-802, §44D-8A-803, §44D-8A-804, §44D-8A-805, §44D-8A-806, §44D-8A-807, §44D-8A-808, §44D-8A-809, §44D-8A-810, §44D-8A-811, §44D-8A-812, §44D-8A-813, §44D-8A-814, §44D-8A-815, §44D-8A-816, and §44D-8A-817, all relating to the administration of trusts; providing definitions; establishing default and mandatory rules; establishing when terms of a trust designating the principal place of administration are valid; establishing grantor’s powers and powers of withdrawal; enacting the West Virginia Uniform Directed Trust Act; specifying applicability; setting forth exclusions; establishing powers, duties and liabilities of a trust director; providing limitations on trust director power; establishing duties and liabilities of a directed trustee; establishing duty of trustee to provide certain information to a trust director or trustee; providing that a trust may relieve a cotrustee from duty and liability with respect to another cotrustee’s exercise or nonexercised of power; providing limitations on actions against a trust director; establishing defenses in actions against a trust director; establishing person jurisdiction of West Virginia courts over a trust director; providing that certain statutory rules apply to a trust director; and providing effective date.
On motion of Senator Weld, the following amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 213) was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 213**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44D-1-103, §44D-1-105, and §44D-1-108 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §44D-6-603 of said code; to amend and reenact §44D-7-703 of said code; to amend and reenact §44D-8-808 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §44D-8A-801, §44D-8A-802, §44D-8A-803, §44D-8A-804, §44D-8A-805, §44D-8A-806, §44D-8A-807, §44D-8A-808, §44D-8A-809, §44D-8A-810, §44D-8A-811, §44D-8A-812, §44D-8A-813, §44D-8A-814, §44D-8A-815, §44D-8A-816, and §44D-8A-817, all relating to the administration of trusts; providing definitions; establishing default and mandatory rules; establishing when terms of a trust designating the principal place of administration are valid; permitting a trustee to follow a direction contrary to the terms of a trust instrument; enacting the West Virginia Uniform Directed Trust Act; specifying applicability; setting forth exclusions; establishing powers, duties and liabilities of a trust director; providing limitations on trust director power; establishing duties and liabilities of a directed trustee; establishing duty of trustees and trust directors to provide certain information to a trust director or trustee; providing limitations on duties of trustee’s and trust directors; providing that the terms of a trust may relieve a cotrustee from duty and liability with respect to another cotrustee’s exercise or nonexercise of a power; providing limitations on actions against a trust director; establishing defenses in actions against a trust director; establishing personal jurisdiction of West Virginia courts over a trust director; providing that certain statutory rules apply to a trust director; and providing an effective date.

On motion of Senator Weld, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment, as amended.
Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 213, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 213) passed with its Senate amended title.

Senator Weld moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 213) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the
conciliation of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section seven-b, line thirty-nine, after the word “electives” by inserting a comma and the words “along with non-faith-based electives,”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 42**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-7b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the county boards of education to include faith-based and non-faith-based electives for drug awareness in classrooms and requiring the state board of education to promulgate a rule.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 42, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.
Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 42) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 175, Requiring certain agencies maintain website which contains specific information.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section seven, line two, after the word "information" by inserting the words "in a searchable form by the public";

On page one, section seven, line six, after the word "each" by striking out the words "staff member" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "administrative agency officials";

On page one, section seven, line eight, after the word "information" by striking out the words "of its staff members";

On page two, section seven, line twelve, by striking out all of subdivision (4);

And by renumbering the remaining subdivisions;

On page two, section seven, line sixteen, by striking out all of subdivision (8);
And by renumbering the remaining subdivisions;

On page two, section three rr, line one, by striking out the word “may” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “shall”;

On page two, section three rr, line five, after the word “address” by inserting a colon and the following proviso: “Provided, That the county commission may withhold contact information from disclosure that it deems necessary to protect their safety, the safety of their coworkers, and the integrity of law-enforcement operations”;

On page three, section one, line five, after the word “address” by inserting a colon and the following proviso: “Provided, That the municipality may withhold contact information from disclosure that it deems necessary to protect their safety, the safety of their coworkers, and the integrity of law-enforcement operations”;

On page four, section one, after line twelve by adding the following:

CHAPTER 17A. MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, AND ANTITHEFT PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.


(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Communication disability” has the same meaning as in §17A-2-27 of this code.

(2) “Disability that can impair communication” has the same meaning as in §17A-2-27 of this code.

(3) “Legal guardian” has the same meaning as in §49-1-205 of this code.
(4) “Ward” means a person for whom a legal guardian has been appointed.

(b) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall establish and maintain an enrollment list of persons who enroll under this section as being diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication.

(c) Any person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication who is 18 years of age or older may enroll with the division for inclusion in the enrollment list by submitting a completed verification form to the division.

(d) Any parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication may enroll the minor child or the ward with the division for inclusion in the enrollment list by submitting a completed verification form to the division.

(e) (1) The division shall include in the enrollment list information provided on a completed verification form that the division determines is necessary for a law-enforcement officer to identify a person as diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication. The division shall make the enrollment list available to state and local law-enforcement officers through a law-enforcement automated data system.

(2) Information in the enrollment list is not a public record subject to inspection or copying under Chapter 29B of this code.

(f) A person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication who is included in the enrollment list, or the parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication who is included in the enrollment list, may request removal of the person, minor or ward, as applicable, from the enrollment list. The person, parent or guardian shall do so by completing the verification form with only the information required under subsection (c), subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (8) and (9).
of §17A-2-27 of this code, as applicable, and submitting the form to the division. Upon receipt of a properly completed verification form requesting the removal of a person with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication from the enrollment list, the division shall immediately remove that person from the enrollment list.

(g) The division may propose rules for promulgation in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to carry out the requirements of this section.

§17A-2-27. Form for inclusion in enrollment list with a communication disability.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Communication disability” means a human condition involving an impairment in the human’s ability to receive, send, process or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal or graphic symbol systems that may result in a primary disability or may be secondary to other disabilities.

(2) “Disability that can impair communication” means a human condition with symptoms that can impair the human’s ability to receive, send, process or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal or graphic symbol systems.

(3) “Legal guardian” has the same meaning as in §49-1-205 of this code.

(4) “Health care provider” means a person as defined in §16-30-3 of this code.

(5) “Psychiatrist” means a licensed physician who has satisfactorily completed a residency training program in psychiatry, as approved by the residency review committee of the American Medical Association, the committee on post-graduate education of the American Osteopathic Association, or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.
(6) “Psychologist” means a person licensed under the provisions of §30-21-1 et seq. of this code.

(b) The form shall include the following information:

(1) The name of the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication;

(2) The name of the person completing the form on behalf of the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, if applicable;

(3) The relationship between the person completing the form and the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, if applicable;

(4) The driver’s license number or state identification card number issued to the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, if that person has such a number;

(5) The license plate number of each vehicle owned, operated or regularly occupied by the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, or enrolled in that person’s name;

(6) A physician’s, psychiatrist’s, or psychologist’s signed certification that the person has been diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication;

(7) The name, business address, business telephone number and medical license number of the physician, psychiatrist or psychologist making the certification;

(8) The signature of the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, or the signature of the person completing the form on behalf of such a person, that may indicate the desire to be removed from the date base; and
(9) Option to explain – A place where the person or persons may include a short explanation of the type of disability, possible symptoms, and measures which could alleviate or lessen the symptoms.

(c) Any of the following persons may complete the verification form:

(1) Any person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication who is 18 years of age or older;

(2) The parent or parents of a minor child diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication;

(3) The guardian of a person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, regardless of the age of the person.

(d) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall make the verification form electronically available on each of their respective websites.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 175—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5F-1-7; to amend and reenact §7-1-3rr of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-39-1, and by amending said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §17A-2-26 and §17A-2-27; all relating to governmental entities distribution of information; requiring executive branch agencies to maintain websites that contain specific information; requiring county commissions to maintain websites with specific information; requiring county commissions to provide certain information to the Secretary of State; allowing municipalities to maintain websites with specific information available to the public at no charge; providing for
exceptions to disclosing certain information in defined circumstances; requiring information to be updated; requiring updated information to be provided to the Office of Technology; requiring the Division of Motor Vehicles to establish and maintain an enrollment list of persons who have communication disabilities; authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate rules; exempting Division of Motor Vehicles enrollment list from the freedom of information act; providing for submission of certain information to the Division of Motor Vehicles; and authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to provide enrollment list information to law enforcement officers through automated data system.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 175, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 175) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect from passage,
and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section forty, after line thirty, by adding a new subsection, designated subsection (d), to read as follows:

(d) The provisions of this section shall be known as “Jamie’s Law.”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 230**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-40 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to suicide prevention awareness training and dissemination of information; providing findings; requiring State Board of Education to provide routine education in suicide prevention under guidelines established by board; requiring dissemination of information; and naming provisions of section “Jamie’s Law”.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 230, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano,
Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 230) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 230) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 261, Creating criminal penalties for introducing ransomware into computer with intent to extort.
On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page five, section four, line six, after the word “for” by inserting the words “a determinate sentence of”;

On page five, section four, line ten, after the word “for” by inserting the words “a determinate sentence of”;

And,

On page five, section four, line nineteen, after the word “for” by inserting the words “a determinate sentence of”.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 261, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 261) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section one, line sixteen, after the word “years” by inserting a period and striking out the remainder of the subsection.;

On page two, section one, line twenty-four, by striking out all of subsection (c);

And by relettering the remaining subsections;

On page four, section three, line twenty-seven, after the word “council” by inserting the following: “The advisory council shall terminate on January 1, 2023.”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 269**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-5AA-1, §16-5AA-2, §16-5AA-3, §16-5AA-4, §16-5AA-5, and §16-5AA-6, all relating to establishing an advisory council on rare diseases; creating the advisory council; providing for its composition; setting terms of members; defining terms; defining duties, subject to the availability of resources; defining powers of the advisory council; setting out particular
discretionary duties of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources; terminating the council; and establishing a special revenue account.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 269, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 269) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

**Eng. Senate Bill 510**, Making permanent land reuse agency or municipal land bank’s right of first refusal on certain tax sale properties.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.
The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page three, section nine, line fifty-nine, by striking out “$100,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “$50,000”;

On page four, section nine, after line seventy-nine, by inserting the following:

“(4) Effective July 1, 2025, the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection shall sunset and have no further force and effect.

(5) Prior to January 1, 2025, any land reuse agency or municipal land bank which exercises the authority granted by this subsection shall submit to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance a report on the entity’s activities related to the purchase of tax-delinquent properties and any benefits realized from the authority granted by this subsection.”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 510**—A Bill to amend and reenact §31-18E-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the right of first refusal which land reuse agencies and municipal land banks have on tax-delinquent properties; expanding the circumstances when the right of first refusal may be used; clarifying provisions related to the right of first refusal; authorizing land reuse agencies and municipal land banks to reject adjacent property owner’s request to purchase property in certain circumstances; providing a sunset date; and requiring the submission of a report.

Senator Takubo moved that the Senate concur in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Following discussion,
The question being on the adoption of Senator Takubo’s aforesaid motion, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Senate Bill 510, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Maynard, Rucker, and Tarr—3.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 510) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect July 1, 2020, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page fourteen, section nine, line three hundred forty-six, after the word “state” by inserting the words “on or after July 1, 2020”;
On page fourteen, section nine, line three hundred forty-six, by striking out the word “Authority” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Administration”;

On page fourteen, section nine, line three hundred forty-eight, by striking out the word “Authority” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Administration”;

On page sixteen, section nine, line three hundred eighty-two, after the word “to” by inserting the word “former”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 530—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to taxation of the sale of certain aircraft; exempting from consumer sales and service tax the sale of aircraft sold in this state and registered in another state and removed from this state within 60 days; and providing conditions of exemption.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 530, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—28.

The nays were: Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, and Woelfel—6.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com.
Sub. for S. B. 530) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—28.

The nays were: Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, and Woelfel—6.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 530) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the provisions of Rule 54 of the Rules of the Senate, relating to persons entitled to the privileges of the floor, were suspended in order to grant His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Jim Justice, privileges of the floor for the day.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 7:10 p.m., the Senate recessed to permit His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Jim Justice to address the Senate.

The Senate reconvened at 7:13 p.m. tonight and again proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with
its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section six-d, lines twenty-five through twenty-seven, by striking out all of subsection (e);

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 641**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16B-6d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the children’s health insurance program; removing how reimbursements rates are calculated; and making other technical changes.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 641, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: None.
Absent: Palumbo, Sypolt, and Weld—3.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 641) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page three, section six, line sixty, after the word “physician” by inserting the words “physician’s assistant or advanced practice registered nurse”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 647**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-30C-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to issue do-not-resuscitate orders.

Senator Takubo moved that the Senate concur in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Following discussion,
The question being on the adoption of Senator Takubo’s aforesaid motion, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Senate Bill 647, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Palumbo and Weld—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 647) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 692, Clarifying persons indicted or charged jointly for felony offense can move to have separate trial.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section eight, line thirteen, after the word “determined” by changing the period to a colon and inserting the
following proviso: *Provided*. That in a trial of one or more felony offenses, the court may deny the motion if it finds that requiring the appearance at multiple trials will cause the victim of the violence or sexual assault undue mental or emotional distress.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 692**—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-3-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying that persons charged with a felony offense or offenses are entitled to a separate trial as to their guilt or innocence upon moving therefor; clarifying that the statutory right to a separate trial preempts any provisions of law or judicial rule to the contrary; and adding a proviso that the court may deny the motion for separate trials if the court finds that requiring victim appearance at multiple trials will cause a victim of violence or sexual assault undue mental or emotional distress.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being “Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Trump, Weld, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—19.

The nays were: Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Takubo, Unger, and Woelfel—15.
Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 692) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate again proceeded to the fifth order of business.

**Filed Conference Committee Reports**

The Clerk announced the following conference committee report had been filed at 7:22 p.m. tonight:


The Clerk announced the following conference committee report had been filed at 7:23 p.m. tonight:


At the request Senator Rucker, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate again proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section eleven-a, lines thirteen through fifteen, by striking out all of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The State Superintendent of Schools, the Chancellor for the Higher Education Policy Commission, and the Chancellor for the Community and Technical College System shall convene the West Virginia Nursing Career Pathway Workgroup consisting of:

On pages two and three, section eleven-a, line thirty-five through thirty-nine, after the word “completion.” by striking out the remainder of the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The career pathway shall align affordable, effective and sustainable secondary to post-secondary nursing programs to increase credential attainment for a broad and diverse student population.

On page three, section eleven-a, line forty-five, after the word “college” by adding the words “or career and technical education center”:

On page three, section eleven-a, lines fifty-five and fifty-six, by striking out the words “every month that the commission meets” and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the words “as requested, but at least annually.”:

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 707**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new
section, designated §18-2E-11a, relating to making a nursing career pathway available to students statewide; setting forth legislative findings; requiring that a nursing career pathway workgroup be convened; charging the workgroup with developing a career pathway to address the unmet need for nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and registered nurses with a bachelor’s degree in nursing; requiring the nursing career pathway to be made available to students statewide; requiring report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability, as requested, but at least annually, on the progress in implementing the career pathway; and requiring consideration of certain specified ideas in establishing the pathway.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 707, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 707) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith,
Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 707) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 12. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC POWERS, DUTIES AND ALLIED RELATIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES, GOVERNING BODIES AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; SUITS AGAINST MUNICIPALITIES.

§8-12-17. Sale or lease of municipal public utility.

In any case where a municipality owns a gas system, an electric system, a waterworks system, a sewer system or other public utility
and a majority of not less than 60 percent of the members of the governing body thereof shall deem it for the best interest of such the municipality that such the utility be sold or leased, the governing body may so sell or lease such the gas system, electric system, waterworks system, sewer system or other public utility upon such terms and conditions as said the governing body in its discretion considers in the best interest of the municipality: Provided, That such the sale or lease may be made only upon: (1) The publication of notice of a hearing before the governing body of the municipality, as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code, in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the municipality, such the publication to be made not earlier than 20 days and not later than seven days prior to the hearing; and (2) the approval by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. The governing body, upon the approval of the sale or lease by a majority of its members of not less than 60 percent of the members of the governing body, shall have full power and authority to proceed to execute or effect such the sale or lease in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in the ordinance approved as aforesaid, and shall have power to do any and all things necessary or incident thereto: Provided, however, That if at any time after such the approval and before the execution of the authority under the ordinance, any person should present to the governing body an offer to buy such the public utility at a price which exceeds by at least five percent the sale price which shall have been so approved and authorized or to lease the same upon terms which the governing body, in its discretion, shall consider more advantageous to the municipality than the terms of the lease which shall have been previously approved as aforesaid, the governing body shall have the power to accept such the subsequent offer, and to make such the sale or such the lease to the person making the offer, upon approval of the offer by a majority of not less than 60 percent of the members of the governing body; but, if a sale shall have been approved by the governing body as aforesaid, and the subsequent proposition be for a lease, or, if a lease shall have been approved by the governing body, and the subsequent proposition shall be for a sale, the governing body shall have the authority to accept the same upon approval of the offer by a majority of not less than 60 percent of the members of the governing body.
The person making such the proposition shall furnish bond, with security to be approved by the governing body, in a penalty of not less than 25 percent of such the proposed bid, conditioned to carry such the proposition into execution, if the same shall be approved by the governing body. In any case where any such public utility shall be sold or leased by the governing body as hereinabove provided, no part of the moneys derived from such the sale or lease shall be applied to the payment of current expenses of the municipality, but the proceeds of such the sale or lease shall may be applied in payment and discharge of any indebtedness created in respect to such the public utility, and in case there be no indebtedness, the governing body, in its discretion, shall have the power and authority to expend all such moneys when received for the purchase or construction of fire fighting equipment and buildings for housing such the equipment, a municipal building or city hall, and the necessary land upon which to locate the same, for capital investments in public works projects, vehicles and equipment and law-enforcement vehicles and equipment, for the demolition of dilapidated and abandoned buildings, or for the construction of paved streets, avenues, roads, alleys, ways, sidewalks, sewers, storm water systems, floodwalls, and other like permanent improvements, for fulfilling municipal pension and other post-employment benefit obligations, or for reducing taxes, and for no other purposes. In case there be a surplus after the payment of such the indebtedness, the surplus shall be used as aforesaid.

The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale or lease of any part of the properties of any such public utility determined by the governing body to be unnecessary for the efficient rendering of the service of such the utility.

ARTICLE 16. MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS; REVENUE BOND FINANCING.

PART VI. IMPOSITION OF RATES, FEES OR CHARGES.

§8-16-18. Rates, fees or charges for services rendered by works.

The governing body shall have plenary power and authority and it shall be its duty, by ordinance, to establish and maintain just
and equitable rates, fees or charges for the use and services rendered, or the improvement or protection of property, not to include highways, road and drainage easements, and/or stormwater facilities constructed, owned and/or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways, provided or afforded, by such works, to be paid by the person using the same, receiving the services thereof, or owning the property improved or protected thereby, and may readjust rates, fees or charges from time to time.

When two or more municipalities take joint action under the provisions of this article, the rates, fees or charges shall be established by each participating municipality, with the concurrence of the other participating municipality or municipalities as to the amount of the rates, fees or charges, and such rates, fees or charges may be the same with respect to each municipality, or they may be different.

Rates, fees or charges heretofore or hereafter established and maintained for the improvement or protection of property, not to include highways, road and drainage easements, and/or stormwater facilities constructed, owned and/or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways, provided or afforded by a municipal flood control system or flood walls, to be paid by the person owning the property improved or protected thereby, shall be collectible and enforceable from the time provided in any such ordinance, any provision of this or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, if, at such time, such works, though not yet fully completed, are nearing completion and the governing body is reasonably assured that the works will be completed and placed in operation without unreasonable delay.

All rates, fees or charges shall be sufficient in each year for the payment of the proper and reasonable expenses of repair (including replacements), maintenance and operation of the works, and for the payment of the sums herein required to be paid into the sinking fund. Revenues collected pursuant to the provisions of this section are considered the revenues of the works. No such rates, fees or charges shall may be established until after a public hearing at which all the users of the works and owners of the property served, or to be served thereby, and others interested, shall have an
opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees or charges.

After introduction of the proposed ordinance fixing the rates, fees or charges and before the same is finally adopted, notice of such hearing, setting forth the proposed schedule of such rates, fees or charges, shall be given by publishing the same as a Class I-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code, and the publication area for the publication shall be such municipality or each such municipality, as the case may be. Said notice shall be published at least five days before the date fixed in such notice for the hearing, which hearing may be adjourned from time to time. No other or further notice to parties in interest shall be required.

After such hearing the ordinance establishing rates, fees or charges, either as originally proposed or introduced, or as modified and amended, shall be adopted and put into effect. A copy of the schedule of such rates, fees and charges so established shall be kept on file in the office of the board having charge of such works, and also in the office of the governing body or bodies, and shall be open to inspection by all parties in interest.

The rates, fees or charges so established for any class of users or property served shall be extended to cover any additional class of users or property thereafter served which fall within the same class, without the necessity of any hearing or notice. Any change or adjustment of rates, fees or charges may be made in the same manner as such rates, fees or charges were originally established as provided in this section. The aggregate of the rates, fees or charges shall always be sufficient for the expenses of repair (including replacements), maintenance and operation, and for the sinking fund payments.

If any rate, fee or charge so established shall not be paid within 30 days after the same is due, the amount thereof, together with a penalty of 10 percent and reasonable attorney’s fees, may be recovered by the board in a civil action in the name of the municipality or municipalities, and in the case of rates, fees or charges due for services rendered, such rates, fees or charges, if not
paid when due, may, if the governing body so provide in the ordinance provided for under §8-16-7 of this code, constitute a lien upon the premises served by such works, which lien may be foreclosed against such lot, parcel of land or building so served, in accordance with the laws relating to the foreclosure of liens on real property. Upon failure of any person receiving any such service to pay for the same when due, the board may discontinue such service without notice.

**ARTICLE 19. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS.**

§8-19-4. Estimate of cost; ordinance or order for issuance of revenue bonds; interest on bonds; rates for services; exemption from taxation.

Whenever a municipality or county commission, shall under the provisions of this article, determine to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, construct, establish, extend or equip a waterworks system or an electric power system, or to construct any additions, betterments or improvements to any waterworks or electric power system, it shall cause an estimate to be made of the cost thereof, and may, by ordinance or order, provide for the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this article, which ordinance or order shall set forth a brief description of the contemplated undertaking, the estimated cost thereof, the amount, rate or rates of interest, the time and place of payment and other details in connection with the issuance of the bonds. The bonds shall be in such form and shall be negotiated and sold in such manner and upon such terms as the governing body of such municipality or county commission may, by ordinance or order, specify. All the bonds and the interest thereon shall be exempt from all taxation by this state, or any county, municipality or county commission, political subdivision or agency thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, the real and personal property which a municipality or county has acquired and constructed according to the provisions of this article, and any leasehold interest therein held by other persons, shall be deemed public property and shall be exempt from taxation by the state, or any county, municipality or other levying
body, so long as the same is owned by the municipality or county:

*Provided*, That with respect to electric power systems, this exemption for real and personal property shall be applicable only for the real and personal property:

1. Physically situate within the municipal or county boundaries of the municipality or county which acquired or constructed the electric power system and there was in place prior to the effective date of the amendments to this section made in the year 1992 an agreement between the municipality and the county commission for payments in lieu of tax; or
2. Acquired or constructed with the written agreement of the county school board, county commission and any municipal authority within whose jurisdiction the electric power system is or is to be physically situate.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this statute to the contrary, this exemption shall be applicable to any leasehold or similar interest held by persons other than a municipality or county only if acquired or constructed with the written agreement of the county school board, county commission and any municipal authority within whose jurisdiction the electric power system is or is to be physically situate: *Provided, however*,

That payments made to any county commission, county school board or municipality in lieu of tax pursuant to such an agreement shall be distributed as if the payments resulted from *ad valorem* property taxation. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum set by the municipality or county commission, payable at such times, and shall be payable as to principal at such times, not exceeding 50 years from their date, and at such place or places, within or without the state, as shall be prescribed in the ordinance or order providing for their issuance. Unless the governing body of the municipality or county commission shall otherwise determine, the ordinance or order shall also declare that a statutory mortgage lien shall exist upon the property so to be acquired, constructed, established, extended or equipped, fix minimum rates or charges for water or electricity to be collected prior to the payment of all of said bonds and shall pledge the revenues derived from the waterworks or electric power system for the purpose of paying the bonds and interest thereon, which pledge shall definitely fix and determine the amount of revenues which shall be necessary to be set apart and applied to the payment of the principal of and interest upon the bonds and the proportion of the balance of the revenues,
which are to be set aside as a proper and adequate depreciation account, and the remainder shall be set aside for the reasonable and proper maintenance and operation thereof. The rates or charges to be charged for the services from the waterworks or electric power system shall be sufficient at all times to provide for the payment of interest upon all bonds and to create a sinking fund to pay the principal thereof as and when the same become due, and reasonable reserves therefor, and to provide for the repair, maintenance and operation of the waterworks or electric power system, and to provide an adequate depreciation fund, and to make any other payments which shall be required or provided for in the ordinance or order authorizing the issuance of said bonds: Provided, That the notice given by the municipality or county commission for a change in rates or charges to be charged for the services from the waterworks or electric power system, shall be provided by Class I legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory not less than one week prior to the public hearing of the governing body of the municipality or the county commission required for the approval of the change in rates or charges.

ARTICLE 20. COMBINED SYSTEMS.

§8-20-10. Power and authority of municipality to enact ordinances and make rules and fix rates, fees or charges; deposit required for new customers; change in rates, fees or charges; failure to cure delinquency; delinquent rates, discontinuance of service; reconnecting deposit; return of deposit; fees or charges as liens; civil action for recovery thereof; deferral of filing fees and costs in magistrate court action; limitations with respect to foreclosure.

(a)(1) The governing body of a municipality availing itself of the provisions of this article shall have plenary power and authority to make, enact and enforce all necessary rules for the repair, maintenance, operation and management of the combined system of the municipality and for the use thereof. The governing body of a municipality also has the plenary power and authority to make, enact and enforce all necessary rules and ordinances for the care and protection of any such system for the health, comfort and
convenience of the public, to provide a clean water supply, to provide properly treated sewage insofar as it is reasonably possible to do and, if applicable, to properly collecting and controlling the stormwater as is reasonably possible to do: Provided, That no municipality may make, enact or enforce any rule, regulation or ordinance regulating any highways, road or drainage easements or storm water facilities constructed, owned or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways.

(2) A municipality has the plenary power and authority to charge the users for the use and service of a combined system and to establish required deposits, rates, fees or charges for such purpose. Separate deposits, rates, fees or charges may be fixed for the water and sewer services respectively and, if applicable, the stormwater services, or combined rates, fees or for the combined water and sewer services, and, if applicable, the storm water services. Such deposits, rates, fees or charges, whether separate or combined, shall be sufficient at all times to pay the cost of repair, maintenance and operation of the combined system, provide an adequate reserve fund, an adequate depreciation fund and pay the principal and interest upon all revenue bonds issued under this article. Deposits, rates, fees or charges shall be established, revised and maintained by ordinance and become payable as the governing body may determine by ordinance. The rates, fees or charges shall be changed, from time to time, as necessary, consistent with the provisions of this article: Provided, That the notice given by the municipality for a change in rates or charges to be charged for the services from the waterworks or electric power system, shall be provided by Class I legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory not less than one week prior to the public hearing of the governing body of the municipality required for the approval of the change in rates or charges.

(3) All new applicants for service shall indicate to the municipality or governing body whether they are an owner or tenant with respect to the service location. An entity providing stormwater service shall provide a tenant a report of the stormwater fee charged for the entire property and, if appropriate, that portion of the fee to be assessed to the tenant.
(4) The municipality or governing body, but only one of them, may collect from all new applicants for service a deposit of $100 or two twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant’s specific customer class, whichever is greater, to secure the payment of water and sewage service rates, fees and charges in the event they become delinquent as provided in this section. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates, fees and charges which were delinquent and the user’s service is disconnected or terminated, service may not be reconnected or reinstated by the municipality or governing body until another deposit equal to $100 or a sum equal to two twelfths of the average usage for the applicant’s specific customer class, whichever is greater, is remitted to the municipality or governing body. After 12 months of prompt payment history, the municipality or governing body shall return the deposit to the customer or credit the customer’s account with interest at a rate to be set by the Public Service Commission: Provided, That where the customer is a tenant, the municipality or governing body is not required to return the deposit until the time the tenant discontinues service with the municipality governing body. Whenever any rates, fees, rentals or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid for a period of 20 days after they become due, the user of the services and facilities provided is delinquent and the user is liable at law until all rates, fees and charges are fully paid. The municipality or governing body may terminate water services to a delinquent user of either water or sewage facilities, or both, 10 days after the water or sewage services become delinquent regardless of whether the governing body utilizes the security deposit to satisfy any delinquent payments: Provided further, That any termination of water service must comply with all rules and orders of the Public Service Commission: Provided, however, That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any requires agents or employees of the municipality or governing body to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.

(b) Whenever any rates, fees or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid for a period of 20 days after they become due, the user of the services and facilities provided shall be
delinquent and the municipality or governing body may apply any deposit against any delinquent fee. The user is liable until such time as all rates, fees and charges are fully paid.

(c) All rates, fees or charges for water service, sewer service and, if applicable, stormwater service, whenever delinquent, as provided by ordinance of the municipality, shall be liens of equal dignity, rank and priority with the lien on such premises of state, county, school and municipal taxes for the amount thereof upon the real property served. The municipality has the plenary power and authority to enforce such lien in a civil action to recover the money due for services rendered plus court fees and costs and reasonable attorney’s fees: Provided, That an owner of real property may not be held liable for the delinquent rates, fees or charges for services or facilities of a tenant, nor shall any lien attach to real property for the reason of delinquent rates, fees or charges for services or facilities of a tenant of the real property, unless the owner has contracted directly with the municipality to purchase such services or facilities.

(d) Municipalities are hereby granted a deferral of filing fees or other fees and costs incidental to filing an action in magistrate court for collection of the delinquent rates and charges. If the municipality collects the delinquent account, plus fees and costs, from its customer or other responsible party, the municipality shall pay to the magistrate court the filing fees or other fees and costs which were previously deferred.

(e) No municipality may foreclose upon the premises served by it for delinquent rates, fees or charges for which a lien is authorized by this section except through a civil action in the circuit court of the county wherein the municipality lies. In every such action, the court shall be required to make a finding based upon the evidence and facts presented that the municipality has exhausted all other remedies for collection of debts with respect to such delinquencies prior to bringing the action. In no event shall foreclosure procedures be instituted by any municipality or on its behalf unless the delinquency has been in existence or continued for a period of two years from the date of the first delinquency for which foreclosure is being sought.
(f) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, a municipality which has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as an entity to serve a West Virginia Separate Storm Sewer System community, as defined in 40 C.F.R. §122.26, has the authority to enact ordinances or regulations which allow for the issuance of orders, the right to enter properties and the right to impose reasonable fines and penalties regarding correction of violations of municipal stormwater ordinances or regulations within the municipal watershed served by the municipal stormwater system, as long as such rules, regulations, fines or acts are not contrary to any rules or orders of the Public Service Commission.

(g) Notice of a violation of a municipal stormwater ordinance or regulation shall be served in person to the alleged violator or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall state the nature of the violation, the potential penalty, the action required to correct the violation and the time limit for making the correction. Should a person, after receipt of proper notice, fail to correct violation of the municipal stormwater ordinance or regulation, the municipality may correct or have the corrections of the violation made and bring the party into compliance with the applicable stormwater ordinance or regulation. The municipality may collect the costs of correcting the violation from the person by instituting a civil action, as long as such actions are not contrary to any rules or orders of the Public Service Commission.

(h) A municipality which has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as an entity to serve a West Virginia Separate Storm Sewer System community shall prepare an annual report detailing the collection and expenditure of rates, fees or charges and make it available for public review at the place of business of the governing body and the stormwater utility main office.

CHAPTER 16. PUBLIC HEALTH.

ARTICLE 13. SEWAGE WORKS AND STORMWATER WORKS.

§16-13-16. Rates for service; deposit required for new customers; forfeiture of deposit; reconnecting deposit;
A governing body has the power and duty, by ordinance, to establish and maintain just and equitable rates, fees or charges for the use of and the service rendered by:

(a) Sewerage works, to be paid by the owner of each lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with and uses the works by or through any part of the sewerage system of the municipality or that in any way uses or is served by the works; and

(b) Stormwater works, to be paid by the owner of each lot, parcel of real estate or building that in any way uses or is served by the stormwater works or whose property is improved or protected by the stormwater works or any user of such stormwater works.

(c) The governing body may change and readjust the rates, fees or charges from time to time. However, no rates, fees or charges for stormwater services may be assessed against highways, road and drainage easements or stormwater facilities constructed, owned or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways.

(d) All new applicants for service shall indicate to the governing body whether they are an owner or tenant with respect to the service location. An entity providing stormwater service shall provide a tenant a report of the stormwater fee charged for the entire property and, if appropriate, that portion of the fee to be assessed to the tenant.

(e) The governing body may collect from all new applicants for service a deposit of $50 or two twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant’s specific customer class, whichever is greater, to secure the payment of service rates, fees and charges in the event they become delinquent as provided in this section. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates, fees and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, service may not be reconnected or reinstated by the
governing body until another deposit equal to $50 or a sum equal to two twelfths of the average usage for the applicant’s specific customer class, whichever is greater, is remitted to the governing body. After 12 months of prompt payment history, the governing body shall return the deposit to the customer or credit the customer’s account with interest at a rate as the Public Service Commission may prescribe: Provided, That where the customer is a tenant, the governing body is not required to return the deposit until the time the tenant discontinues service with the governing body. Whenever any rates, fees, rentals or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid for a period of 20 days after they become due, the user of the services and facilities provided is delinquent. The user is liable until all rates, fees and charges are fully paid. The governing body may, under reasonable rules promulgated by the Public Service Commission, shut off and discontinue water services to a delinquent user of sewer facilities 10 days after the sewer services become delinquent regardless of whether the governing body utilizes the security deposit to satisfy any delinquent payments: Provided, however, That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the governing body to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.

(f) Such The rates, fees or charges shall be sufficient in each year for the payment of the proper and reasonable expense of operation, repair, replacements and maintenance of the works and for the payment of the sums herein required to be paid into the sinking fund. Revenues collected pursuant to this section shall be considered the revenues of the works.

(g) No such rates, fees or charges may be established until after a public hearing, at which all the users of the works and owners of property served or to be served thereby and others interested shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees or charges.

(h) After introduction of the ordinance fixing such the rates, fees or charges, and before the same is finally enacted, notice of such the hearing, setting forth the proposed schedule of rates, fees
or charges, shall be given by publication as a Class II-0 Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code and the publication area for such the publication shall be the municipality. The first publication shall be made at least five days before the date fixed in the notice for the hearing.

(i) After the hearing, which may be adjourned, from time to time, the ordinance establishing rates, fees or charges, either as originally introduced or as modified and amended, shall be passed and put into effect. A copy of the schedule of the rates, fees and charges shall be kept on file in the office of the board having charge of the operation of such the works, and also in the office of the clerk of the municipality, and shall be open to inspection by all parties interested. The rates, fees or charges established for any class of users or property served shall be extended to cover any additional premises thereafter served which fall within the same class, without the necessity of any hearing or notice.

(j) Any change or readjustment of such the rates, fees or charges may be made in the same manner as the rates, fees or charges were originally established as hereinbefore provided: Provided, That if a change or readjustment be made substantially pro rata, as to all classes of service, no hearing or notice shall be required. The aggregate of the rates, fees or charges shall always be sufficient for the expense of operation, repair and maintenance and for the sinking fund payments.

(k) All rates, fees or charges, if not paid when due, shall constitute a lien upon the premises served by such the works. If any service rate, fees or charge is not paid within 20 days after it is due, the amount thereof, together with a penalty of 10 percent and a reasonable attorney’s fee, may be recovered by the board in a civil action in the name of the municipality. The lien may be foreclosed against such the lot, parcel of land or building in accordance with the laws relating thereto. Where both water and sewer services are furnished by any municipality to any premises, the schedule of charges may be billed as a single amount or individually itemized and billed for the aggregate thereof.
(l) Whenever any rates, rentals, fees or charges for services or facilities furnished shall remain unpaid for a period of 20 days after they become due, the property and the owner thereof, as well as the user of the services and facilities shall be delinquent until such time as all rates, fees and charges are fully paid. When any payment for rates, rentals, fees or charges becomes delinquent, the governing body may use the security deposit to satisfy the delinquent payment.

(m) The board collecting the rates, fees or charges shall be obligated under reasonable rules to shut off and discontinue both water and sewer services to all delinquent users of water, sewer or stormwater facilities and shall not restore either water facilities or sewer facilities to any delinquent user of any such facilities until all delinquent rates, fees or charges for water, sewer and stormwater facilities, including reasonable interest and penalty charges, have been paid in full, as long as such actions are not contrary to any rules or orders of the Public Service Commission: Provided, That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the municipality or governing body to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.

ARTICLE 13A. PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICTS.

§16-13A-9. Rules; service rates and charges; discontinuance of service; required water and sewer connections; lien for delinquent fees.

(a)(1) The board may make, enact, and enforce all needful rules in connection with the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, management, maintenance, operation, care, protection, and the use of any public service properties owned or controlled by the district. The board shall establish, in accordance with this article, rates, fees, and charges for the services and facilities it furnishes, which shall be sufficient at all times, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or laws, to pay the cost of maintenance, operation, and depreciation of the public service properties and principal of and interest on all bonds issued, other obligations
incurred under the provisions of this article, and all reserve or other payments provided for in the proceedings which authorized the issuance of any bonds under this article. The schedule of the rates, fees, and charges may be based upon:

(A) The consumption of water or gas on premises connected with the facilities, taking into consideration domestic, commercial, industrial, and public use of water and gas;

(B) The number and kind of fixtures connected with the facilities located on the various premises;

(C) The number of persons served by the facilities;

(D) Any combination of clauses (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph; or

(E) Any other basis or classification which the board may determine to be fair and reasonable, taking into consideration the location of the premises served and the nature and extent of the services and facilities furnished. However, no rates, fees or charges for stormwater services may be assessed against highways, road, and drainage easements or stormwater facilities constructed, owned, or operated by the West Virginia Division of Highways.

(2) The board of a public service district with at least 4,500 customers and annual combined gross revenue of $3 million or more from its separate or combined water and sewer services providing water or sewer service separately or in combination may make, enact, and enforce all needful rules in connection with the enactment or amendment of rates, fees, and charges of the district. At a minimum, these rules shall provide for:

(A) Adequate prior public notice of the contemplated rates, fees, and charges by causing a notice of intent to effect such a change to be provided to the customers of the district for the month immediately preceding the month in which the contemplated change is to be considered at a hearing by the board. Such notice shall include a statement that a change in rates, fees, and charges is being considered, the time, date, and location of the hearing of the board at which the change will be considered and
that the proposed rates, fees, and charges are on file at the office of the district for review during regular business hours. Such notice shall be printed on, or mailed with, the monthly billing statement, or provided in a separate mailing.

(B) Adequate prior public notice of the contemplated rates, fees, and charges by causing to be published, after the first reading and approval of a resolution of the board considering the revised rates, fees, and charges but not less than one week prior to the public hearing of the board on the resolution, as a Class I legal advertisement, of the proposed action, in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code. The publication area for publication shall be all territory served by the district. If the district provides service in more than one county, publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in each county that the district provides service.

(C) The public notice of the proposed action shall summarize the current rates, fees, and charges and the proposed changes to said rates, fees and charges; the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the resolution approving the revised rates, fees, and charges and the place or places within the district where the proposed resolution approving the revised rates, fees, and charges may be inspected by the public. A reasonable number of copies of the proposed resolution shall be kept at the place or places and be made available for public inspection. The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the public hearing before the board and be heard with respect to the proposed revised rates, fees and charges.

(D) The resolution proposing the revised rates, fees, and charges shall be read at two meetings of the board with at least two weeks intervening between each meeting. The public hearing may be conducted by the board prior to, or at, the meeting at which the resolution is considered for adoption on the second reading.

(E) Rates, fees, and charges approved by resolution of the board shall be forwarded in writing to the county commission with the authority to appoint the members of the board. The county commission shall publish notice of the proposed revised rates, fees,
and charges by a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code. Within 45 days of receipt of the proposed rates, fees, and charges, the county commission shall take action to approve, modify, or reject the proposed rates, fees, and charges, in its sole discretion. If, after 45 days, the county commission has not taken final action to approve, modify, or reject the proposed rates, fees, and charges, as presented to the county commission, shall be effective with no further action by the board or county commission. In any event, this 45-day period shall be mandatory unless extended by the official action of both the board proposing the rates, fees, and charges, and the appointing county commission.

(F) Enactment of the proposed or modified rates, fees, and charges shall follow an affirmative vote by the county commission and shall be effective no sooner than 45 days following action. The 45-day waiting period may be waived by public vote of the county commission only if the commission finds and declares the district to be in financial distress such that the 45-day waiting period would be detrimental to the ability of the district to deliver continued and compliant public services.

(G) The public service district, or a customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the circuit court a petition signed by at least 750 customers or 25 percent of the customers served by the public service district, whichever is fewer, when dissatisfied by the approval, modification, or rejection by the county commission of the proposed rates, fees, and charges under the provisions of this subdivision may file a complaint regarding the rates, fees, and charges resulting from the action of, or failure to act by, the county commission in the circuit court of the county in which the county commission sits: Provided, That any complaint or petition filed hereunder shall be filed within 30 days of the county commission’s final action approving, modifying, or rejecting such the rates, fees and charges, or the expiration of the 45-day period from the receipt by the county commission, in writing, of the rates, fees, and charges approved by resolution of the board, without final action by the county commission to approve, modify, or reject such the rates, fees, and charges, and the
circuit court shall resolve said the complaint: Provided, however, That the rates, fees, and charges so fixed by the county commission, or those adopted by the district upon which the county commission failed to act, shall remain in full force and effect, until set aside, altered, or amended by the circuit court in an order to be followed in the future.

(3) Where water, sewer, stormwater, or gas services, or any combination thereof, are all furnished to any premises, the schedule of charges may be billed as a single amount for the aggregate of the charges. The board shall require all users of services and facilities furnished by the district to designate on every application for service whether the applicant is a tenant or an owner of the premises to be served. If the applicant is a tenant, he or she shall state the name and address of the owner or owners of the premises to be served by the district. Notwithstanding the provisions of §24-3-8 of this code to the contrary, all new applicants for service shall deposit the greater of a sum equal to two twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant’s specific customer class or $50 with the district to secure the payment of service rates, fees, and charges in the event they become delinquent as provided in this section. If a district provides both water and sewer service, all new applicants for service shall deposit the greater of a sum equal to two twelfths of the average annual usage for water service or $50 and the greater of a sum equal to two twelfths of the average annual usage for wastewater service of the applicant’s specific customer class or $50. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates, fees, and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, no reconnection or reinstatement of service may be made by the district until another deposit equal to the greater of a sum equal to two twelfths of the average usage for the applicant’s specific customer class or $50 has been remitted to the district. After 12 months of prompt payment history, the district shall return the deposit to the customer or credit the customer’s account at a rate as the Public Service Commission may prescribe: Provided, That where the customer is a tenant, the district is not required to return the deposit until the time the tenant discontinues service with the district. Whenever any rates, fees, rentals, or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid
for a period of 20 days after the same become due and payable, the user of the services and facilities provided is delinquent and the user is liable at law until all rates, fees, and charges are fully paid. The board may, under reasonable rules promulgated by the Public Service Commission, shut off and discontinue water or gas services to all delinquent users of either water or gas facilities, or both, 10 days after the water or gas services become delinquent: Provided, however, That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed may be considered to require any agents or employees of the board to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.

(b) In the event that If any publicly or privately owned utility, city, incorporated town, other municipal corporation or other public service district included within the district owns and operates separate water facilities, sewer facilities, or stormwater facilities, and the district owns and operates another kind of facility, either water or sewer, or both, as the case may be, then the district and the publicly or privately owned utility, city, incorporated town or other municipal corporation or other public service district shall covenant and contract with each other to shut off and discontinue the supplying of water service for the nonpayment of sewer or stormwater service fees and charges: Provided, That any contracts entered into by a public service district pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval. Any public service district which provides water and sewer service, water and stormwater service or water, sewer and stormwater service has the right to terminate water service for delinquency in payment of water, sewer or stormwater bills. Where one public service district is providing sewer service and another public service district or a municipality included within the boundaries of the sewer or stormwater district is providing water service and the district providing sewer or stormwater service experiences a delinquency in payment, the district or the municipality included within the boundaries of the sewer or stormwater district that is providing water service, upon the request of the district providing sewer or stormwater service to the delinquent account, shall terminate its water service to the
customer having the delinquent sewer or stormwater account: *Provided, however,* That any termination of water service must comply with all rules and orders of the Public Service Commission: *Provided further,* That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the public service districts to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.

(c) Any district furnishing sewer facilities within the district may require or may, by petition to the circuit court of the county in which the property is located, compel or may require the Bureau for Public Health to compel all owners, tenants, or occupants of any houses, dwellings, and buildings located near any sewer facilities where sewage will flow by gravity or be transported by other methods approved by the Bureau for Public Health, including, but not limited to, vacuum and pressure systems, approved under the provisions of §16-1-9 of this code, from the houses, dwellings, or buildings into the sewer facilities, to connect with and use the sewer facilities and to cease the use of all other means for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage and waste matters from the houses, dwellings, and buildings where there is gravity flow or transportation by any other methods approved by the Bureau for Public Health, including, but not limited to, vacuum and pressure systems, approved under the provisions of §16-1-9 of this code and the houses, dwellings, and buildings can be adequately served by the sewer facilities of the district and it is declared that the mandatory use of the sewer facilities provided for in this subsection is necessary and essential for the health and welfare of the inhabitants and residents of the districts and of the state. If the public service district requires the property owner to connect with the sewer facilities even when sewage from dwellings may not flow to the main line by gravity and the property owner incurs costs for any changes in the existing dwellings’ exterior plumbing in order to connect to the main sewer line, the public service district board shall authorize the district to pay all reasonable costs for the changes in the exterior plumbing, including, but not limited to, installation, operation, maintenance, and purchase of a pump or any other method approved by the
Bureau for Public Health. Maintenance and operation costs for the extra installation should be reflected in the users charge for approval of the Public Service Commission. The circuit court shall adjudicate the merits of the petition by summary hearing to be held not later than 30 days after service of petition to the appropriate owners, tenants, or occupants.

(d) Whenever any district has made available sewer facilities to any owner, tenant, or occupant of any house, dwelling, or building located near the sewer facility and the engineer for the district has certified that the sewer facilities are available to and are adequate to serve the owner, tenant, or occupant and sewage will flow by gravity or be transported by other methods approved by the Bureau for Public Health from the house, dwelling, or building into the sewer facilities, the district may charge, and the owner, tenant, or occupant shall pay, the rates and charges for services established under this article only after 30 days’ notice of the availability of the facilities has been received by the owner, tenant, or occupant. Rates and charges for sewage services shall be based upon actual water consumption or the average monthly water consumption based upon the owner’s, tenant’s, or occupant’s specific customer class.

(e) The owner, tenant, or occupant of any real property may be determined and declared to be served by a stormwater system only after each of the following conditions is met: (1) The district has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as an entity to serve a West Virginia Separate Storm Sewer System community, as defined in 40 C. F. R. §122.26; (2) the district’s authority has been properly expanded to operate and maintain a stormwater system; (3) the district has made available a stormwater system where stormwater from the real property affects or drains into the stormwater system; and (4) the real property is located in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System’s designated service area. It is further hereby found, determined, and declared that the mandatory use of the stormwater system is necessary and essential for the health and welfare of the inhabitants and residents of the district and of the state. The district may charge and the owner, tenant, or occupant shall pay the rates, fees, and charges for
stormwater services established under this article only after 30 days’ notice of the availability of the stormwater system has been received by the owner. An entity providing stormwater service shall provide a tenant a report of the stormwater fee charged for the entire property and, if appropriate, that portion of the fee to be assessed to the tenant.

(f) All delinquent fees, rates, and charges of the district for either water facilities, sewer facilities, gas facilities, or stormwater systems or stormwater management programs are liens on the premises served of equal dignity, rank, and priority with the lien on the premises of state, county, school, and municipal taxes. Nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the public service districts to accept payment at the customer’s premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill. In addition to the other remedies provided in this section, public service districts are granted a deferral of filing fees or other fees and costs incidental to the bringing and maintenance of an action in magistrate court for the collection of delinquent water, sewer, stormwater, or gas bills. If the district collects the delinquent account, plus reasonable costs, from its customer or other responsible party, the district shall pay to the magistrate the normal filing fee and reasonable costs which were previously deferred. In addition, each public service district may exchange with other public service districts a list of delinquent accounts: Provided, That an owner of real property may not be held liable for the delinquent rates or charges for services or facilities of a tenant, nor may any lien attach to real property for the reason of delinquent rates or charges for services or facilities of a tenant of the real property unless the owner has contracted directly with the public service district to purchase the services or facilities.

(g) Anything in this section to the contrary notwithstanding, any establishment, as defined in §22-11-3 of this code, now or hereafter operating its own sewage disposal system pursuant to a permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, as prescribed by §22-11-11 of this code, is exempt from the provisions of this section.
A public service district which has been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as an entity to serve a West Virginia Separate Storm Sewer System community shall prepare an annual report detailing the collection and expenditure of rates, fees, or charges and make it available for public review at the place of business of the governing body and the stormwater utility main office.

Notwithstanding any code provision to the contrary, a public service district may accept payment for all fees and charges due, in the form of a payment by a credit or check card transaction or a direct withdrawal from a bank account. The public service district may set a fee to be added to each transaction equal to the charge paid by the public service district for use of the credit or check card or direct withdrawal by the payor. The amount of such the fee shall be disclosed to the payor prior to the transaction and no other fees for the use of a credit or check card or direct withdrawal may be imposed upon the payor and the whole of such the charge or convenience fee shall be borne by the payor: Provided, That to the extent a public service district desires to accept payments in the forms described in this subsection and does not have access to the equipment or receive the services necessary to do so, the public service district shall first obtain three bids for services and equipment necessary to affect the forms of transactions described in this subsection and use the lowest qualified bid received. Acceptance of a credit or check card or direct withdrawal as a form of payment shall comport with the rules and requirements set forth by the credit or check card provider or banking institution.

CHAPTER 24. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

ARTICLE 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

§24-2-1. Jurisdiction of commission; waiver of jurisdiction.

(a) The jurisdiction of the commission shall extend to all public utilities in this state and shall include any utility engaged in any of the following public services:
Common carriage of passengers or goods, whether by air, railroad, street railroad, motor, or otherwise, by express or otherwise, by land, water, or air, whether wholly or partly by land, water, or air; transportation of oil, gas, or water by pipeline; transportation of coal and its derivatives and all mixtures and combinations thereof with other substances by pipeline; sleeping car or parlor car services; transmission of messages by telephone, telegraph, or radio; generation and transmission of electrical energy by hydroelectric or other utilities for service to the public, whether directly or through a distributing utility; supplying water, gas, or electricity by municipalities or others; sewer systems servicing 25 or more persons or firms other than the owner of the sewer systems: Provided, That if a public utility other than a political subdivision intends to provide sewer service by an innovative, alternative method, as defined by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the innovative, alternative method is a public utility function and subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission regardless of the number of customers served by the innovative, alternative method; any public service district created under the provisions of §16-13A-1; et seq. of this code, except that the Public Service Commission will have no jurisdiction over the provision of stormwater services by a public service district; toll bridges, wharves, ferries; solid waste facilities; and any other public service: Provided, however, That natural gas producers who provide natural gas service to not more than 25 residential customers are exempt from the jurisdiction of the commission with regard to the provisions of such the residential service: Provided further, That upon request of any of the customers of such the natural gas producers, the commission may, upon good cause being shown, exercise such authority as the commission may deem appropriate over the operation, rates, and charges of such the producer and for such length of time as the commission may consider to be proper.

(b) The jurisdiction of the commission over political subdivisions of this state providing separate or combined water and/or sewer services and having at least 4,500 customers and annual combined gross revenues of $3 million or more that are political subdivisions of the state is limited to:
(1) General supervision of public utilities, as granted and described in §24-2-5 of this code;

(2) Regulation of measurements, practices, acts, or services, as granted and described in §24-2-7 of this code;

(3) Regulation of a system of accounts to be kept by a public utility that is a political subdivision of the state, as granted and described in §24-2-8 of this code;

(4) Submission of information to the commission regarding rates, tolls, charges, or practices, as granted and described in §24-2-9 of this code;

(5) Authority to subpoena witnesses, take testimony, and administer oaths to any witness in any proceeding before or conducted by the commission, as granted and described in §24-2-10 of this code; and

(6) Investigation and resolution of disputes between a political subdivision of the state providing wholesale water and/or wastewater treatment or other services, whether by contract or through a tariff, and its customer or customers, including, but not limited to, rates, fees and charges, service areas and contested utility combinations: Provided, That any request for an investigation related to such a dispute that is based on the act or omission of the political subdivision shall be filed within 30 days of the act or omission of the political subdivision and the commission shall resolve said dispute within 120 days of filing. The 120-day period for resolution of the dispute may be tolled by the commission until the necessary information showing the basis of the rates, fees, and charges or other information as the commission considers necessary is filed: Provided, however, That the disputed rates, fees, and charges so fixed by the political subdivision providing separate or combined water and/or sewer services shall remain in full force and effect until set aside, altered or, amended by the commission in an order to be followed in the future.
(7) Customers of water and sewer utilities operated by a political subdivision of the state may bring formal or informal complaints regarding the commission’s exercise of the powers enumerated in this section and the commission shall resolve these complaints: Provided, That any formal complaint filed under this section that is based on the act or omission of the political subdivision shall be filed within 30 days of the act or omission complained of and the commission shall resolve the complaint within 180 days of filing. The 180-day period for resolution of the dispute may be tolled by the commission until the necessary information showing the basis of the matter complained of is filed by the political subdivision: Provided, however, That whenever the commission finds any regulations, measurements, practices, acts or service to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient or unjustly discriminatory, or otherwise in violation of any provisions of this chapter, or finds that any service is inadequate, or that any service which is demanded cannot be reasonably obtained, the commission shall determine and declare, and by order fix reasonable measurement, regulations, acts, practices or services, to be furnished, imposed, observed and followed in lieu of those found to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory, inadequate or otherwise in violation of this chapter, and shall make such other order respecting the same as shall be just and reasonable: Provided further, That if the matter complained of would affect rates, fees and charges so fixed by the political subdivision providing separate or combined water and/or sewer services, the rates, fees, or charges shall remain in full force and effect until set aside, altered or amended by the commission in an order to be followed in the future.

(8) In the event that a political subdivision has a deficiency in either its bond revenue or bond reserve accounts, or is otherwise in breach of a bond covenant, any bond holder may petition the Public Service Commission for such redress as will bring the accounts to current status or otherwise resolve the breached covenant, and the commission shall have jurisdiction to fully resolve the alleged deficiency or breach.
(c) The commission may, upon application, waive its jurisdiction and allow a utility operating in an adjoining state to provide service in West Virginia when:

(1) An area of West Virginia cannot be practicably and economically served by a utility licensed to operate within the State of West Virginia;

(2) The area can be provided with utility service by a utility which operates in a state adjoining West Virginia;

(3) The utility operating in the adjoining state is regulated by a regulatory agency or commission of the adjoining state; and

(4) The number of customers to be served is not substantial. The rates the out-of-state utility charges West Virginia customers shall be the same as the rate the utility is duly authorized to charge in the adjoining jurisdiction. The commission, in the case of any such utility, may revoke its waiver of jurisdiction for good cause.

(d) Any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding:

(1) An owner or operator of an electric generating facility located or to be located in this state that has been designated as an exempt wholesale generator under applicable federal law, or will be so designated prior to commercial operation of the facility, and for which such facility the owner or operator holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the commission on or before July 1, 2003, shall be subject to §24-2-11c(e) through §24-2-11c(j) of this code as if the certificate of public convenience and necessity for such the facility were a siting certificate issued under §24-2-11c of this code and shall is not otherwise be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or to the provisions of this chapter with respect to such the facility except for the making or constructing of a material modification thereof as provided in §24-2-1(d)(5) of this code.

(2) Any person, corporation, or other entity that intends to construct or construct and operate an electric generating facility to be located in this state that has been designated as an exempt
wholesale generator under applicable federal law, or will be so designated prior to commercial operation of the facility, and for which facility the owner or operator does not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the commission on or before July 1, 2003, shall, prior to commencement of construction of the facility, obtain a siting certificate from the commission pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11c of this code in lieu of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11 of this code. An owner or operator of an electric generating facility as is described in this subdivision for which a siting certificate has been issued by the commission shall be subject to §24-2-11c(e) through §24-2-11c(j) of this code and shall not otherwise be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or to the provisions of this chapter with respect to such the facility except for the making or constructing of a material modification thereof as provided in §24-2-1(d)(5) of this code.

(3) An owner or operator of an electric generating facility located in this state that had not been designated as an exempt wholesale generator under applicable federal law prior to commercial operation of the facility that generates electric energy solely for sale at retail outside this state or solely for sale at wholesale in accordance with any applicable federal law that preempts state law or solely for both such sales at retail and such sales at wholesale and that had been constructed and had engaged in commercial operation on or before July 1, 2003, shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or to the provisions of this chapter with respect to such the facility, regardless of whether such the facility subsequent to its construction has been or will be designated as an exempt wholesale generator under applicable federal law: Provided, That such the owner or operator shall be subject to §24-2-1(d)(5) of this code if a material modification of such the facility is made or constructed.

(4) Any person, corporation, or other entity that intends to construct or construct and operate an electric generating facility to be located in this state that has not been or will not be designated as an exempt wholesale generator under applicable federal law prior to commercial operation of the facility that will generate
electric energy solely for sale at retail outside this state or solely for sale at wholesale in accordance with any applicable federal law that preempts state law or solely for both such sales at retail and such sales at wholesale and that had not been constructed and had not been engaged in commercial operation on or before July 1, 2003, shall, prior to commencement of construction of the facility, obtain a siting certificate from the commission pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11c of this code in lieu of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11 of this code. An owner or operator of an electric generating facility as is described in this subdivision for which a siting certificate has been issued by the commission shall be subject to §24-2-11c(e) through §24-2-11c(j) of this code and shall not otherwise be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or to the provisions of this chapter with respect to such the facility except for the making or constructing of a material modification thereof as provided in §24-2-1(d)(5) of this code.

(5) An owner or operator of an electric generating facility described in this subsection shall, before making or constructing a material modification of the facility that is not within the terms of any certificate of public convenience and necessity or siting certificate previously issued for the facility or an earlier material modification thereof, obtain a siting certificate for the modification from the commission pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11c of this code in lieu of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the modification pursuant to the provisions of §24-2-11 of this code and, except for the provisions of §24-2-11c of this code, shall not otherwise be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or to the provisions of this chapter with respect to such the modification.

(6) The commission shall consider an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed pursuant to §24-2-11 of this code to construct an electric generating facility described in this subsection or to make or construct a material modification of such the electric generating facility as an application for a siting certificate pursuant to §24-2-11c of this code if the application for the certificate of public convenience and
necessity was filed with the commission prior to July 1, 2003, and if the commission has not issued a final order thereon as of that date.

(7) The limitations on the jurisdiction of the commission over, and on the applicability of the provisions of this chapter to, the owner or operator of an electric generating facility as imposed by and described in this subsection shall not be deemed to affect or limit the commission’s jurisdiction over contracts or arrangements between the owner or operator of such the facility and any affiliated public utility subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(e) The commission shall does not have jurisdiction of Internet protocol-enabled service or voice-over Internet protocol-enabled service. As used in this subsection:

(1) “Internet protocol-enabled service” means any service, capability, functionality, or application provided using Internet protocol, or any successor protocol, that enables an end user to send or receive a communication in Internet protocol format, or any successor format, regardless of whether the communication is voice, data, or video.

(2) “Voice-over Internet protocol service” means any service that:

(i) Enables real-time two-way voice communications that originate or terminate from the user’s location using Internet protocol or a successor protocol; and

(ii) Uses a broadband connection from the user’s location.

(3) The term “voice-over Internet protocol service” includes any service that permits users to receive calls that originate on the public-switched telephone network and to terminate calls on the public-switched telephone network.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the commission shall have has jurisdiction to review or approve any transaction involving a telephone company otherwise subject to
§24-2-12 and §24-2-12a of this code if all entities involved in the transaction are under common ownership.

(g) The Legislature finds that the rates, fees, charges, and ratemaking of municipal power systems are most fairly and effectively regulated by the local governing body. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the commission shall have has jurisdiction over the setting or adjustment of rates, fees, and charges of municipal power systems. Further, the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over municipal power systems is limited to that granted specifically in this code.


(a) After June 30, 1981, no public utility subject to this chapter, except for water and/or sewer utilities that are political subdivisions of the state providing separate or combined services and having at least 4,500 customers and annual gross revenue of $3 million or more from its separate or combined services, shall change, suspend or annul any rate, joint rate, charge, rental or classification except after 30 days’ notice to the commission and the public, which notice shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made in the schedule then in force and the time when the changed rates or charges shall go into effect; but the commission may enter an order suspending the proposed rate as hereinafter provided. The proposed changes shall be shown by printing new schedules, or shall be plainly indicated upon the schedules in force at the time, and kept open to public inspection: Provided, That the commission may, in its discretion, and for good cause shown, allow changes upon less time than the notice herein specified, or may modify the requirements of this section in respect to publishing, posting and filing of tariffs, either by particular instructions or by general order.

(b) Whenever there shall be is filed with the commission any schedule stating a change in the rates or charges, or joint rates or charges, or stating a new individual or joint rate or charge or joint classification or any new individual or joint regulation or practice affecting any rate or charge, the commission may, either upon
complaint or upon its own initiative without complaint, enter upon a hearing concerning the propriety of such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice; and, if the commission so orders, it may proceed without answer or other form of pleading by the interested parties, but upon reasonable notice, and, pending such the hearing and the decisions thereon, the commission, upon filing with such the schedule and delivering to the public utility affected thereby a statement in writing of its reasons for such the suspension, may suspend the operation of such the schedule and defer the use of such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, but not for a longer period than 270 days beyond the time when such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice would otherwise go into effect; and after full hearing, whether completed before or after the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice goes into effect, the commission may make such the order in reference to such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice as would be proper in a proceeding initiated after the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice had become effective: Provided, That in the case of a public utility having 2,500 customers or less and which is not a political subdivision and which is not principally owned by any other public utility corporation or public utility holding corporation, the commission may suspend the operation of such the schedule and defer the use of such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, but not for a longer period than 120 days beyond the time when such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice would otherwise go into effect; and in the case of a public utility having more than 2,500 customers, but not more than 5,000 customers, and which is not a political subdivision and which is not principally owned by any other public utility corporation or public utility holding corporation, the commission may suspend the operation of such the schedule and defer the use of such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, but not for a longer period than 150 days beyond the time when such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice would otherwise go into effect; and in the case of a public utility having more than 5,000 customers, but not more than 7,500 customers, and which is not a political subdivision and which is not principally owned by any other public utility corporation or public utility holding corporation, the commission
may suspend the operation of such the schedule and defer the use of such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, but not for a longer period than 180 days beyond the time when such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice would otherwise go into effect; and after full hearing, whether completed before or after the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice goes into effect, the commission may make such the order in reference to such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice as would be proper in a proceeding initiated after the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice had become effective: Provided, however, That, in the case of rates established or proposed that increase by less than 25 percent of the gross revenue of the regulated public service district, there shall be no suspension period in the case of rates established by a public service district pursuant to §16-13A-9 of this code and the proposed rates of public service districts shall go into effect upon the date of filing with the commission, subject to refund modification at the conclusion of the commission proceeding. In the case of rates established or proposed that increase by more than 25 percent of the gross revenue of the public service district, the district may apply for, and the commission may grant, a waiver of the suspension period and allow rates to be effective upon the date of filing with the commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the public service district shall provide notice by Class 1 legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in its service territory of the percentage increase in rates at least 14 days prior to the effective date of the increased rates. Any refund determined to be due and owing as a result of any difference between any final rates approved by the commission and the rates placed into effect subject to refund shall be refunded by the public service district as a credit against each customer’s account for a period of up to six months after entry of the commission’s final order. Any remaining balance which is not fully credited by credit within six months after entry of the commission’s final order shall be directly refunded to the customer by check: Provided further, That if any such hearing and decision thereon is not concluded within the periods of suspension, as above stated, such the rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice shall go into effect at the end of such the period not subject to refund: And
provided further, That if any such rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice goes into effect because of the failure of the commission to reach a decision, the same shall not preclude the commission from rendering a decision with respect thereto which would disapprove, reduce or modify any such proposed rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, in whole or in part, but any such disapproval, reduction or modification shall not be deemed to require a refund to the customers of such the utility as to any rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice so disapproved, reduced or modified. The fact of any rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice going into effect by reason of the commission’s failure to act thereon shall does not affect the commission’s power and authority to subsequently act with respect to any such application or change in any rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice. Any rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice which shall be approved, disapproved, modified or changed, in whole or in part, by decision of the commission shall remain in effect as so approved, disapproved, modified or changed during the period or pendency of any subsequent hearing thereon or appeal therefrom. Orders of the commission affecting rates, charges, classifications, regulations or practices which have gone into effect automatically at the end of the of the suspension period are prospective in effect.

(c) At any hearing involving a rate sought to be increased or involving the change of any rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice, the burden of proof to show the justness and reasonableness of the increased rate or proposed increased rate, or the proposed change of rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice shall be upon the public utility making application for such the change. The commission shall, whenever practicable and within budgetary constraints, conduct one or more public hearings within the area served by the public utility making application for such the increase or change, for the purpose of obtaining comments and evidence on the matter from local ratepayers.

(d) Each public utility subject to the provisions of this section shall be required to establish, in a written report which shall be incorporated into each general rate case application, that it has
thoroughly investigated and considered the emerging and state-of-the-art concepts in the utility management, rate design and conservation as reported by the commission under §24-1-1(c) of this code as alternatives to, or in mitigation of, any rate increase. The utility report shall contain as to each concept considered the reasons for adoption or rejection of each. When in any case pending before the commission all evidence shall have been taken and the hearing completed, the commission shall render a decision in such the case. The failure of the commission to render a decision with respect to any such proposed change in any such rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice within the various time periods specified in this section after the application therefor shall constitute neglect of duty on the part of the commission and each member thereof.

(e) Other than as provided in subsection (b) of this section relating to public service districts, where more than 20 members of the public are affected by a proposed change in rates, it shall be a sufficient notice to the public within the meaning of this section if such the notice is published as a Class II legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code and the publication area for such the publication shall be the community where the majority of the resident members of the public affected by such the change reside or, in case of nonresidents, have their principal place of business within this state.

(f) The commission may order rates into effect subject to refund, plus interest in the discretion of the commission, in cases in which the commission determines that a temporary or interim rate increase is necessary for the utility to avoid financial distress, or in which the costs upon which these rates are based are subject to modification by the commission or another regulatory commission and to refund to the public utility. In such that case the commission may require such the public utility to enter into a bond in an amount deemed by the commission to be reasonable and conditioned upon the refund to the persons or parties entitled thereto of the amount of the excess if such the rates so put into
effect are subsequently determined to be higher than those finally fixed for such the utility.

(g) No utility regulated under the provisions of this section may make application for a general rate increase while another general rate application is pending before the commission and not finally acted upon, except pursuant to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed so as to prohibit any such rate application from being made while a previous application which has been finally acted upon by the commission is pending before or upon appeal to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

§24-2-11. Requirements for certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(a) A public utility, person or corporation other than a political subdivision of the state providing water or sewer services and having at least 4,500 customers and annual gross combined revenues of $3 million dollars or more may not begin the construction of any plant, equipment, property or facility for furnishing to the public any of the services enumerated in section one, article two of this chapter, nor apply for, nor obtain any franchise, license or permit from any municipality or other governmental agency, except ordinary extensions of existing systems in the usual course of business, unless and until it shall obtain from the Public Service Commission a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing such the construction franchise, license or permit.

(b) Upon the filing of any application for the certificate, and after hearing, the commission may, in its discretion, issue or refuse to issue, or issue in part and refuse in part, the certificate of convenience and necessity: Provided, That the commission, after it gives proper notice and if no substantial protest is received within 30 days after the notice is given, may waive formal hearing on the application. Notice shall be given by publication which shall state that a formal hearing may be waived in the absence of substantial protest, made within 30 days, to the application. The notice shall be published as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with
the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code. The publication area shall be the proposed area of operation.

(c) Any public utility, person or corporation subject to the provisions of this section other than a political subdivision of the state providing water and/or sewer services having at least 4500 customers and combined annual gross revenue of $3 million dollars or more shall give the commission at least 30 days’ notice of the filing of any application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under this section: Provided, That the commission may modify or waive the 30-day notice requirement and shall waive the 30-day notice requirement for projects approved by the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council.

(d) The commission shall render its final decision on any application filed under the provisions of this section or §24-2-11a of this code within 270 days of the filing of the application and within 90 days after final submission of any such application for decision following a hearing: Provided, That if the application is for authority to construct a water and sewer project and the projected total cost is less than $10 million, the commission shall render its final decision within 225 days of the filing of the application.

(e) The commission shall render its final decision on any application filed under the provisions of this section that has received the approval of the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council pursuant to §31-15A-1 et seq. of this code within 180 days after filing of the application: Provided, That if a substantial protest is received within 30 days after the notice is provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the commission shall render its final decision within 270 days or 225 days of the filing of the application, whichever is applicable as determined in subsection (d) of this section.

(f) If the projected total cost of a project which is the subject of an application filed pursuant to this section or §24-2-11a of this code is greater than $50 million, the commission shall render its final decision on any such application filed under the provisions of this section or §24-2-11a of this code within 400 days of the filing
of the application and within 90 days after final submission of any such application for decision after a hearing.

(g) If a decision is not rendered within the time frames established in this section, the commission shall issue a certificate of convenience and necessity as applied for in the application.

(h) The commission shall prescribe rules as it may deem proper for the enforcement of the provisions of this section; and, in establishing that public convenience and necessity do exist, the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant.

(i) Pursuant to the requirements of this section, the commission may issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to any intrastate pipeline, interstate pipeline or local distribution company for the transportation in intrastate commerce of natural gas used by any person for one or more uses, as defined by rule, by the commission in the case of:

(1) Natural gas sold by a producer, pipeline or other seller to the person; or

(2) Natural gas produced by the person.

(j) A public utility, including a public service district, which has received a certificate of public convenience and necessity after July 8, 2005, from the commission and has been approved by the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council is not required to, and cannot be compelled to, reopen the proceeding if the cost of the project changes but the change does not affect the rates established for the project.

(k) Any public utility, person or corporation proposing any electric power project that requires a certificate under this section is not required to obtain such the certificate before applying for or obtaining any franchise, license or permit from any municipality or other governmental agency.

(l) Water or sewer utilities that are political subdivisions of the state and having at least 4,500 customers and combined gross revenues of $3 million dollars or more desiring to pursue
construction projects that are not in the ordinary course of business shall provide adequate prior public notice of the contemplated construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any, as a result of such construction to both current customers and those persons who will be affected by the proposed construction as follows:

(1) Adequate prior public notice of the contemplated construction by causing a notice of intent to pursue a project that is not in the ordinary course of business to be specified on the monthly billing statement of the customers of the utility for the month immediately preceding the month in which an ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any, is to be before the governing body for the public hearing on the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any.

(2) Adequate prior public notice of the contemplated construction by causing to be published as a Class I legal advertisement of the proposed public hearing on the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any, in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code. The publication area for publication shall be all territory served by the political subdivision. If the political subdivision provides service in more than one county, publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in each county that the political subdivision provides service.

(3) The public notice of the proposed construction shall state the scope of the proposed construction; a summary of the current rates, fees and charges, and proposed changes to said rates, fees and charges, if any; the date, time and place of the public hearing on the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any; and the place or places within the political subdivision where the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and proposed changes to rates, fees and charges, if any, may be inspected by the public. A reasonable number of copies of the ordinance or
resolution shall be kept at the place or places and be made available for public inspection. The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the public hearing before the political subdivision and be heard with respect to the proposed construction and the proposed rates, fees and charges, if any.

(4) The ordinance or resolution on the proposed construction and the proposed rates, fees and charges shall be read at two meetings of the governing body with at least two weeks intervening between each meeting. The public hearing may be conducted prior to, or at, the meeting of the governing body at which the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction is considered on second reading.

(5) Enactment or adoption of the ordinance or resolution approving the proposed construction and the proposed rates, fees and charges shall follow an affirmative vote of the governing body and the approved rates shall go into effect no sooner than 45 days following the action of the governing body. If the political subdivision proposes rates that will go into effect prior to the completion of construction of the proposed project, the 45-day waiting period may be waived by public vote of the governing body only if the political subdivision finds and declares the political subdivision to be in financial distress such that the 45-day waiting period would be detrimental to the ability of the political subdivision to deliver continued and compliant public services: Provided, That, if the political subdivision is a public service district, in no event shall the rate become effective prior to the date that the county commission has entered an order approving or modifying the action of the public service district board.

(6) Rates, fees and charges approved by an affirmative vote of the public service district board shall be forwarded in writing to the county commission with the authority to appoint the members of the public service board of the public service district. The county commission shall, within 45 days of receipt of the proposed rates, fees and charges, take action to approve, modify, or reject the proposed rates, fees and charges, in its sole discretion. If, after 45 days, the county commission has not taken final action to approve, modify, or reject the proposed rates, fees and charges, the proposed
rates, fees and charges, as presented to the county commission, shall be effective with no further action by the board or county commission. In any event this 45-day period may be extended by official action of both the board proposing the rates, fees and charges and the appointing county commission.

(7) The county commission shall provide notice to the public by a Class I legal advertisement of the proposed action, in compliance with the provisions of §59-3-1 et seq. of this code, of the meeting where it shall consider the proposed increases in rates, fees and charges no later than one week prior to the meeting date.

(8) A public service district, or a customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the circuit court a petition signed by at least 750 or 25 percent of the customers served by the public service district, whichever is fewer, when dissatisfied by the approval, modification, or rejection by the county commission of the proposed rates, fees and charges under the provisions of this subsection (l) may file a complaint regarding the rates, fees and charges no later than one week prior to the meeting date. Provided, That any complaint or petition filed hereunder shall be filed within 30 days of the county commission’s final action approving, modifying or rejecting such the rates, fees and charges, or the expiration of the 45 day period from the receipt by the county commission, in writing, of the rates, fees and charges approved by resolution of the board, without final action by the county commission to approve, modify or reject such the rates, fees and charges, and the circuit court shall resolve said complaint: Provided, however, That the rates, fees and charges so fixed by the county commission, or those adopted by the district upon which the county commission failed to act, shall remain in full force and effect, until set aside, altered or amended by the circuit court in an order to be followed in the future.

ARTICLE 2H. POWER OF COMMISSION TO ORDER MEASURES UP TO AND INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF DISTRESSED AND FAILING WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES.
§24-2H-1. Short title.

This article shall be known and cited as the Distressed and Failing Utilities Improvement Act.

§24-2H-2. Legislative Findings.

(a) The provision of safe drinking water and the collection and treatment of wastewater has resulted in a drastic reduction in the incidence of disease, increase in life expectancy, and other major public health advancements.

(b) Development of water and wastewater infrastructure has advanced economic development through increased production and productivity within West Virginia’s economic sectors and commercial expansion geographically throughout the state.

(c) A number of water and wastewater utilities face substantial capital investment needs to maintain and replace aging infrastructure with limited financial resources.

(d) For some water and wastewater utilities, adequately addressing infrastructure needs may adversely affect their ability to maintain reasonable rates and ability to borrow funds to address such needs.

(e) Many water and wastewater utilities have experienced a loss of customers resulting from decline in populations served which has created an additional rate burden on the remaining population.

(f) Failure to timely address infrastructure needs has resulted in the inability of water and wastewater utilities to adequately serve customers and maintain regulatory compliance, thereby threatening human health and hindering economic growth.

(g) West Virginia needs a comprehensive plan to confront the financial, organizational, and regulatory challenges faced by water and wastewater utilities in the state to ensure that all citizens of West Virginia have access to safe drinking water and adequate and safe wastewater treatment.

A “distressed utility” is a water or wastewater utility, that for financial, operational or managerial reasons:

(1) (A) Is in continual violation of statutory or regulatory standards of the Bureau for Public Health, the Department of Environmental Protection or the commission, which affect the water quality, safety, adequacy, efficiency or reasonableness of the service provided by the water or wastewater utility;

(B) Fails to comply within a reasonable period of time with any final, nonappealable order of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau for Public Health or the commission concerning the safety, adequacy, efficiency or reasonableness of service, including, but not limited to, the availability of water, the potability of water, the palatability of water or the provision of water at adequate volume and pressure and the collection and treatment of wastewater;

(2) Is no longer able to provide adequate, efficient, safe and reasonable utility services; or

(3) Fails to timely pay some or all of its financial obligations, including, but not limited to, its federal and state tax obligations and its bond payments to the West Virginia Water Development Authority, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or other bondholders; fails to maintain its debt service reserve; or fails to submit an audit as required by its bond or loan documents or state law.

“Failing water or wastewater utility” means a public utility that:

(1) Meets the definition of a distressed water or wastewater utility; and either:

(2) Has not, after a reasonable time period, been stabilized and improved by corrective measures put in place under §24-2H-4 of this code; or
(3) Has had the requirements of §24-2H-4 of this code suspended for good cause shown by an order of the commission.

“Capable proximate water or wastewater utility” means a public utility which regularly provides adequate, safe and reasonable service of the same type as the distressed utility and is situated close enough to the facilities of a distressed utility that operational management is reasonable, financially viable, and nonadverse to the interests of the current customers of the nondistressed utility.


Annually, the commission shall prepare a list of water and wastewater utilities that appear to be financially unstable by reviewing annual reports, rate case filings and other financial data available to it. Commission staff shall contact each utility placed on the list and provide advice and assistance in resolving any financial instability or managerial or operational issues that are contributing to the utility’s financial instability.

§24-2H-5. Determination of whether a utility qualifies as a “distressed utility,” “failing utility,” or a “capable proximate utility”.

(a) In determining whether a utility is distressed or failing, the commission shall consider the following factors:

(1) The financial, managerial and technical ability of the utility;

(2) The level of expenditures necessary to make improvements to the water or wastewater utility to assure compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory standards concerning the adequacy, efficiency, safety or reasonableness of utility service and the impact of those expenditures on customer rates;

(3) The opinion and advice, if any, of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau for Public Health as to steps that may be necessary to assure compliance with applicable
statutory or regulatory standards concerning the adequacy, efficiency, safety or reasonableness of utility service;

(4) The status of the utility’s bond payments and other financial obligations;

(5) The status and result of any corrective measures previously put into place under §24-2H-4 of this code; and

(6) Any other relevant matter.

(b) In determining whether a utility is a capable proximate utility, the commission shall consider the following factors:

(1) The financial, managerial and technical ability of all proximate public utilities providing the same type of service;

(2) Expansion of the franchise or operating area of the acquiring utility to include the service area of the distressed utility;

(3) The financial, managerial, operational and rate demands that may result from the current proceeding and the cumulative impact of other demands where the utility has been identified as a capable proximate utility; and

(4) Any other relevant matter.

§24-2H-6. Notice to distressed or failing utility and formal proceeding.

(a) A proceeding under this article may be initiated by the commission on its own motion, or by the staff of the commission, or any other person or entity having a legal interest in the financial, managerial or operational condition of the utility, by filing a petition with the commission. In any such petition, the utility shall be named as the respondent. The commission shall include as additional parties any capable proximate public and private utilities that may be able to acquire the utility.

(b) The commission shall hold an evidentiary and public hearing(s) in the utility’s service area. The commission shall give
notice of the time, place and subject matter of the hearing as follows:

(1) A Class I legal publication in a qualified newspaper pursuant to §59-3-2(a) of this code in the county or counties where the utility is located to take place no more than 10 days before the date of the hearing;

(2) Issuance of a press release;

(3) Written notice by certified mail or registered mail to:

(A) The utility;

(B) The Consumer Advocate Division;

(C) Capable proximate public or private utility(s) that were made parties to the proceeding; and

(D) The county commission if the utility is a public service district; or

(E) The municipality if the utility is owned and operated by the municipality.

(4) The utility shall give notice to its customers of the time, place and subject matter of the hearing either as a bill insert or printed on its monthly bill statement as ordered by the commission.

(c) The public hearing shall be conducted to receive public comments, including, but not limited to, comments regarding possible options available to bring the distressed or failing utility into compliance with appropriate statutory and regulatory standards concerning actual or imminent public health problems or unreasonable quality and reliability service standards. At the evidentiary hearing, the commission shall receive evidence to determine if the utility is a distressed or failing utility and whether a capable proximate utility should acquire the utility. If there is more than one capable proximate utility, then sufficient evidence should be presented to allow the commission to determine the
appropriate capable proximate utility to acquire the distressed or failing utility.

§24-2H-7. Commission order for acquisition of failing utility; list of distressed and failing utilities to Legislature.

(a) Following the evidentiary hearing, the commission shall enter a final order stating whether the utility is a distressed or failing utility and identifying the capable proximate utilities, if any, as defined in §24-2H-3 of this code. If the commission determines that a utility is a distressed utility, then the commission may make an order consistent with subsection (b) of this section. If the commission determines that the utility is a failing utility, then the commission may order the acquisition of the failing utility by the most suitable capable proximate water or wastewater utility, if there are more than one.

(b) Before the commission may designate a water or wastewater utility as failing and order acquisition by a capable proximate utility it shall determine whether there are any alternatives to an ordered acquisition. If the commission determines that an alternative to designating a utility as failing and ordering an acquisition is reasonable and cost effective, it may order the distressed utility and, if applicable to the alternative a capable proximate utility, to implement the alternative. Commission staff shall work with the utility to implement the alternative, as necessary. Alternatives that the commission may consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Reorganization of the utility under new management or a new board, subject to the approval of the applicable county commission(s) or municipal government;

(2) Operation of the distressed utility by another public utility or management or service company under a mutually agreed arms-length contract;

(3) Appointment of a receiver to assure the provision of adequate, efficient, safe and reasonable service and facilities to the public pursuant to §24-2-7(b) of this code;
(4) Merger of the water or wastewater utility with one or more other public utilities, subject to the approval of the applicable county commission(s) or municipal government;

(5) The acquisition of the distressed utility through a mutual agreement made at arms-length; and

(6) Any viable alternative other than an ordered acquisition by a capable proximate utility.

(c) The commission shall provide a list of utilities designated by a final order of the commission as a distressed or failing utility to the Legislature as part of its annual Management Summary Report beginning in the 2021 reporting period and annually thereafter. The commission shall provide the same list to the Water Development Authority and the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council on or before January 31 of each year beginning in 2021.

§24-2H-8. Commission approval of operating agreement, acquisition price; rates for distressed and failing utilities; improvement plan; debt obligations; cost recovery.

(a) After an order has been entered pursuant to §24-2H-4 of this code, the distressed utility and acquiring utility shall file a petition with the commission under §24-2-12 of this code to approve the necessary operating agreement if such alternative is directed by the commission. After an order has been entered pursuant to §24-2H-7 of this code, the failing utility and acquiring utility shall file a petition with the commission under §24-2-12 of this code, to approve the purchase price of the acquisition. Where the parties are unable to agree on an acquisition price, the filing may request that an evidentiary hearing be held so that the commission may determine the acquisition price and any other issues related to the acquisition. The acquisition price must, at a minimum, satisfy all outstanding loans, tax obligations, required grant repayment, liens and indebtedness owed by the failing utility or the acquiring utility must agree to assume the indebtednesses if legally permitted. The acquiring utility shall consult with the lenders or lienholders
regarding payment in full or the assumption, to the extent legally permissible, of any outstanding obligations of the failing utility.

(b) The parties to an acquisition may propose to the commission other methods of determining the acquisition price.

(c) As part of the proceeding, the acquiring utility may propose to the commission that it be permitted for a reasonable period of time after the date of acquisition, to charge and collect rates from the customers of the failing utility pursuant to a separate tariff which may be higher or lower than the existing tariff of the distressed or failing utility or may allow a surcharge on both the acquired and existing customers. A separate tariff or rate filing must be made by the acquiring utility before the commission will consider any increase in rates or allow a surcharge to be placed on the acquiring utility’s acquired or existing ratepayers.

(d) As part of this proceeding, the acquiring utility shall submit to the commission for approval a plan, including a timetable for bringing the failing utility into compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory standards, including, but not limited to, plans for regionalization. The acquiring utility shall have previously obtained the approval of the plan from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau for Public Health, as applicable and those agencies are directed to use their full discretion in working towards long-term solutions that will support compliance. The failing utility shall cooperate with the acquiring utility in negotiating agreements with state and federal agencies, including, but not limited to, negotiation of hold harmless agreements, consent orders or enforcement moratoria during any period of remediation. In addition, the failing utility shall cooperate with the acquiring utility in obtaining the consent of the failing utility’s and the acquiring utility’s bondholder(s) to the acquisition. The acquiring utility must present to the commission as part of its financing plan, documentation on how the failing utility’s indebtedness will be paid or assumed.

(e) A nonprofit acquiring public utility may seek grant funding from the Distressed Utilities Account established pursuant to §31-15A-9(i) of this code to repair, maintain and replace the distressed
water and wastewater utilities facilities as needed. The reasonably and prudently incurred costs of the acquiring utility shall be recoverable in rates as provided in §24-2H-9 of this code.

(f) If the distressed or failing utility is a public service district, then the commission shall make a recommendation to the respective county commission(s) with regard to the acquisition of distressed or failing utilities as provided in §16-13A-2(a)(2) of this code. If the distressed or failing utility is a municipal corporation, then the commission shall make a recommendation to the respective municipal council with regard to the acquisition of distressed or failing utilities as provided in §8-12-17 of this code.

(g) The capable proximate utility may propose one or more of the cost recovery methods or incentives set forth in §24-2H-9 of this code as part of its petition for approval from the commission.

§24-2H-9. Recovery of costs for acquisition, operation, repairs and improvements to distressed or failing utility facilities.

The commission may approve an appropriate and reasonable cost recovery mechanism to allow the capable proximate utility to recover its acquisition costs and projected cost of service of operating, maintaining and improving the facilities of the failing water or wastewater utility or its net costs incurred for operating, maintaining and improving the distressed utility under an operating agreement. The cost recovery mechanism may include a surcharge or surcharges on both acquired and existing customers if approved by the commission in a separate rate or tariff proceeding which shall be considered by the commission on an expedited basis without the need for a full base rate proceeding. Rate increments and surcharges established pursuant to this section shall be subject to adjustment on an annual basis to reflect changes in costs, additional projected capital and operating costs and true-up of any over or under recoveries of costs. Cost recovery mechanisms may also include:

(1) A surcharge above existing rates that allows recovery of additional incremental cost increases, net of contributions necessary to operate, maintain and improve the failing utility’s
service level to an acceptable level and into compliance with all applicable regulatory standards;

(2) An acquisition adjustment to private for profit utilities as an incentive to acquire a failing utility;

(3) An increased return on investment as an incentive to acquire a failing utility; or

(4) Any other incentive method proposed by the acquiring utility if the method is determined by the commission to be appropriate, reasonable and in the public interest.

CHAPTER 31. CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 15A. WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

§31-15A-9. Infrastructure fund; deposits in fund; disbursements to provide loans, loan guarantees, grants and other assistance; loans, loan guarantees, grants and other assistance shall be subject to assistance agreements; West Virginia Infrastructure Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund; use of funds for projects.

(a) The Water Development Authority shall create and establish a special revolving fund of moneys made available by appropriation, grant, contribution or loan to be known as the “West Virginia Infrastructure Fund”. This fund shall be governed, administered and accounted for by the directors, officers and managerial staff of the Water Development Authority as a special purpose account separate and distinct from any other moneys, funds or funds owned and managed by the Water Development Authority. The infrastructure fund shall consist of sub-accounts, as deemed necessary by the council or the Water Development Authority, for the deposit of: (1) Infrastructure revenues; (2) any appropriations, grants, gifts, contributions, loan proceeds or other revenues received by the infrastructure fund from any source, public or private; (3) amounts received as payments on any loans made by the Water Development Authority to pay for the cost of a project or infrastructure project; (4) insurance proceeds payable to
the Water Development Authority or the infrastructure fund in connection with any infrastructure project or project; (5) all income earned on moneys held in the infrastructure fund; (6) all funds deposited in accordance with §31-15B-4 of this code; and (7) all proceeds derived from the sale of bonds issued pursuant to §31-15B-1 et seq. of this code.

Any money collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the West Virginia infrastructure fund by the state agent or entity charged with the collection of the same, credited to the infrastructure fund, and used only for purposes set forth in this article or §31-15B-1 et seq. of this code.

Amounts in the infrastructure fund shall be segregated and administered by the Water Development Authority separate and apart from its other assets and programs. Amounts in the infrastructure fund may not be transferred to any other fund or account or used, other than indirectly, for the purposes of any other program of the Water Development Authority, except that the Water Development Authority may use funds in the infrastructure fund to reimburse itself for any administrative costs incurred by it and approved by the council in connection with any loan, loan guarantee, grant or other funding assistance made by the Water Development Authority pursuant to this article.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, amounts in the infrastructure fund shall be deposited by the Water Development Authority in one or more banking institutions: Provided, That any moneys so deposited shall be deposited in a banking institution located in this state. The banking institution shall be selected by the Water Development Authority by competitive bid. Pending the disbursement of any money from the infrastructure fund as authorized under this section, the Water Development Authority shall invest and reinvest the moneys subject to the limitations set forth in §31-18-1 et seq. of this code.

(c) To further accomplish the purposes and intent of this article and §31-15B-1 et seq. of this code, the Water Development Authority may pledge infrastructure revenues and from time to time establish one or more restricted accounts within the
infrastructure fund for the purpose of providing funds to guarantee loans for infrastructure projects or projects: Provided, That for any fiscal year the Water Development Authority may not deposit into the restricted accounts more than 20 percent of the aggregate amount of infrastructure revenues deposited into the infrastructure fund during the fiscal year. No loan guarantee shall be made pursuant to this article unless recourse under the loan guarantee is limited solely to amounts in the restricted account or accounts. No person shall have any recourse to any restricted accounts established pursuant to this subsection other than those persons to whom the loan guarantee or guarantees have been made.

(d) Each loan, loan guarantee, grant or other assistance made or provided by the Water Development Authority shall be evidenced by a loan, loan guarantee, grant or assistance agreement between the Water Development Authority and the project sponsor to which the loan, loan guarantee, grant or assistance shall be made or provided, which agreement shall include, without limitation and to the extent applicable, the following provisions:

(1) The estimated cost of the infrastructure project or project, the amount of the loan, loan guarantee or grant or the nature of the assistance, and in the case of a loan or loan guarantee, the terms of repayment and the security therefor, if any;

(2) The specific purposes for which the loan or grant proceed shall be expended or the benefits to accrue from the loan guarantee or other assistance, and the conditions and procedure for disbursing loan or grant proceeds;

(3) The duties and obligations imposed regarding the acquisition, construction, improvement or operation of the project or infrastructure project; and

(4) The agreement of the governmental agency to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, and all rules and regulations issued or imposed by the Water Development Authority or other state, federal or local bodies regarding the acquisition, construction, improvement or operation of the infrastructure project or project and granting the Water Development Authority
the right to appoint a receiver for the project or infrastructure if the project sponsor should default on any terms of the agreement.

(e) Any resolution of the Water Development Authority approving loan, loan guarantee, grant or other assistance shall include a finding and determination that the requirements of this section have been met.

(f) The interest rate on any loan to governmental, quasi-governmental, or not for profit project sponsors for projects made pursuant to this article shall not exceed three percent per annum. Due to the limited availability of funds available for loans for projects, it is the public policy of this state to prioritize funding needs to first meet the needs of governmental, quasi-governmental and not for profit project sponsors and to require that loans made to for-profit entities shall bear interest at the current market rates. Therefore, no loan may be made by the council to a for-profit entity at an interest rate which is less than the current market rate at the time of the loan agreement.

(g) The Water Development Authority shall cause an annual audit to be made by an independent certified public accountant of its books, accounts and records, with respect to the receipts, disbursements, contracts, leases, assignments, loans, grants and all other matters relating to the financial operation of the infrastructure fund, including the operating of any sub-account within the infrastructure fund. The person performing such audit shall furnish copies of the audit report to the commissioner of finance and administration, where they shall be placed on file and made available for inspection by the general public. The person performing such audit shall also furnish copies of the audit report to the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

(h) There is hereby created in the Water Development Authority a separate, special account which shall be designated and known as the “West Virginia Infrastructure Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund,” into which shall be deposited annually for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and each fiscal year thereafter, the first $6 million transferred pursuant to §29-22-18d of this code and any other funds provided therefor: Provided, That such deposits
and transfers are not subject to the reservations of funds or requirements for distributions of funds established by §31-15A-10 and §31-15A-11 of this code. Moneys in the West Virginia Infrastructure Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund shall be used to pay debt service on bonds or notes issued by the Water Development Authority for watershed compliance projects as provided in section seventeen-b of this article, and to the extent not needed to pay debt service, for the design or construction of improvements for watershed compliance projects. Moneys in the West Virginia Infrastructure Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund not expended at the close of the fiscal year do not lapse or revert to the General Fund but are carried forward to the next fiscal year.

(i) The Water Development Authority shall establish a separate restricted account within the infrastructure fund to be expended for the repair and improvement of failing water and wastewater systems by nonprofit public utilities from grants approved by the Council and supported by recommendations from the Public Service Commission in accordance with the plan developed under §24-2H-1 et seq. of this code. The restricted account shall be known as the “Distressed Utilities Account”. Annually, the council may request the Water Development Authority to transfer from the uncommitted loan balances for each year a total amount not to exceed $5 million to the restricted account to fund the grants approved by the council during that fiscal year. Notwithstanding the provisions of §31-15A-10(b) of this code, the council may approve grants from this account for up to 100 percent of the cost of failing utility repairs, replacements and improvements and such grant along with other grants awarded by the council may exceed 50 percent of the total project cost: Provided, That at no time may the balance of the restricted account exceed $5 million.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 739, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton,
Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 739) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Senate Bill 748, Increasing awareness of palliative care services.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 60. PALLIATIVE CARE.

§16-60-1. Purpose and findings.

(a) The purpose of this article is to increase awareness regarding the palliative care services in West Virginia.
(b) The Legislature finds that palliative care access remains a challenge across the state and increasing awareness of the availability of this service will align with many of the state’s goals to improve patients’ health care experience and care quality.

§16-60-2. Definitions.

As used in this article:

“Palliative care” means an interdisciplinary team-based model of care process designed to relieve suffering and improve quality of life for patients and families facing serious, though not necessarily terminal, illness. The care should be available at any stage of illness from birth to advanced age and may be offered simultaneously with disease modifying interventions, including attempts for cure or remission.

“Interdisciplinary team” means a care team comprised of medical and nonmedical disciplines with specialty training or certification in palliative care and may include volunteers and lay workers in healthcare. This team may include, at a minimum, the following: (1) A physician; (2) an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered nurse; (3) a social worker; and may include (4) a member of the clergy; (5) a counselor; and (6) a consulting pharmacist.

§16-60-3. Development of educational materials and database.

(a) The State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care, working in conjunction with the Bureau for Public Health, shall develop a work group to create the content of educational materials regarding palliative care for distribution to providers and to the general public. These materials should at a minimum provide an overview of the different models of palliative care services offered throughout the continuum of care and a description of the interdisciplinary team.

(b) The Office of Health Facility License and Certification shall update and maintain its current webpage to reflect an option to search for palliative care provider type;
And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 748**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-60-1, §16-60-2, and §16-60-3, all relating to increasing awareness of palliative care services; defining terms; requiring the State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care, in conjunction with the Bureau for Public Health to develop education materials.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 748, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Romano—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 748) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

**Ordered,** That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to
Eng. Senate Bill 765, Modifying “Habitual Offender” statute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING CRIMES.

§61-11-18. PUNISHMENT FOR SECOND OR THIRD OFFENSE OF FELONY.

(a) For purposes of this section, “qualifying offense” means any offenses or an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses in the following provisions of this code:

(1) §60A-4-401(i) and §60A-4-401(ii);

(2) §60A-4-406;

(3) §60A-4-409(b)(1), §60A-4-409(2), and §60A-4-409(3);

(4) §60A-4-411;

(5) §60A-4-414;

(6) §60A-4-415;

(7) §60A-4-416(a);

(8) §61-2-1;

(9) §61-2-4;

(10) §61-2-7;

(11) §61-2-9(a);
(12) §61-2-9a(d) and §61-2-9a(e);

(13) §61-2-9b;

(14) §61-2-9d;

(15) §61-2-10;

(16) §61-2-10b(b) and §61-2-10b(c);

(17) Felony provisions of §61-2-10b(d);

(18) §61-2-12;

(19) Felony provisions of §61-2-13;

(20) §61-2-14;

(21) §61-2-14a(a) and §61-2-14a(d);

(22) §61-2-14c;

(23) §61-2-14d(a) and §61-2-14d(b);

(24) §61-2-14f;

(25) §61-2-14h(a), §61-2-14h(b), and §61-2-14h(c);

(26) §61-2-16a(a) and §61-2-16a(b);

(27) Felony provisions of §61-2-16a(c);

(28) §61-2-28(d);

(29) §61-2-29(d) and §61-2-29(e);

(30) §61-2-29a;

(31) §61-3-1;

(32) §61-3-2;

(33) §61-3-3;
(34) §61-3-4;
(35) §61-3-5;
(36) §61-3-6;
(37) §61-3-7;
(38) §61-3-11;
(39) §61-3-13(a)
(39) §61-3-27;
(40) §61-3C-14b;
(41) §61-3E-5;
(42) §61-5-17(b), §61-5-17(f), §61-5-17(h), and §61-5-17(i);
(43) §61-5-27;
(44) §61-6-24;
(45) Felony provisions of §61-7-7;
(46) §61-7-12;
(47) §61-7-15;
(48) §61-7-15a;
(49) §61-8-12;
(50) §61-8-19(b);
(51) §61-8B-3;
(52) §61-8B-4;
(53) §61-8B-5;
(54) §61-8B-7;
(55) §61-8B-9;
(56) §61-8B-10;
(57) §61-8C-2;
(58) §61-8C-3;
(59) §61-8C-3a;
(60) §61-8D-2;
(61) §61-8D-2a;
(62) §61-8D-3;
(63) §61-8D-3a;
(64) §61-8D-4;
(65) §61-8D-4a;
(66) §61-8D-5;
(67) §61-8D-6;
(68) §61-10-31;
(69) §61-11-8;
(70) §61-11-8a;
(71) §61-14-2; and

(72) §17C-5-2(b), driving under the influence causing death.

(a) (b) Except as provided by subsection (b) (c) of this section, when any person is convicted of a qualifying offense and is subject to confinement in a state correctional facility therefor, and it is determined, as provided in §61-11-19 of this code, that such person had been before convicted in the United States of a crime punishable by confinement in a penitentiary, the court shall, if the sentence to be imposed is for a definite term of years, add five years
to the time for which the person is or would be otherwise sentenced. Whenever in such case the court imposes an indeterminate sentence, the minimum term shall be twice the term of years otherwise provided for under such sentence.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (c) of this section or any other provision of this code to the contrary, when any person is convicted of first degree murder or second degree murder or a violation of §61-8B-3 of this code and it is determined, as provided in §61-11-19 of this code, that such person had been before convicted in this state of first degree murder, second degree murder, or a violation of section three, §61-8B-3 of this code or has been so convicted under any law of the United States or any other state for an offense which has the same elements as any offense described in this subsection, such person shall be punished by confinement in a state correctional facility for life and is not eligible for parole.

(d) When it is determined, as provided in §61-11-19 of this code, that such person shall have been twice before convicted in the United States of a crime punishable by confinement in a penitentiary which has the same elements as a qualifying offense, the person shall be sentenced to be confined in a state correctional facility for life: Provided, That prior convictions arising from the same transaction or series of transactions shall be considered a single offense for purposes of this section: Provided, however, That an offense which would otherwise constitute a qualifying offense for purposes of this subsection and subsection (b) of this section shall not be considered if more than 20 years have elapsed between that offense and the conduct underlying the current charge.


It shall be the duty of the A prosecuting attorney, when he or she has knowledge of a former sentence or sentences to the penitentiary of any person convicted of an offense punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, to give information thereof to the court immediately upon conviction and before sentence. Said
court shall, before expiration of the next term at which such person was convicted, cause such person or prisoner to be brought before it, and upon an information filed by the prosecuting attorney, setting forth the records of conviction and sentence, or convictions and sentences, as the case may be, and alleging the identity of the prisoner with the person named in each, shall require the prisoner to say whether he or she is the same person or not. If he or she says he or she is not, or remains silent, his or her plea, or the fact of his or her silence, shall be entered of record, and a jury shall be impaneled to inquire whether the prisoner is the same person mentioned in the several records. If the jury finds that he or she is not the same person, he or she shall be sentenced upon the charge of which he or she was convicted as provided by law; but if they find that he or she is the same, or after being duly cautioned if he or she acknowledged in open court that he or she is the same person, the court shall sentence him or her to such further confinement as is prescribed by §61-11-18 of this code on a second or third conviction as the case may be: Provided, That where the person is convicted pursuant to a plea agreement the agreement shall address whether or not the provisions of this section and § 61-11-18 of this code are to be invoked.

The clerk of such court shall transmit a copy of said information to the warden of the penitentiary, Commissioner of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, together with the other papers required by the provisions of §62-8-10 of this code.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as repealing the provisions of §62-8-4 of this code, but no proceeding shall be instituted by the warden, as provided therein, if the trial court has determined the fact of former conviction or convictions as provided herein.

On motion of Senator Weld, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 765, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.
On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 765) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section fifty-five, line one, after the word “program” by inserting the words “and may, in collaboration with the Office of Drug Control Policy of the Department of Health and Human Resources and existing state government programs”;

On page one, section fifty-five, line four, after the word “section” by inserting the words “and who is not under arrest or the subject of a search warrant”;
On page two, section fifty-five, line twenty-four, by striking out the words “criminal and”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 838**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-2-55, relating to directing the State Police, in collaboration with the Office of Drug Control Policy of the Department of Health and Human Resources, to establish a referral program for substance abuse treatment; limiting certain persons from the category of those voluntarily seeking assistance; exempting persons seeking treatment from arrest and prosecution; directing the destruction of controlled substances received from persons seeking treatment; requiring referrals to treatment of persons seeking same; specifying persons who are ineligible for referral; and immunizing the State Police and its employees civilly for making referrals and exempting records of program from freedom of information disclosure.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 838, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.
So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 838) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 838) takes effect from passage.

(Ordered) That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
ARTICLE 3. FORM AND EFFECT OF DEEDS AND CONTRACTS.

§36-3-11. Correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust, and mortgages; corrective affidavit.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:

(1) “Attorney” means any person licensed as an attorney in West Virginia by the West Virginia State Bar.

(2) “Corrective affidavit” means an affidavit of an attorney correcting an obvious description error.

(3) “Local entity” means any county, city, town, municipality, public utility, or person, including any individual, firm, partnership, association, not-for-profit corporation, or other corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of West Virginia.

(4) “Obvious description error” means an error in a real property parcel description contained in a recorded deed, deed of trust, or mortgage where:

(A) The parcel is identified and shown as a separate parcel on a recorded subdivision plat;

(B) The error is apparent by reference to other information on the face of the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, or on an attachment to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, or by reference to other instruments in the chain of title for the property conveyed thereby; and

(C) The deed, deed of trust, or mortgage recites elsewhere the parcel’s correct address or tax map identification number.

(D) An “obvious description error” includes:

(i) An error transcribing courses and distances, including the omission of one or more lines of courses, and distances or the omission of angles and compass directions;
(ii) An error incorporating an incorrect recorded plat or a deed reference;

(iii) An error in a lot number or designation; or

(iv) An omitted exhibit supplying the legal description of the real property thereby conveyed.

(E) An “obvious description error” does not include:

(i) Missing or improper signatures or acknowledgments; or

(ii) Any designation of the type of tenancy by which the property is owned or whether or not a right of survivorship exists.

(5) “Recorded subdivision plat” means a plat that has been prepared by a professional land surveyor licensed pursuant to W. Va. Code §30-13A-1 et seq. of this code and recorded in the clerk’s office of the circuit court for the jurisdiction where the property is located.

(6) “Title insurance” has the same meaning as set forth in W. Va. §33-1-10(f)(4) of this code.

(7) “Title insurance company” means the company that issued a policy of title insurance for the transaction in which the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction was recorded.

(b) Obvious description errors in a recorded deed, deed of trust, or mortgage purporting to convey or transfer an interest in real property may be corrected by recording a corrective affidavit in the office of the clerk of the county commission of the county where the property is situated or where the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction was recorded. A correction of an obvious description error shall not be inconsistent with the description of the property in any recorded subdivision plat.

(c) Prior to recording a corrective affidavit, notice of the intent to record the corrective affidavit, of each party’s right to object to the corrective affidavit, and a copy of the corrective affidavit shall be served upon:
(1) All parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, including the current owner of the property;

(2) The attorney who prepared the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, if known and if possible;

(3) To the title insurance company, if known;

(4) To the adjoining property owners;

(5) To the property address for the real property conveyed by the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction;

(6) If a local entity is a party to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, the notice and a copy of the corrective affidavit required by this subsection, to the county, city, or town attorney for the local entity, if any, and if there is no such attorney, then to the chief executive for the local entity. For the purposes of this section, the term “party” includes any local entity that is a signatory; and

(7) If the State of West Virginia is a party to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, the notice and a copy of the corrective affidavit required by this subsection, to the Attorney General and to the director, chief executive officer, or head of the state agency or chairman of the board of the state entity in possession or that had possession of the property.

(d) The notice and a copy of the corrective affidavit shall be delivered by personal service, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered by a commercial overnight delivery service or the United States Postal Service, and a receipt obtained, to the last known address of each party to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage to be corrected that:

(1) Is admitted to record in the office of the clerk of the county commission of the county in which the property is situate and where the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction was recorded;

(2) Is contained in the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction;
(3) Has been provided to the attorney who prepared the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage as a forwarding address; or

(4) Has been established with reasonable certainty by other means and to all other persons and entities to whom notice is required to be given.

(e) If no written objection is received from any party disputing the facts recited in the corrective affidavit or objecting to its recordation within 30 days after personal service, or receipt of confirmation of delivery of the notice and copy of the corrective affidavit, the attorney may record the corrective affidavit, and all parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage are bound by the terms of the corrective affidavit.

(f) The corrective affidavit shall:

(1) Be notarized;

(2) Contain a statement that no objection was received from any party within the specified time period;

(3) Confirm that a copy of the notice was sent to all the parties; and,

(4) Contain the attorney’s West Virginia State Bar number.

(g) A corrective affidavit recorded pursuant to this section operates as a correction of the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage and relates back to the date of the original recordation of the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage as if the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage was correct when first recorded.

(h) A title insurance company, upon request, shall issue an endorsement to reflect the corrections made by the corrective affidavit and shall deliver a copy of the endorsement to all parties to the policy who can be found.

(i) The clerk shall record the corrective affidavit in the deed book or other book in which deeds are recorded in the county and, notwithstanding their designation in the deed, deed of trust, or
mortgage needing correction, index the corrective affidavit in the names of the parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage as grantors and grantees as set forth in the corrective affidavit. A corrective affidavit recorded in compliance with this section is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the corrective affidavit.

(j) Costs associated with the recording of a corrective affidavit pursuant to this section shall be paid by the party that records the corrective affidavit.

(k) Any person who wrongfully or erroneously records a corrective affidavit is liable for actual damages sustained by any party due to the recordation, including reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(l) The remedies under this section are not exclusive and do not abrogate any right or remedy under the laws of the State of West Virginia other than this section.

(m) A corrective affidavit under this section may be made in the following form, or to the same effect:

Corrective Affidavit

This corrective affidavit, prepared pursuant to West Virginia Code §36-3-11, shall be indexed in the names of .............. (grantor(s)) whose addresses are .............. and .............. (grantee(s)), whose addresses are .............. The undersigned affiant, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. That the affiant is a West Virginia attorney.

2. That the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage needing correction was made in connection with a real estate transaction in which .............. purchased real estate from .............., as shown in a deed recorded in the office of the clerk of the county commission of .............. County, West Virginia, in Deed Book ...., Page ...., or as Instrument Number ....; or in which real estate was encumbered, as shown in a deed recorded in the office of the clerk of the county commission of .............. County, West Virginia, in Deed Book ...., Page ...., or as Instrument Number ......
3. That the property description in the aforementioned deed, deed of trust, or mortgage contains an obvious description error.

4. That the property description containing the obvious description error reads:

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5. That the correct property description should read:

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6. That this corrective affidavit is given pursuant to West Virginia Code §36-3-11 to correct the property description in the aforementioned deed, deed of trust, or mortgage, and such description shall be as stated in paragraph 5 above upon recordation of this corrective affidavit in the office of the clerk of the county commission of .......... County, West Virginia.

7. That notice of the intent to record this corrective affidavit and a copy of this corrective affidavit was delivered to all parties to the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage being corrected pursuant to West Virginia Code §36-3-1 and that no objection to the recordation of this corrective affidavit was received within the applicable period of time as set forth in West Virginia Code §36-3-1.

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(Name of attorney)

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(Signature of attorney)
Notice of Intent to Correct an Obvious Description Error

Notice is hereby given to you concerning the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage described in the corrective affidavit, a copy of which is attached to this notice, as follows:

1. The attorney identified below has discovered or has been advised of an obvious description error in the deed, deed of trust, or mortgage recorded as part of your real estate settlement. The error is described in the attached affidavit.

2. The undersigned will record an affidavit to correct such error unless the undersigned receives a written objection disputing the facts recited in the affidavit or objecting to the recordation of the affidavit. Your objections must be sent within 30 days of receipt of this notice to the following address:
And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4576—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §36-3-11, relating to establishing a procedure for correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages; providing definitions; establishing that obvious description errors in a recorded deed, deed of trust or mortgage involving the transfer of interest in real property may be corrected by recorded affidavit; requiring that the correction of an obvious description error may not be inconsistent with the recorded property description; requiring notice be sent to specified persons; providing notice delivery requirements; establishing the contents of the corrective affidavit; establishing the effect of the corrective affidavit once filed; requiring a title insurance company to issue an endorsement
to reflect the corrective affidavit; requiring the clerk to record and index the corrective affidavit in the deed book; establishing that a recorded affidavit is prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein; requiring associated costs be paid by the recording party; providing that a person who wrongfully records a corrective deed is liable for actual damages, reasonable costs, and attorney fees; providing that remedies provided herein are not exclusive; and providing a format for the corrective affidavit and notice of an intent to correct an obvious description error.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4576, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4576) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body of the committee of conference report, passage as amended by the conference report with its conference amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption thereof, as to

Whereupon, Senator Weld, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to


Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendments of the Senate to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4275 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the amendment of the Senate on page one, section one, line eight, and that the House and Senate agree to an amendment as follows:

On page one section one, line eight, after the word authorized by striking out the period and inserting the following:

with the following amendments:

On page four, by striking out all of paragraph 4.1.k.1. and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“For renovations in one- and two- family homes where no new square footage is involved arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) protection shall not be required, except for in bedrooms. For renovations in one- and two- family homes where square footage is added but no electrical service is installed, arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) protection shall not be required.”;

And,

That the title as amended by the Senate be adopted.
Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4275—A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 et seq. of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to authorizing agencies of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to promulgate legislative rules; authorizing the rules as modified by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and as amended by the Legislature; authorizing the Fire Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to State Fire Code; and authorizing the Fire Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to State Building Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Foster (Chair), Brandon Steele, Nathan Brown, Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.

Ryan W. Weld (Chair), Tom Takubo, and Glenn D. Jeffries, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motions of Senator Weld, severally made, the report of the committee of conference was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4275, as amended by the conference report, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, as amended, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4275) passed with its conference amended title.
Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4275) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had agreed to the appointment of a committee of conference of three from each house on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4558, Creating a personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters in West Virginia.

The message further announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the House of Delegates:

Delegates Criss, Maynard, and Barrett.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—Requesting the Joint Committee on
Government and Finance conduct a study on domestic violence rates in the state and propose funding to prevent and reduce current and future incidents of domestic violence.

Whereas, In 2010 over 12,000 domestic violence offenses in West Virginia were reported to law enforcement; and

Whereas, In 2014, 33 percent of women were victims of some form of domestic violence, including, but not limited, to stalking behavior, emotional abuse, economic abuse, and coercion or threats; and

Whereas, In 2014, 33 percent of all homicides in West Virginia were attributable to domestic violence and 66 percent of women murdered in West Virginia during this time frame were killed by a family or household member; and

Whereas, There are approximately 21,000 calls to various domestic violence hotlines in this country per day; and

Whereas, Domestic violence programs in this state receive funding. However, it is currently unknown whether the current funding is sufficient to address the needs for persons seeking domestic violence resources or other emergency information across this state; and

Whereas, Undocumented or unreported incidents of domestic violence are often very high. It is crucial to ensure that persons seeking domestic violence resources have the access to information in a discrete manner or be able to contact a hotline for emergencies or other information whenever he or she needs these resources; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance conduct a study on domestic violence rates in the state and propose funding to prevent and reduce current and future incidents of domestic violence; and, be it
Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance include in the scope of its study the current reported figures of domestic violence within the state and the current level of domestic violence funding for law enforcement and other domestic violence programs providing resources to its community and the state; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance review the domestic violence prevention needs and prevention strategies in coordination with other organizations that provide domestic violence services through the state that could be implemented in the state to reduce rates of domestic violence as well as the societal and economic impact associated with them; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance include in the scope of its study the reported figures of incarcerated domestic abusers compared to domestic violence reports; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance should include in the scope of its study the amount of domestic violence homicides that occur each year in this state; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2021, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a report, and to draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.
Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,  
Chair.

At the request of Senator Weld, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution (S. C. R. 64) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on the Judiciary was then referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Trump, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 65** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance conduct a study concerning the potential implementation of a Deferred Retirement Option Plan for troopers and employees of the West Virginia State Police.

Whereas, The West Virginia State Police provides an essential service to the State of West Virginia; and

Whereas, Every year numerous West Virginia State Police troopers and employees retire; and

Whereas, Current West Virginia State Police retirement options often favor retirement at the earliest possible age; and

Whereas, When a veteran State Police officer or employee retires, the loss of that wisdom and experience is a hindrance to the continued success of the West Virginia State Police and cannot be easily replaced; and

Whereas, Many states have adopted Deferred Retirement Option Plans (DROP) to provide troopers and other employees an incentive to remain employed for a small number of years beyond the age they would have otherwise retired; and

Whereas, DROP programs are designed to be an entirely voluntary and cost-neutral monetary incentive for the most
experienced troopers and employees to remain past normal retirement age; and

Whereas, The introduction of a DROP program with the West Virginia State Police is of great potential significance to West Virginia as a method to ensure both the continued success of the West Virginia State Police as well as providing retired troopers and employees with an additional source of income upon their eventual retirement that they may otherwise have not been able to benefit from; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby requested to conduct a study concerning the potential implementation of a Deferred Retirement Option Plan for troopers and employees of the West Virginia State Police.

*Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2021, on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, together with drafts of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations; and, be it

*Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this study, to prepare a report, and to draft necessary legislation be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Trump IV,

*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Weld, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution (S. C. R. 65) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on the Judiciary was then referred to the Committee on Rules.
The Senate again proceeded to the sixth order of business.

At the request of Senator Tarr, and by unanimous consent, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, and Tarr offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 66**—Urging Congress to allow the United States Department of Transportation to enter into a transportation pilot study with the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana to analyze weight capacity of vehicles traveling on interstate highways with multi-axle, divisible loads.

Whereas, Weight distribution technology on divisible loads has advanced to provide an over 80,000 pound maximum gross vehicle can apply same weight application as an 80,000 maximum gross weight vehicle weight limit on the roads; and

Whereas, Federal law currently imposes a maximum gross vehicle weight of 80,000 pounds on interstate highways, without any tolerance, and with axle weight restrictions and the bridge formula often reducing such maximum weight; and

Whereas, Vehicles transporting commodities through West Virginia often reach our state on interstate highways but leave the interstate highways system and switch to West Virginia’s local roads, taking advantage of the higher weight limit on such routes; and

Whereas, Such practice increases traffic on West Virginia’s mountainous country roads, raises safety concerns, and limits economic avenues; and

Whereas, Interstates could safely support the same weight restrictions as those on U.S. routes in West Virginia given that the design standards used for both systems are identical and the weight increase would be minimal; and

Whereas, The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, is poised to address any questions Congress or the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway
Administration, may have to demonstrate the feasibility of this request; and

Whereas, Providing an exception to the existing weight limits and restrictions in Title 23 of the United States Code, including the bridge formula, for vehicles operating on interstate highways in West Virginia will allow more vehicles to travel the safer interstate highways and expand economic access throughout West Virginia; and

Whereas, Congress has previously provided exceptions to the maximum gross vehicle weight on interstate highways for several states of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That Congress is urged to allow the United States Department of Transportation to enter into a transportation pilot study with the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana to analyze weight capacity of vehicles traveling on interstate highways with multi-axle, divisible loads; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of West Virginia’s congressional delegation.

At the request of Senator Tarr, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Senators Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger,
Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Smith, Stollings, Sypolt, Unger, and Woelfel offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution 74**—Urging the United States Senate to support the Stop Looting American Pensions Act, as introduced on October 30, 2019.

Whereas, 10.6 million hardworking men and women put a portion of their paycheck into a pension account every pay period with the expectation that it will be there when they retire; and

Whereas, These men and women have contributed to their local, state, and federal economies for the years that they have worked; and

Whereas, These same men and women will rely on their pensions after retirement to continue contributing to their local, state, and federal economies; and

Whereas, Numerous investment firms have manipulated sections of the bankruptcy code to maximize profits by reducing health benefits, slashing pensions, and selling off a company’s most valuable assets; and

Whereas, Current bankruptcy laws have allowed companies to close stores, slash jobs, and file bankruptcy when they no longer possess enough assets to pay off their creditors, including their pension obligations; and

Whereas, The Stop Looting American Pensions (SLAP) Act will increase bankruptcy priority for wages, allow the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation to perfect liens in bankruptcy, and mandate that a company must continue to make its minimum funding contributions towards its pension plan regardless of declaring bankruptcy; and

Whereas, The SLAP Act will also increase the lookback period to six years for fraudulent conveyances, expand restrictions on executive pay during bankruptcy, and require more notice to creditors when asset sales take place after filing bankruptcy; therefore, be it,
Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate urges the United States Senate to support the Stop Looting American Pensions Act; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Joe Manchin, Senator Shelley Moore-Capito, Representative David McKinley, Representative Alex Mooney, and Representative Carol Miller.

At the request of Senator Stollings, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the Senate returned to the fifth order of business.

Filed Conference Committee Reports

The Clerk announced the following conference committee report had been filed at 7:52 p.m. tonight:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4388, Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner’s authority to restrict advertising.

The Senate again proceeded to the sixth order of business.

Petitions

Senator Jeffries presented a petition from Roy Stone and 335 Putnam County residents, requesting the Legislature’s help in forcing a gas pipeline company to repair road damage resulting from pipeline construction.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 7:58 p.m., the Senate recessed until 8:15 p.m. tonight.

The Senate reconvened at 8:19 p.m. tonight and resumed business under the sixth order.
At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Beach, Azinger, Baldwin, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Resolution 75**—Recognizing the dedicated public service of the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., was born June 29, 1949, in the small mining town of Monongah to the late Roman W. and Amelia A. Prezioso; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., attended Fairmont State College, earned an A.B. from West Virginia University, and earned a M.A. from Marshall University; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., was elected to the House of Delegates in 1988 and was reelected in 1990, 1992, and 1994. He was elected to the Senate in 1996 and reelected in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016; and

Whereas, During his tenure with the Senate, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., served as chairman of the committees on Military, Health and Human Resources, and Finance and served as a member of the committees on Banking and Insurance, Confirmations, Natural Resources, and Rules. He also served as Chairman of the Student Intern Committee for eight years; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., has served as the Senate Minority Leader since 2017; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., has had many public affiliations, including the Board of Directors for Mon General Hospital, past President of the Kiwanis Club of Fairmont, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Motor Sports Advisory Committee, Southern Regional Education Board, Southern Legislative Conference, West Virginia School Health Committee, WVU Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Advisory
Board, and Governor’s Committee on School Facilities Evaluation; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., is not only a dedicated public servant, but he is first and foremost a family man, having married his beloved wife Debbie and raised their son Christopher James, who has blessed him with a grandson, James, and will soon add to their family with a granddaughter, Lucia; and

Whereas, During his public service, the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., has tirelessly advocated not only for his constituents in the 13th Senatorial District, but for all West Virginians; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., has always placed great importance on education. He knows the value of quality teaching. He not only became an educator but also married an educator and takes great pride that Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont State University, and West Virginia University are all situated in his district; and

Whereas, The Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., has chosen not to seek reelection in 2020, bringing an end to a distinguished career in public service; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the dedicated public service of the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr., for his service to the Senate and to the citizens of the State of West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.
Following extended discussion,

(Senator Weld in the Chair.)

Following discussion,

(Senator Carmichael, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, and on
this question, Senator Romano demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

Excused from voting: Prezioso—1.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the
affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 75)
adopted.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous
consent, the remarks by Senators Trump, Sypolt, Palumbo,
Plymale, Romano, Swope, Lindsay, Beach, Blair, Facemire,
Hardesty, Carmichael (Mr. President), and Prezioso regarding the
adoption of Senate Resolution 75 were ordered printed in the
Appendix to the Journal.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 8:56 p.m., the Senate recessed
to present Senate Resolution 75.

The Senate reconvened at 9:01 p.m. and resumed business
under the sixth order.
At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Resolution 76**—Recognizing the dedicated public service of the Honorable Corey Palumbo.

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo was born August 16, 1972, the son of former Senator Mario J. Palumbo and Louise Corey Palumbo; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo graduated from George Washington High School and then attended West Virginia University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo attended the University of North Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo is married to Cristin Meredith Palumbo, with whom he shares children Riley Meredith, Mario James, and Michael Corey; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 2002, 2004, and 2006; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo was elected to the West Virginia Senate in 2008, 2012, and 2016; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo served as Senate Minority Whip for the 83rd Legislature; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo served as chairman of the committees on the Judiciary and Enrolled Bills, and as a member of the committees on Banking and Insurance, Confirmations, Finance, Government Organization, Health and Human Resources, and Rules; and
Whereas, Throughout his public service, the Honorable Corey Palumbo has advocated not only for his constituents in the 17th Senatorial District, but for all West Virginians; and

Whereas, The Honorable Corey Palumbo has chosen not to seek reelection in 2020, bringing an end to a distinguished career in public service; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate:*

That the Senate hereby recognizes the dedicated public service of the Honorable Corey Palumbo; and, be it

*Further Resolved,* That the Senate expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Corey Palumbo for his service to the Senate and to the citizens of the State of West Virginia; and, be it

*Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Corey Palumbo.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, and on this question, Senator Blair demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

Excused from voting: Palumbo—1.
So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 76) adopted.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Prezioso, Trump, Takubo, Lindsay, Woelfel, Sypolt, Facemire, and Palumbo regarding the adoption of Senate Resolution 76 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 9:20 p.m., the Senate recessed to present Senate Resolution 76.

The Senate reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, Senator Takubo addressed the Senate and presented Senators Prezioso and Palumbo each with a West Virginia flag flown over the State Capitol today, Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Without objection, the Senate returned to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page three, section five, after subsection (d), by inserting a new section, designated section six, to read as follows:
§18-33-6. Limited public forum; school district policy.

(a) To ensure that the school district does not discriminate against a student’s publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, and to eliminate any actual or perceived affirmative school sponsorship or attribution to the district of a student’s expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, a school district shall adopt and implement a policy. The policy must include the establishment of a limited public forum for student speakers that requires the school district to:

   (1) Provide the forum in a manner that does not discriminate against or exclude a student’s voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject;

   (2) Provide a method, based on neutral criteria, for the selection of student speakers at school events and graduation ceremonies; and

   (3) Ensure that a student speaker does not engage in obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, or indecent speech.

(b) School authorities may disclaim sponsorship of noncurricular groups, forums and events provided that they administer the disclaimer in a manner that does not favor or disfavor groups that meet to engage in prayer or other religious speech.

And

By renumbering the remaining sections.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate refused to concur in the foregoing House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4069) and requested the House of Delegates to recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 1. VENDOR’S AND TRUST DEED LIENS.


(a) Every deed of trust to secure debts or indemnify sureties is a contract and shall be construed according to its terms to the extent its terms are not in conflict with applicable state and federal laws.

(b) Unless the deed of trust or applicable law provides otherwise, a deed of trust to secure debts or indemnify sureties executed on or after the effective date of the enactment of this section shall be construed to impose and confer upon the parties and beneficiaries the following duties, rights, and obligations as if the same were expressly provided for by the deed of trust:

(1) The deed shall be construed to secure the performance of each of the covenants entered into by the grantor as well as the payment of the primary obligation;

(2) The grantor is considered to covenant that he or she will pay all taxes, levies, and other governmental assessments and
charges upon the property, as long as any obligation upon the grantor under the deed of trust remains undischarged;

(3) The grantor is considered to covenant he or she will not commit waste upon the property and shall maintain, preserve, and protect the value of the property;

(4) The grantor is considered to covenant that in the event of his or her failure to meet any obligations imposed upon him or her, then the trustee or any beneficiary may, at his or her option, satisfy the obligations to the extent reasonable or appropriate to protect the beneficiary’s interest in the property and rights under a security instrument. The money advanced, with interest as provided in the deed of trust, shall be a part of the debt secured by the deed of trust, in the event of sale to be paid next after the expenses of executing the trust, and is otherwise recoverable from the grantor as a debt. This section is not intended to create personal liability for a grantor that did not execute the note or debt instrument secured by the deed of trust;

(5) A covenant to pay interest is considered a covenant to pay interest on the principal balance as the rate may vary or be modified from time to time by the parties under the original instruments or agreements or a written agreement of modification, whether or not recorded, and all the interest on the principal secured by the deed of trust is on an equal priority with the principal debt secured by the deed of trust, in the event of sale to be paid next after the expenses of executing the trust; and

(6) Any covenant, otherwise authorized by law, that the lender is entitled to share in the gross income or the net income, or the gross rent or revenues, or net rents or revenues of the property, or in any portion of the proceeds or appreciation upon sale or appraisal or similar event, is on an equal priority with the principal debt secured by the deed of trust, in the event of sale to be paid next after the expenses of executing the trust, and shall be specified in the recorded deed of trust or other recorded document in order to be notice of record as against subsequent parties. This subdivision does not apply to consumer loans as defined in the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act §46A-1-101 et seq. of this
code or residential deeds of trust, unless expressly provided for in the applicable deed of trust or by applicable law.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4433—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §38-1-2a, all relating to deeds of trust to secure debts or indemnify sureties; providing rules of construction for how deeds of trust to secure debts or indemnify sureties are construed; and establishing the duties, rights, and obligations of parties to a deed of trust to secure debts or indemnify sureties.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate refused to concur in the foregoing House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4433) and requested the House of Delegates to recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment, as to

Eng. House Bill 4499, Relating to multicounty trail network authorities.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:
Eng. House Bill 4499—A Bill to amend and reenact §20-17-7, §20-17A-2 and §20-17A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to trail network authorities; eliminating the permit requirement for multicounty trail networks; continuing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; expanding counties in the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority; and expanding permitted recreational activities in the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Area.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 4499, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4499) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business, which agenda includes the making of main motions.

Senator Takubo moved that the Senate reconsider its action by which in earlier proceedings today it adopted Senator Maroney’s amendment to the title of
Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961, Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly.

The bill still being in the possession of the Senate,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Takubo’s aforesaid motion, the same was put and prevailed.

The vote thereon having been reconsidered,

At the request of Senator Maroney, and by unanimous consent, Senator Maroney’s amendment to the title of the bill (*shown in the Senate Journal of today, pages 3307 and 3308*) was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Maroney, the following substitute amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-9 and §16-1-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating generally to public health and sanitation of water; providing that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Health may require a water supply system to be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly in certain circumstances; establishing procedures for determining whether installation of a backflow prevention assembly is required; setting forth the process by which a customer may seek a waiver to backflow prevention assembly requirements and challenge a determination by the commissioner; requiring documentation of certain activities related to backflow prevention assembly; and requiring reporting and communication of boiled water advisories and lifting of advisories by certain means.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maroney,
Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Resolution 77**—Recognizing the dedicated public service of the Honorable Kenny Mann.

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, the son of Marvin and Judy Mann; and

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann graduated from Concord University with a bachelor’s degree in business and attended Mid-America College of Funeral Service where he earned a degree in mortuary science; and

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann is married to Angie E. Mann, with whom he shares children Brianna, Hannah E., Haleigh, Emmett, Brooklyn, and Hannah G.; and

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann was elected to the West Virginia Senate in 2016; and

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann served as chairman of the Education committee, and as a member of the committees on Agriculture and Rural Development, Banking and Insurance, Economic Development, Energy, Industry, and Mining, Finance, and Natural Resources; and

Whereas, The Honorable Kenny E. Mann is the owner and licensee in charge of Groves-Mann Funeral Home Inc. in Union; former member of the Monroe County Board of Education; West Virginia Funeral Directors Association; President of the Ballard Volunteer Fire Department; and John Dove Lodge AF&AM; and

Whereas, Throughout his public service, the Honorable Kenny Mann has advocated not only for his constituents in the 10th Senatorial District, but for all West Virginians; and
Whereas, The Honorable Kenny Mann has chosen not to seek reelection in 2020, bringing an end to a distinguished career in public service; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the dedicated public service of the Honorable Kenny Mann; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Kenny Mann for his service to the Senate and to the citizens of the State of West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Kenny Mann.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, and on this question, Senator Trump demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

Excused from voting: Mann—1.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 77) adopted.
Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Weld, Facemire, Romano, Baldwin, Blair, Smith, Sypolt, Trump, Cline, and Mann regarding the adoption of Senate Resolution 77 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 9:55 p.m., the Senate recessed to present Senate Resolution 77.

The Senate reconvened at 9:58 p.m. and resumed business under the sixth order.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, Senators Carmichael (Mr. President), Azinger, Beach, Baldwin, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Woelfel offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Resolution 78**—Recognizing the dedicated public service of the Honorable Paul Hardesty.

Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty was born on February 4, 1963, in Man, West Virginia, to Larry D. and Donna B. Hardesty, and attended Richlands High School; and

Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty served as legislative aide to Governor Bob Wise and Governor Joe Manchin from 2001 to 2007; and

Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty served as President of the Logan County Board of Education from July 2016 to January 2019. He also served as Director of the West Virginia Public Energy Authority and Director of the Office of Coalfield Development; and

Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty was appointed to the Senate on January 18, 2019, representing the 7th Senatorial District and the counties of Boone, Lincoln, and Logan; and
Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty served as a member of the committees on Agriculture and Rural Development, Interstate Cooperation, the Judiciary, Military, Natural Resources, and the Select Committee on Children and Families; and

Whereas, During his public service, the Honorable Paul Hardesty has tirelessly advocated not only for his constituents in the 7th Senatorial District, but for all West Virginians; and

Whereas, The Honorable Paul Hardesty has chosen not to seek election in 2020, bringing an end to his public service in the West Virginia Senate; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate hereby recognizes the dedicated public service of the Honorable Paul Hardesty; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Senate expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Paul Hardesty for his service to the Senate and to the citizens of the State of West Virginia; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Paul Hardesty.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration and reference to a committee dispensed with.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, and on this question, Senator Blair demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.
Absent: None.

Excused from voting: Hardesty—1.

So, a majority of those present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the resolution (S. R. 78) adopted.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Prezioso, Beach, Lindsay, Weld, Stollings, Swope, Plymale, Baldwin, Trump, Romano, Facemire, and Hardesty regarding the adoption of Senate Resolution 78 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 10:23 p.m., the Senate recessed to present Senate Resolution 78.

The Senate reconvened at 10:26 p.m. and, without objection, returned to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page eight, section two hundred six, by striking out the words “‘Scattered-site living arrangement’ means a living arrangement where youth, 16” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “‘Scattered-site living arrangement’ means a living arrangement where youth, 17”;
On page thirteen, section one hundred eleven-c, subsection (a), subdivision (4), by striking out “July 1, 2021” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 1, 2020”;

On page twenty-nine, section six hundred one-a, by striking out the words “child’s caseworker” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “department”;

On page thirty-three, section six hundred four, subsection (b), after the word “litem.” by inserting the following: The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals is requested to review the Rules of Procedure for Child Abuse and Neglect Proceedings and the Rules of Professional Conduct specific to guardians ad litem.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4092—A Bill to repeal §49-2-102 and §49-2-104 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §49-1-206 of said code; to amend and reenact §49-2-108, §49-2-110, §49-2-111, §49-2-111a, §49-2-112, §49-2-118, §49-2-121, §49-2-124, and §49-2-126 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto five new sections, designated §49-2-111c, §49-2-127, §49-2-127a, §49-2-128, and §49-2-129; to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §49-4-601a and §49-4-601b; and to amend and reenact §49-4-604, of said code, all relating generally to the child welfare system; defining terms; increasing the number children allowed in a foster family home; removing authorization for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to transfer funds between certain accounts; eliminating requirement that the secretary provide public education; requiring certain information to be included in child placing agency data reports; setting a minimum amount that the Department of Health and Human Resources must pay child placing agencies per child adopted; requiring the department to review the rate of payment to foster parents at certain time intervals; authorizing and directing the department to expend funds to achieve certain priorities and
objectives related to child placement and other services; requiring the department to expend an amount of appropriated funds in fiscal year 2021 to achieve certain priorities and objectives; requiring the secretary of the department to report annually, and upon request, to the Joint Standing Committee on Government and Finance regarding expenditures and progress toward meeting certain objectives and priorities; specifying when the department shall remit payments to foster families; eliminating summary review requirements for behavioral health care services and facilities for children in out of home placements; establishing the Foster Child Bill of Rights; establishing the Foster and Kinship Parent Bill of Rights; providing that violations of the rights provided to foster children and parents may be reported to and investigated by the foster care ombudsman; setting forth certain duties of foster parents; requiring a number of provisions to be included in the agreement between the foster parent and the child placing agency and the department; providing that neglect of a foster or kinship parent’s duties and violations of agreements may be reported to and investigated by the foster care ombudsman; requiring the foster care ombudsman to make certain reports; setting forth the reasonable and prudent foster parent standard; providing that children in out-of-home care are entitled to participate in certain activities and requiring caregivers to use the reasonable and prudent foster parent standard to make certain decisions regarding the child; limiting liability of a person adhering to the reasonable and prudent foster parent standard; requiring the department to establish minimum standards for transitional living services by legislative rule; establishing eligibility criteria for children and transitioning adults to participate in transitional living services; providing requirements for transitional living arrangements and the agency’s duties in relation thereto; establishing preference that children removed from the home be placed with relatives and fictive kin; establishing a process by which the department shall, and others may assist, in identifying family members and fictive kin; requiring the department to provide notice to a person against whom an allegation of abuse or neglect, that does not result in a finding by a court, is substantiated; providing that a person against whom an allegation of abuse or neglect has been substantiated has a right to contest the substantiation and the right to appeal a
decision of the department to the courts; establishing requirements for legislative rules of the department regarding substantiation of abuse and neglect allegations; requiring guardians ad litem to adhere to certain policies and meet certain requirements; requesting the supreme court to review certain rules; clarifying when the department, in an abuse and neglect case, is not required to make efforts to preserve the family; requiring the department to promulgate legislative rules; requiring the department promulgate emergency rules; making technical corrections; and eliminating obsolete language from the code.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4092, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4092) passed with its Senate amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 15A. WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.


Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary:

(a) The Water Development Authority shall establish a separate and segregated sub account in the Infrastructure Fund designated the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account into which the council may instruct the Water Development Authority to transfer from the uncommitted loan balances for each congressional district on June 30 each year up to $4 million per congressional district.

(b) The council shall direct the Water Development Authority to make loans or grants from the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account when the council determines that a project will address a critical immediate need by:

1. The continuation of water or wastewater services;

2. Addressing water facility or wastewater facility failure due to the age of the facility or facilities; or

3. Providing extensions to a water facility or wastewater facility that will add customers with a total project cost of less than $1 million.
(c) Grant limitations and allocations contained in §31-15A-10(b) and §31-15A-10(c) of this code do not apply to grants made from the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 589, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 589) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.
The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section nineteen, line twenty-two, by striking out “§17C-2-3” and inserting in lieu thereof “§17C-1-1 et seq.”;

On page three, section nineteen, lines fifty-three through fifty-six, by striking out all of subsection (f);

And by relettering the remaining subsections;

On page four, section six, line ten, by striking out the word “defined” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “provided”;

On pages seven through eleven, by striking out all of section five and inserting in lieu thereof a new section, designated section five, to read as follows:

§30-29-5. Certification requirements and power to decertify or reinstate.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (g) (e) of this section, a person may not be employed as a law-enforcement officer by any West Virginia law-enforcement agency or by any state institution of higher education or by a hospital or by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia on or after the effective date of this article unless the person is certified, or is certifiable in one of the manners specified in subsection (c) through (e), inclusive, of this section, by the subcommittee as having met the minimum entry level law-enforcement qualification and training program requirements promulgated pursuant to this article: Provided, That the provisions of this section do not apply to persons hired by the Public Service Commission as motor carrier inspectors and weight enforcement officers before July 1, 2007.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (g) (e) of this section, a person who is not certified, or certifiable in one of the manners specified in subsection (c) through (e), inclusive, of this section, may be conditionally employed as a law-enforcement officer until certified: Provided, That within 90 calendar days of the commencement of employment or the effective date of this
article, if the person is already employed on the effective date, he or she makes a written application to attend an approved law-enforcement training academy and that the person satisfactorily completes the approved law-enforcement training academy within 18 consecutive months of the commencement of his or her employment: Provided, however, That the subcommittee may grant an extension, one-time only, not to exceed six months, based upon a written request from the person justifying the need for such an extension: Provided further, That the subcommittee, in its sole discretion, may grant an additional extension upon demonstration of a hardship warranting it. The person’s employer shall provide notice, in writing, of the 90-day deadline to file a written application to the academy within 30 calendar days of that person’s commencement of employment. The employer shall provide full disclosure as to the consequences of failing to file a timely written application. The academy shall notify the applicant in writing of the receipt of the application and of the tentative date of the applicant’s enrollment. Any applicant who, as the result of extenuating circumstances acceptable to his or her employing law-enforcement official, is unable to attend the scheduled training program to which he or she was admitted may reapply and shall be admitted to the next regularly scheduled training program. One year after the effective date of this section, certification as a law-enforcement officer within this state of persons who are not certifiable as provided in subsection (c) of this section, shall, in addition to graduation from an established academy in the state, be based on: Current employment as a sworn law-enforcement officer by any West Virginia law-enforcement agency or any state institution of higher education or the Public Service Commission; and the person’s successful completion of an approved entry level law-enforcement examination established by legislative rule of the subcommittee, which shall include, at a minimum, written testing requirements, medical standards, physical standards, and good moral character standards conducted in accordance with such rule. The production of a record of successful passage of the approved entry level law-enforcement examination shall indicate the applicant as qualified under the law-enforcement training and certification standards within this state. An applicant who satisfactorily completes the program and successfully passes the
approved entry level law-enforcement examination shall, within 30 days of completion, make written application to the subcommittee requesting certification as having met the minimum entry level law-enforcement qualification and training program requirements. Upon determining that an applicant has met the requirements for certification as set forth in this section, the subcommittee shall forward to the applicant documentation of certification. An applicant who fails to complete the training program to which he or she is first admitted, or was admitted upon reapplication, or who fails to pass the approved entry level law-enforcement examination, may not be certified by the subcommittee: Provided, however, And provided further, That an applicant who has completed the minimum training and examination required by the subcommittee may be certified as a law-enforcement officer, notwithstanding the applicant’s failure to complete additional training hours required in the training program to which he or she originally applied. If more than 24 months but less than 60 months have passed since the applicant for certification has successfully completed the approved entry level law-enforcement examination, the person may be certified but must complete the additional training set forth in legislative rules promulgated by the subcommittee addressing the recertification requirements of certified officers. If more than 60 months have passed since the applicant for certification has successfully completed the approved entry level law-enforcement examination, the person must then attend a subcommittee-approved training program and successfully complete a separate subcommittee entry level law-enforcement examination.

(e) Any person who is employed as a law enforcement officer on the effective date of this article and is a graduate of the West Virginia basic police training course, the West Virginia State Police cadet training program, or other approved law enforcement training academy, is certifiable as having met the minimum entry level law enforcement training program requirements and is exempt from the requirement of attending a law enforcement training academy. To receive certification, the person shall make written application within ninety calendar days of the effective date of this article to the subcommittee requesting certification. The
The subcommittee shall review the applicant’s relevant scholastic records and, upon determining that the applicant has met the requirements for certification, shall forward to the applicant documentation of certification.

(d) Any person who is employed as a law-enforcement officer on the effective date of this article and is not a graduate of the West Virginia basic police training course, the West Virginia State Police Cadet Training Program or other approved law-enforcement training academy, is certifiable as having met the minimum entry level law-enforcement training program requirements and is exempt from the requirement of attending a law-enforcement training academy if the person has been employed as a law-enforcement officer for a period of not less than five consecutive years immediately preceding the date of application for certification. To receive certification, the person shall make written application within ninety calendar days following the effective date of this article to the subcommittee requesting certification. The application shall include notarized statements as to the applicant’s years of employment as a law-enforcement officer. The subcommittee shall review the application and, upon determining that the applicant has met the requirements for certification, shall forward to the applicant documentation of certification.

(e) Any person who begins employment on or after the effective date of this article as a law-enforcement officer is certifiable as having met the minimum entry level law-enforcement training program requirements and is exempt from attending a law-enforcement training academy if the person has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in law enforcement equivalent to or exceeding the minimum applicable law-enforcement training curricula promulgated by the subcommittee. To receive certification, the person shall make written application within 90 calendar days following the commencement of employment to the subcommittee requesting certification. The application shall include a notarized statement of the applicant’s satisfactory completion of the course of instruction in law enforcement, a notarized transcript of the applicant’s relevant scholastic records, and a notarized copy of the curriculum of the completed course of
instruction. The subcommittee shall review the application and, if it finds the applicant has met the requirements for certification, shall forward to the applicant documentation of certification. The subcommittee may set the standards for required records to be provided by or on behalf of the applicant officer to verify his or her training, status, or certification as a law-enforcement officer. The subcommittee may allow an applicant officer to participate in the approved equivalent certification program to gain certification as a law-enforcement officer in this state.

(4) (d) Except as provided in subdivisions (1) through (3), inclusive, of this subsection, any person who is employed as a law-enforcement officer on or after the effective date of this article and fails to be certified shall be automatically terminated and no further emoluments shall be paid to such officer by his or her employer. Any person terminated shall be entitled to reapply, as a private citizen, to the subcommittee for training and certification, and upon being certified may again be employed as a law-enforcement officer in this state: Provided, That if a person is terminated under this subsection because an application was not timely filed to the academy, and the person’s employer failed to provide notice or disclosure to that person as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, the employer shall pay the full cost of attending the academy if the person’s application to the subcommittee as a private citizen is subsequently approved.

(1) Any person who is employed as a law-enforcement officer on or after the effective date of this article and fails to be certified as a result of hardship and/or circumstance beyond his or her control may apply to the director of a training academy for reentry to the next available academy.

(2) Any person who is employed as a law-enforcement officer on or after the effective date of this article and fails to be certified as a result of voluntary separation from an academy program shall be automatically terminated and no further emoluments may be paid to such officer by his or her employer. Any person terminated as a result of voluntary separation from an academy program may not be conditionally employed as a law-enforcement officer for a period of two years from the date of voluntary separation.
(3) Any person who is employed as a law-enforcement officer on or after the effective date of this article and fails to be certified as a result of dismissal from an academy program shall be automatically terminated and no further emoluments may be paid to such officer by his or her employer. Any person terminated as a result of dismissal from an academy program may not be conditionally employed as a law-enforcement officer for a period of five years from the date of dismissal and receiving approval from the subcommittee.

(g) Nothing in this article may be construed as prohibiting any governing body, Civil Service Commission or chief executive of any West Virginia law-enforcement agency from requiring their law-enforcement officers to meet qualifications and satisfactorily complete a course of law-enforcement instruction which exceeds the minimum entry level law-enforcement qualification and training curricula promulgated by the subcommittee.

(f) The subcommittee, or its designee, may decertify or reactivate a law-enforcement officer pursuant to the procedure contained in this article and legislative rules promulgated by the subcommittee.

(g) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the subcommittee made pursuant to this article may contest the decision in accordance with the provisions of §29A-5-1 et seq. of this code.

(h) The subcommittee may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of necessary evidence or documents in any proceeding, review, or investigation relating to certification or hearing before the subcommittee.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 797—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5B-19; to amend and reenact §17C-1-6 of said code; and to amend and reenact §30-29-1, §30-29-5, and §30-
29-8 of said code, all relating generally to law-enforcement officers; the authorization by governing boards of public and private hospitals to appoint and employ hospital police officers; providing for the qualifications, training, authority, compensation, and removal of hospital police officers; providing for training and examinations of law enforcement officers; providing for the assistance of local law-enforcement agencies upon request; and providing limitations on liability of hospital police officers.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 797, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 797) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section eleven, lines one through six, by striking out all of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection, designated subsection (a), to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby created the State Advisory Council on Postsecondary Attainment Goals. The council’s purpose is to ensure that students are provided opportunities to learn and earn the most relevant industry-demanded knowledge, skills and credentials to prepare students for the challenges of college, careers, and life, while helping the state and its employers attain economic growth through collaboration with K-12 education leaders, employers and industry leaders, state agency leaders, the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Council for Community and Technical College Education to identify high-value and in-demand postsecondary credentials, and to develop a plan to assist the state in achieving its postsecondary attainment goal of having 60 percent of West Virginians between the ages of 25 and 64 hold a degree, certificate, or other postsecondary workforce credential of value in the workplace by 2030;

On page one, section eleven, after line seventeen, by inserting the following:

“(7) Representatives from at least two employers, industry associations, or chambers of commerce, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

(8) Representatives from at least two regional economic development and workforce investment boards, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;”;

And by renumbering the remaining subsections;

On page two, section eleven, after line forty-three, by inserting the following:
(e) The council shall provide leadership, strategic direction and evaluation of the state’s investments in, and progress toward, implementing high-quality career and technical education programs that are accessible to all students and improves the career readiness of the state’s workforce by conducting an annual review of career and technical education offerings in K-12 and the state’s community college and technical education system to determine the alignment of existing offerings with employer demand, postsecondary degree or certificate programs, and professional industry certifications. The review shall identify career and technical education offerings that are linked to occupations that are in high-demand by employers, require high-level skills, and provide middle- and high-level wages. The review shall include analyses of:

(1) Participating students and their outcomes, including the following:

(A) Academic achievement;

(B) Attainment of industry certifications;

(C) Program completion;

(D) Applied learning experiences;

(E) College credit attainment through the career and technical education program, including dual enrollment or articulation;

(F) Postsecondary enrollment and credential attainment, including enrollment in 4-year degree programs for state College System students; and

(G) Employment outcomes, including wages;

(2) Demographics of participating students by pathway and credential attainment;

(3) Educational settings of the courses;

(4) Alignment with high-growth, high-demand and high-wage employment opportunities;
(5) Current and projected economic, labor and wage data on the needs of the state, regional and global economy and workforce.

(6) Alignment with certificate or degree programs offered at the postsecondary level or professional industry certifications;

(7) Employment outcomes, including wages, by career and technical education program offerings;

(8) Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship offerings;

(9) Qualifications and specialized knowledge and expertise of instructors and the opportunities for these educators to upskill in the latest in-demand skills of employers; and,

(10) Extent to which federal, state and local funding is used to foster career and technical education program success and program efficiency.;

And,

By relettering the remaining sections.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 839, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.
So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 839) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 8G. THE WEST VIRGINIA FINTECH REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM.

§31A-8G-1. The West Virginia FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Program.

This article shall be known as the West Virginia FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Act.


As used in this article:

“Applicable agency” means a department or agency of the state that by law regulates certain types of business activity in the state and persons engaged in such business activity, including the issuance of licenses or other types of authorization, which the
department determines would otherwise regulate a regulatory sandbox participant.

“Applicant” means an individual or entity that is applying to participate in the regulatory sandbox program.

“Consumer” means a person that purchases or otherwise enters into a transaction or agreement to receive an innovative product or service that is being tested by a regulatory sandbox participant.

“Distributed ledger” means the use of a digital database containing records of financial transactions, including blockchain technology, which can be simultaneously used and shared within a decentralized, publicly accessible network and can record transactions between two parties in a verifiable and permanent way.

“Division of Financial Institutions” and “division” mean the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions.

“Financial product or service” means:

(A) A financial product or financial service that requires state licensure or registration; or

(B) A financial product or financial service that includes a business model, delivery mechanism, or element that may require a license or other authorization to act as a financial institution, enterprise, or other entity that is regulated by the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions under chapters 31, 31A, and 31C of this code, §32A-2-1 et seq. of this code, or other related provisions.

“Innovation” means the use or incorporation of a new or emerging technology or a new use of existing technology, including distributed ledger, to address a problem, provide a benefit, or otherwise offer a product, service, business model, or delivery mechanism that is not known by the Division of Financial Institutions to have a comparable widespread offering in the state.
“Innovative product or service” means a financial product or service that includes an innovation.

“Regulatory sandbox participant” means a person whose application to participate in the regulatory sandbox program is approved in accordance with the provisions of this article.

“Regulatory sandbox program” means the West Virginia FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Program created by this article, which allows a person to temporarily test an innovative product or service on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act under the laws of the state.

“Regulatory sandbox testing period” means a 24-month period beginning on the date an applicant is admitted to the regulatory sandbox program.

“Test” means to provide an innovative product or service in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§31A-8G-3. Regulatory Sandbox Program; administration; application requirements; fee; rulemaking.

(a) There is created in the Division of Financial Institutions the Regulatory Sandbox Program.

(b) In administering the regulatory sandbox program, the Division of Financial Institutions:

(1) Shall consult with the West Virginia Development Office relating to the economic development opportunities relating to the potential regulatory sandbox participant and may consult with any applicable agency which otherwise may have jurisdiction or authority relating to any activity proposed for the regulatory sandbox program for which the applicant is seeking to proceed without authorization or license;

(2) Shall have the authority to promulgate rules in accordance with §31A-2-4 and §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code for the purposes of administering the regulatory sandbox program;
(3) Shall establish a program permitting an individual or an entity to obtain limited access to the market in the state to test an innovative product or service without obtaining a license or other authorization that might otherwise be required; and

(4) May enter into cooperative, coordinating, or information-sharing agreements with or follow the best practices of the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or other states that are administering similar programs as well as other state and federal agencies to carry out the mandates of this article.

(c) An applicant for the regulatory sandbox program shall provide to the Division of Financial Institutions an application in a form prescribed by the Division of Financial Institutions that:

(1) Demonstrates that the applicant is subject to the jurisdiction of the state;

(2) Demonstrates that the applicant has established a physical location in the state; where all required records, documents, and data relating to any approved testing can be made available for examination and review by the Division of Financial Institutions and any other applicable agency with jurisdiction;

(3) Demonstrates that the applicant has attempted in good faith to establish a partnership with a bank operating within the State of West Virginia or another financial institution licensed by the State of West Virginia to implement the applicant’s proposed test of an innovative product or service within the regulatory sandbox program: Provided, That the applicant shall not be excluded from participation in the regulatory sandbox program solely based on the applicant’s ability to establish a partnership with a bank operating within the State of West Virginia or another financial institution licensed by the State of West Virginia;

(4) Contains relevant personal and contact information for the applicant, including legal names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, website addresses, and other information required by the Division of Financial Institutions;
(5) Discloses any and all criminal convictions of the applicant or other participating personnel, if any, and submits to a criminal background investigation, including requiring fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any governmental agency or entity authorized to receive such information for a state, national or international criminal history check;

(6) Demonstrates that the applicant has the necessary personnel, financial and technical expertise, access to capital, and a developed plan to test, monitor, and assess the innovative product or service:

(7) Contains a description of the innovative product or service to be tested, including statements regarding all of the following:

(A) How the innovative product or service is subject to licensing or other authorization requirements outside of the regulatory sandbox program;

(B) How the innovative product or service would benefit consumers;

(C) How the innovative product or service is different from other products or services available in the state;

(D) What risks may confront consumers that use or purchase the innovative product or service;

(E) What measures will be put into place to limit potential risks and harm to consumers and to resolve complaints during the regulatory sandbox testing period;

(F) How participating in the regulatory sandbox program would enable a successful test of the innovative product or service;

(G) A description of the proposed testing plan, including estimated time periods for beginning the test, ending the test, and obtaining necessary licensure or authorizations after the testing is complete;
(H) A description of how the applicant will perform ongoing duties after the test; and

(I) How the applicant will end the test and protect consumers if the test fails;

(8) Sets forth whether the applicant has been provided any license or authorization by any state or federal agency; whether any state or federal agency has previously investigated, sanctioned, or pursued legal action against the applicant; and whether the applicant has had licensure or authorization denied or withdrawn by any state or federal agency;

(9) Demonstrates registration with the West Virginia Secretary of State;

(10) Demonstrates that the applicant has an exit plan to limit consumer harm at the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period, including a plan to notify consumers and advise them of next steps; and

(11) Provides any other information as required by the Division of Financial Institutions.

(d) The Division of Financial Institutions may collect an application fee of not more than $1,500 from an applicant.

(e) An applicant shall file a separate application for each innovative product or service that the applicant wants to test.

(f) After an application is filed, the Division of Financial Institutions may seek additional information from the applicant as it deems necessary.

(g) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, not later than 90 days after the day on which a complete application is received by the Division of Financial Institutions, the division shall inform the applicant as to whether the application is approved for entry into the regulatory sandbox program.
(h) The Division of Financial Institutions and an applicant may mutually agree to extend the 90-day time period described in subsection (g) of this section in order for the Division to determine whether an application is approved for entry into the regulatory sandbox program.

(i)(1) In reviewing an application under this section, the Division of Financial Institutions may consult with, and seek the approval of, any applicable agency before admitting an applicant into the regulatory sandbox program.

(2) The consultation with an applicable agency may include but is not limited to seeking information about whether:

(A) the applicant could obtain a license or other authorization from the applicable agency after exiting the regulatory sandbox program; and

(B) certain licensure or other regulations should not be waived even if the applicant is accepted into the regulatory sandbox program.

(j) In reviewing an application under this section, the Division of Financial Institutions shall consider whether a competitor to the applicant is or has been a regulatory sandbox participant and, if so, weigh that as a factor in favor of allowing the applicant to also become a regulatory sandbox participant.

(k) If the Division of Financial Institutions approves admitting an applicant into the regulatory sandbox program, an applicant may become a regulatory sandbox participant.

(I)(1) The Division of Financial Institutions may deny any application submitted under this section, for any reason, at the division’s discretion.

(2) If the Division of Financial Institutions denies an application submitted under this section, the division shall provide to the applicant a written description of the reasons for the denial as a regulatory sandbox participant.
§31A-8G-4. Scope; testing period; licenses; consumer protections.

(a) If the Division of Financial Institutions approves an application under §31A-8G-3 of this code, the regulatory sandbox participant has 24 months after the day on which the application was approved to test the innovative product or service described in the regulatory sandbox participant’s application.

(b) An innovative product or service that is tested within the regulatory sandbox program is subject to the following:

(1) All consumers participating in the innovative product or service being tested shall be residents of the state;

(2) The Division of Financial Institutions may, on a case-by-case basis, specify the maximum number of consumers that may transact through or enter into an agreement to use the innovative product or service:

(A) For a regulatory sandbox participant testing a consumer loan, the Division of Financial Institutions may, on a case-by-case basis, specify the maximum amount of an individual loan that may be issued to an individual consumer and the maximum amount of aggregate loans that may be issued to an individual consumer; and

(B) For a regulatory sandbox participant testing an innovative product or service that would normally require a money transmission license pursuant to this code, the Division of Financial Institutions may, on a case-by-case basis, specify the maximum amount of a single transaction for an individual consumer and the maximum aggregate amount of transactions for an individual consumer.

(c) This section does not restrict a regulatory sandbox participant who holds a license or other authorization in another jurisdiction from acting in accordance with that license or other authorization.

(d) A regulatory sandbox participant is deemed to possess an appropriate license under the laws of this state for the purposes of
any provision of federal law requiring state licensure or authorization.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, including subsections (f), (g), and (h), a regulatory sandbox participant that is testing an innovative product or service is not subject to state laws that regulate financial products or services.

(f) Regulatory sandbox participants and the innovative products and services that they are testing in the regulatory sandbox program are subject to all applicable consumer protection laws, including, but not limited to those contained in chapter 46A of this code, the Collection Agency Act contained in chapter 47A of this code, and any limitations on interest rates, whether or not those interest rates would otherwise require licensure.

(g)(1) The Division of Financial Institutions may determine that additional state laws that regulate a financial product or service apply to a regulatory sandbox participant if the Division of Financial Institutions, at its sole discretion, determines that an applicant’s proposed testing plan or the innovative product or service to be tested poses significant risk to consumers or to the safety and soundness of other institutions within the financial services marketplace as to warrant the imposition of other applicable state laws.

(2) The Division of Financial Institutions shall determine the applicability of certain state laws to each innovative product or service prior to approval of any application to participate in the regulatory sandbox program and shall notify the regulatory sandbox participant of the specific regulatory provisions that shall apply to the innovative product or service throughout the duration of the regulatory sandbox testing period.

(3) If at any time during the regulatory sandbox testing period, the Division of Financial Institutions determines that the imposition of certain state laws is necessary to eliminate the risk of harm to consumers or the safety and soundness of other institutions operating within the financial services marketplace, the division...
may require that the regulatory sandbox participant come into compliance with such state laws within a reasonable time.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a regulatory sandbox participant does not have immunity related to any criminal offense committed during the regulatory sandbox participant’s participation in the regulatory sandbox program.

(i) By written notice, the Division of Financial Institutions may end a regulatory sandbox participant’s participation in the regulatory sandbox program at any time and for any reason, including if the Division of Financial Institutions determines a regulatory sandbox participant is not operating in good faith to bring an innovative product or service to market.

(j) The Division of Financial Institutions shall require a regulatory sandbox participant to post a consumer protection bond as security for potential losses suffered by consumers. The bond amount shall be determined by the commissioner in an amount not less than $5,000 and shall be commensurate with the risk profile of the innovative product or service. The commissioner may require that a bond be increased or decreased at any time based on risk profile and shall provide the regulatory sandbox participant with 30 days prior written notice of such increase or decrease. The commissioner may use bond proceeds to offset losses suffered by consumers as a result of an innovative product or service. The bond shall expire two years after the date of the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period. The commissioner may accept electronic bonds from any regulatory sandbox participant.

§31A-8G-5. Additional consumer protections; disclosures.

(a) Before providing an innovative product or service to a consumer, a regulatory sandbox participant shall disclose the following to the consumer:

(1) The name and contact information of the regulatory sandbox participant;

(2) That the innovative product or service is authorized pursuant to the regulatory sandbox program and, if applicable, that
the regulatory sandbox participant does not have a license or other authorization to provide a product or service under state laws that regulate products or services outside the regulatory sandbox program;

(3) That the innovative product or service is undergoing testing, may not function as intended, and may expose the consumer to financial risk;

(4) That the provider of the innovative product or service is not immune from civil liability for any losses or damages caused by the innovative product or service;

(5) That the state does not endorse or recommend the innovative product or service;

(6) That the innovative product or service is a temporary test that may be discontinued at the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period;

(7) The expected end date of the regulatory sandbox testing period; and

(8) That a consumer may contact the Division of Financial Institutions to file a complaint regarding the innovative product or service being tested and provide the Division of Financial Institution’s telephone number and website address where a complaint may be filed.

(b) The disclosures required by subsection (a) of this section shall be provided to a consumer in a clear and conspicuous form and, for an internet or application-based innovative product or service, a consumer shall acknowledge receipt of the disclosure before a transaction may be completed.

(c) The Division of Financial Institutions may investigate all consumer complaints made against a regulatory sandbox participant pursuant to subsection (a) of this section: Provided, That the consumer making the complaint was directly provided the innovative product or service by the regulatory sandbox
participant, and the innovative product or service was provided in the course of participation in the regulatory sandbox program.

(d) The Division of Financial Institutions may require that a regulatory sandbox participant make additional disclosures to a consumer.

§31A-8G-6. Exiting requirements; extensions.

(a) At least 30 days before the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period, a regulatory sandbox participant shall:

(1) Notify the Division of Financial Institutions that the regulatory sandbox participant will exit the regulatory sandbox program, discontinue the regulatory sandbox participant’s test, and stop offering any innovative product or service in the regulatory sandbox program within 60 days after the day on which the regulatory sandbox testing period ends; or

(2) Seek an extension in accordance with §31A-8G-7 of this code.

(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, if the Division of Financial Institutions does not receive notification as required by subsection (a) of this section, the regulatory sandbox participant shall immediately stop offering each innovative product or service being tested at the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period.

(c) If a test includes offering an innovative product or service that requires ongoing duties, such as servicing a loan, the regulatory sandbox participant shall continue to fulfill those duties or arrange for another person to fulfill those duties after the date on which the regulatory sandbox participant exits the regulatory sandbox program, and not less than 30 days before the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period, notify, in writing, any consumer of the innovative product or service of the plan related to continuation or discontinuation of duties with respect to the innovative product or service.

(a) Thirty days prior to the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period, a regulatory sandbox participant may request an extension of the regulatory sandbox testing period for the purpose of obtaining a license or other authorization required by law.

(b) The Division of Financial Institutions shall grant or deny a request for an extension in accordance with subsection (a) of this section by the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period.

(c) The Division of Financial Institutions may grant an extension in accordance with this section for not more than 12 months after the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period.

(d) A regulatory sandbox participant that obtains an extension in accordance with this section shall provide the Division of Financial Institutions with a written report every three months that provides an update on efforts to obtain a license or other authorization required by law, including any submitted applications for licensure or other authorization, rejected applications, or issued licenses or other authorization.

§31A-8G-8. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements; participant removal.

(a) A regulatory sandbox participant shall retain records, documents, and data produced in the ordinary course of business regarding an innovative product or service tested in the regulatory sandbox program, and shall maintain comprehensive records for not less than five years after the conclusion of the regulatory sandbox testing period.

(b) If an innovative product or service fails before the conclusion of a regulatory sandbox testing period, the regulatory sandbox participant shall notify the Division of Financial Institutions and report on actions taken by the regulatory sandbox participant to ensure consumers have not been harmed as a result of the failure.
(c) The Division of Financial Institutions will collaborate with a regulatory sandbox participant to establish periodic and reasonable reporting requirements for the regulatory sandbox participant.

(d) The Division of Financial Institutions may request records, documents, and data from a regulatory sandbox participant, and, upon the division’s request, a regulatory sandbox participant shall make such records, documents, and data available for inspection by the division.

(e) If the Division of Financial Institutions determines that a regulatory sandbox participant has engaged in, is engaging in, or is about to engage in any practice or transaction that is in violation of this chapter or that constitutes a violation of a state or federal criminal law, the Division of Financial Institutions may remove a regulatory sandbox participant from the regulatory sandbox program and may refer suspected violations of law relating to this act to appropriate state or federal agencies for investigation, prosecution, civil penalties, and other appropriate enforcement actions.

(f) On or before December 1 of each year, the Division of Financial Institutions shall provide an annual written report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance that provides information regarding each regulatory sandbox participant and that provides recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the regulatory sandbox program. This report shall be made publicly available on the division’s website.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Program; defining terms; providing that the program shall be administered by the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions, establishing requirements for participants to temporarily test innovative financial products or services on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed under the laws of the state; establishing scope of the ability to operate approved financial products or services without a license; providing consumer protections; establishing time limitations on the ability to test approved financial products or services without a license; providing reporting requirements; providing for rulemaking; and directing the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions to provide annual reports to the Legislature.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4621, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Sibold, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4621) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body and requested the
concurrency of the Senate in the adoption of the following resolutions:

**House Concurrent Resolution 7**—Requesting the Division of Highways to name bridge number 03-3/14-0.10 (03A196), locally known as New Kirbyton Bridge, carrying CR 3/14 over Big Coal River in Boone County, the “U. S. Navy MM2 Carl E. Keeney, U. S. Navy SN1 Frank Keeney and U. S. Army PFC Carl M. Nicholas Memorial Bridge”.

**Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 26**—Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of road beginning on Bell Creek Road from its intersection with WV16, (38.254103, -81.222666), continuing to its intersection with CR2, known as Cannelton Hollow Road, and continuing on CR2 to the Mount Olive Correctional Complex (38.238219, -81.237136), in Fayette County, as being “In Memory of Fallen Corrections Officers”.

**Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 31**—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 52-15-0.84 (52A145), Lat/Long:39.57192,-80.67941, locally known as the North Fork Bridge, carrying CR15 over the North Fork of Fishing Creek in Wetzel County, the “U. S. Army Air Corps PFC James W. Brown Memorial Bridge”.

**Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 56**—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 44-11-9.29 (44A181), (38.84367, -81.22103) locally known as Rocksdale Bridge, carrying CR 11 over West Fork of the Little Kanawha River in Roane County, the “USMC Lance Cpl Eddie Dean Starcher Memorial Bridge”.

**Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 69**—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 49-016/00-002.95 (49A038), (38.93283, -80.15943) locally known as Sand Run Slab NO. 2, carrying CR16 over Sand Run in Upshur County, the “USAF Senior Airman Luke Christopher Wamsley Memorial Bridge”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 74—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 01-056/00-000.01(01A063), (38.97937, -79.95045) locally known as Junior W-Beam, carrying CR 56 over Tygart Valley River in Barbour County, the “U. S. Army PFC Roger Lee Carpenter Memorial Bridge”.

House Concurrent Resolution 89—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 49-29-00.83 (42A055), locally known as New Whitmer Bridge, carrying CR 29 over Gandy Creek in Randolph County, the “U. S. Army SGT James Shellace Armentrout Memorial Bridge”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 98—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 24-052/00-03189 (24A268), locally known as Eckman Overhead, carrying U.S. 52 over CO52/9, NSRR, Elkhorn Creek in McDowell County, the “Delegate Emily Warden Yeager Memorial Bridge”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 101—Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of West Virginia Route 4 in Clay County, from its intersection with West Virginia Route 16 continuing three miles southbound (mp 18.98-mp 21.98), the “Claude Markle Hill”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 108—Requesting the Division of Highways name that portion of WV Route 2, beginning at milepost 19.50 (39.922277, -80.748568) and ending at milepost 19.53 (39.924165, -80.749633) in Marshall County, the “U. S. Navy PO3 Heath ‘Scrappy’ Shilling Memorial Road”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 109—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number: 20-060/00-013.32 (20A342), (38.36599, -81.68053) locally known as CARBIDE OVERPASS, carrying U.S. 60 over CSX RR CARBIDE ENTRANCE in Kanawha County, the “U. S. Army Air Corps Airman Thomas Harry Honaker, Jr. Memorial Bridge”.
House Concurrent Resolution 110—Requesting the Division of Highways name the Moorefield Exit on Corridor H, U.S. Route 48, the “Speaker Clyde M. See, Jr. Exit”.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 111—Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 10-077/00-061.20 (10A237), (37.98696, -81.30559), locally known as Turnpike Bridge, carrying I-77, I-64 over Milburn Creek in Fayette County, the “USAF Major Mary Lafferty Coll Memorial Bridge”.

House Concurrent Resolution 139—Requesting the Division of Highways to rename the portion of State Route 10 from milepost 9.10 to milepost 13.60 in Logan County, the “U. S. Army TSGT Denver E. Short Memorial Road”.

Senator Clements requested unanimous consent that the resolutions (H. C. R. 7, 89, 110, and 139, and Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 26, 31, 56, 69, 74, 98, 101, 108, 109, and 111) be taken up for immediate consideration, references to committees dispensed with, and considered simultaneously.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body to the title of the bill, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 120, Establishing priorities for expenditures for plugging abandoned gas or oil wells.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk:
Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 120—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-10-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the establishment of priorities for expenditures for plugging abandoned oil and gas wells; requiring that a bond posted for a well shall first be used to plug the well and mitigate environmental issues related to oil and gas development on the land where the well is located, if the bond is forfeited as a result of failure to plug the abandoned well, repair the well that is causing immediate threat to the environment, or which hinders or impedes the development of mineral resources of this state, or the well operator was cited for and then failed to correct an immediate threat to the environment or hinderance or impediment to the development of mineral resources of this state, or the operator failed to reclaim the surface disturbance causing immediate threat to the environment or which hinders or impedes the development of mineral resources of this state.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 120, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 120) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

**Eng. Senate Bill 180**, Relating to Second Chance Driver’s License Program.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page four, after line twenty-five, by inserting a new section, designated section eleven, to read as follows:

§17B-7-11. Sunset Provision.

The Second Chance Driver’s License Program established under §17B-7-1, *et seq.*, of this code, shall cease to have effect on June 30, 2022, unless reauthorized by the West Virginia Legislature.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 180**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-7-5 and §17B-7-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new code section, designated §17B-7-11; all relating to the Second Chance Driver’s License Program; providing that a court’s accounting of amounts due for crime victim restitution be separately identified; providing that any moneys for restitution that are not submitted in the accounting by the court may not be waived by the participant’s completion of the program; and providing that amounts of court costs collected under the Second Chance Driver’s License Program attributable to crime victim restitution are not subject to the five percent offset for use
by the Director of the Division of Justice and Community Services in the administration of the program; and providing a sunset provision.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 180, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 180) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 193, Setting forth timeframes for continuing purchases of commodities and services over $1 million.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:
On page two, section ten, line forty-two, by striking out the words “unless the spending unit requests or agrees that additional time be added”.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 193, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 193) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body, without amendment, to take effect July 1, 2020, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the changed effective date, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

On further motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the changed effective date of the bill, that being to take effect July 1, 2020, instead of ninety days from passage.
Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yea were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 522) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 547, Relating to employer testing, notice, termination, and forfeiture of unemployment compensation.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, after the enacting clause by inserting the following:

CHAPTER 21. LABOR.

ARTICLE 3E. THE WEST VIRGINIA SAFER WORKPLACE ACT.

On page one, after line 18, by adding the following:
CHAPTER 21A. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

ARTICLE 6. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY; BENEFITS.

§21A-6-3. Disqualification for benefits.

Upon the determination of the facts by the commissioner, an individual is disqualified for benefits:

(1) For the week in which he or she left his or her most recent work voluntarily without good cause involving fault on the part of the employer and until the individual returns to covered employment and has been employed in covered employment at least thirty working days.

For the purpose of this subdivision, an individual has not left his or her most recent work voluntarily without good cause involving fault on the part of the employer if the individual leaves his or her most recent work with an employer and if he or she in fact, within a fourteen-day calendar period, does return to employment with the last preceding employer with whom he or she was previously employed within the past year prior to his or her return to work, and which last preceding employer, after having previously employed the individual for thirty working days or more, laid off the individual because of lack of work, which layoff occasioned the payment of benefits under this chapter or could have occasioned the payment of benefits under this chapter had the individual applied for benefits. It is the intent of this paragraph to cause no disqualification for benefits for an individual who complies with the foregoing set of requirements and conditions. Further, for the purpose of this subdivision, an individual has not left his or her most recent work voluntarily without good cause involving fault on the part of the employer, if the individual was compelled to leave his or her work for his or her own health-related reasons and notifies the employer prior to leaving the job or within two business days after leaving the job or as soon as practicable and presents written certification from a licensed physician within thirty days of leaving the job that his or her work aggravated, worsened or will worsen the individual’s health problem.
(2) For the week in which he or she was discharged from his or her most recent work for misconduct and the six weeks immediately following that week; or for the week in which he or she was discharged from his or her last thirty-day employing unit for misconduct and the six weeks immediately following that week. The disqualification carries a reduction in the maximum benefit amount equal to six times the individual’s weekly benefit. However, if the claimant returns to work in covered employment for thirty days during his or her benefit year, whether or not the days are consecutive, the maximum benefit amount is increased by the amount of the decrease imposed under the disqualification; except that:

If he or she were discharged from his or her most recent work for one of the following reasons, or if he or she were discharged from his or her last thirty days employing unit for one of the following reasons: Gross misconduct consisting of willful destruction of his or her employer’s property; assault upon the person of his or her employer or any employee of his or her employer; if the assault is committed at the individual’s place of employment or in the course of employment; reporting to work in an intoxicated condition, or being intoxicated while at work; reporting to work under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter sixty-a of this code without a valid prescription, or being under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in said chapter without a valid prescription, while at work; adulterating or otherwise manipulating a sample or specimen in order to thwart a drug or alcohol test lawfully required of an employee; refusal to submit to random testing for alcohol or illegal controlled substances for employees in safety sensitive positions as defined in section two, article one-d, chapter twenty-one of this code; violation of an employer’s drug free workplace program; violation of an employer’s alcohol free workplace program; arson, theft, larceny, fraud or embezzlement in connection with his or her work; or any other gross misconduct, he or she is disqualified for benefits until he or she has thereafter worked for at least thirty days in covered employment: Provided, That for the purpose of this subdivision, the words “any other gross misconduct” includes, but is not limited to, any act or acts of
misconduct where the individual has received prior written warning that termination of employment may result from the act or acts.

(3) For the week in which he or she failed without good cause to apply for available, suitable work, accept suitable work when offered, or return to his or her customary self-employment when directed to do so by the commissioner, and for the four weeks which immediately follow for such additional period as any offer of suitable work shall continue open for his or her acceptance. The disqualification carries a reduction in the maximum benefit amount equal to four times the individual’s weekly benefit amount.

(4) For any week or portion thereof in which he or she did not work as a result of:

(a) A strike or other bona fide labor dispute which caused him or her to leave or lose his or her employment;

(b) A lockout is not a strike or a bona fide labor dispute and no individual may be denied benefits by reason of a lockout. However, the operation of a facility by non-striking employees of the company, contractors or other personnel is not a reason to grant employees of the company on strike unemployment compensation benefit payments. If the operation of a facility is with workers hired to permanently replace the employees on strike, the employees would be eligible for benefits.

(c) For the purpose of this subsection, an individual shall be determined to leave or lose his or her employment by reason of a lockout where the individual employee has established that: (i) The individual presented himself or herself physically for work at the workplace on the first day of such lockout or on the first day he or she is able to present himself at the workplace or herself; and (ii) the employer denied the individual the opportunity to perform work.

(d) For purposes of this subsection, an individual is determined to be permanently replaced where the individual employee establishes that: (i) He or she is currently employed by an employer
who is the subject of a strike or other bona fide labor dispute; and
(ii) the position of the employee has been occupied by another
employee who has been notified they are permanently replacing the
employee who previously occupied the position. Employees or
contractors who are hired to perform striking employees’ work on
a temporary basis, such as the duration of a strike or other bona fide
labor dispute, or a shorter period of time, may not be determined to
have permanently replaced a striking employee.

(5) For a week with respect to which he or she is receiving or
has received:

(a) Wages in lieu of notice;

(b) Compensation for temporary total disability under the
workers’ compensation law of any state or under a similar law of
the United States; or

(c) Unemployment compensation benefits under the laws of the
United States or any other state.

(6) For the week in which an individual has voluntarily quit
employment to marry or to perform any marital, parental or family
duty, or to attend to his or her personal business or affairs and until
the individual returns to covered employment and has been
employed in covered employment at least thirty working days:
Provided, That an individual who has voluntarily quit employment
to accompany a spouse serving in active military service who has
been reassigned from one military assignment to another is not
disqualified for benefits pursuant to this subdivision: Provided
however, That the account of the employer of an individual who
leaves the employment to accompany a spouse reassigned from one
military assignment to another may not be charged.

(7) Benefits may not be paid to any individual on the basis of
any services, substantially all of which consist of participating in
sports or athletic events or training or preparing to so participate,
for any week which commences during the period between two
successive sport seasons (or similar periods) if the individual
performed the services in the first of the seasons (or similar
periods) and there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the services in the later of the seasons (or similar periods).

(8) (a) Benefits may not be paid on the basis of services performed by an alien unless the alien is an individual who was lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time the services were performed, was lawfully present for purposes of performing the services or was permanently residing in the United States under color of law at the time the services were performed (including an alien who is lawfully present in the United States as a result of the application of the provisions of Section 203(a)(7) or Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act): Provided, That any modifications to the provisions of Section 3304(a)(14) of the federal Unemployment Tax Act as provided by Public Law 94-566 which specify other conditions or other effective date than stated in this subdivision for the denial of benefits based on services performed by aliens and which modifications are required to be implemented under state law as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the federal Unemployment Tax Act are applicable under the provisions of this section.

(b) Any data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status shall be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits.

(c) In the case of an individual whose application for benefits would otherwise be approved, no determination that benefits to the individual are not payable because of his or her alien status may be made except upon a preponderance of the evidence.

(9) For each week in which an individual is unemployed because, having voluntarily left employment to attend a school, college, university or other educational institution, he or she is attending that school, college, university or other educational institution, or is awaiting entrance thereto or is awaiting the starting of a new term or session thereof, and until the individual returns to covered employment.
(10) For each week in which he or she is unemployed because of his or her request, or that of his or her duly authorized agent, for a vacation period at a specified time that would leave the employer no other alternative but to suspend operations.

(11) In the case of an individual who accepts an early retirement incentive package, unless he or she: (i) Establishes a well-grounded fear of imminent layoff supported by definitive objective facts involving fault on the part of the employer; and (ii) establishes that he or she would suffer a substantial loss by not accepting the early retirement incentive package.

(12) For each week with respect to which he or she is receiving or has received benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act or similar payments under any Act of Congress, or remuneration in the form of an annuity, pension or other retirement pay from a base period employer or chargeable employer or from any trust or fund contributed to by a base period employer or chargeable employer or any combination of the above, the weekly benefit amount payable to the individual for that week shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the prorated weekly amount of those benefits, payments or remuneration: Provided, That if the amount of benefits is not a multiple of $1, it shall be computed to the next lowest multiple of $1: Provided, however, That there is no disqualification if in the individual’s base period there are no wages which were paid by the base period employer or chargeable employer paying the remuneration, or by a fund into which the employer has paid during the base period: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision to the contrary, the weekly benefit amount payable to the individual for that week may not be reduced by any retirement benefits he or she is receiving or has received under Title II of the Social Security Act or similar payments under any Act of Congress. A claimant may be required to certify as to whether or not he or she is receiving or has been receiving remuneration in the form of an annuity, pension or other retirement pay from a base period employer or chargeable employer or from a trust fund contributed to by a base period employer or chargeable employer.
(13) For each week in which and for fifty-two weeks thereafter, beginning with the date of the decision, if the commissioner finds the individual who within twenty-four calendar months immediately preceding the decision, has made a false statement or representation knowing it to be false or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, to obtain or increase any benefit or payment under this article: Provided, That disqualification under this subdivision does not preclude prosecution under section seven, article ten of this chapter.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 547—A Bill to amend and reenact §21-3E-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §21A-6-3 of said Code; all relating to unemployment compensation; revising provisions relating to employer testing, notice, termination, and forfeiture of unemployment compensation benefits; and providing that violation of an employer’s drug free workplace program, or, violation of an employer’s alcohol free workplace program, can still be grounds for a finding of gross misconduct.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 547, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.
So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 547) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page, four, section four-g, line twenty-three, by striking out the word “fair”;

On page four, section four-g, lines twenty-three and twenty-four, by striking out the words “that lies between ascertainable minimum and maximum values set forth in this section”;

On page four, section four-g, line twenty-five, by striking out the words “the acquiring utility’s”;

On page five, section four-g, line forty-two, by striking out the words “Fair value” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Value”;

On page five, section four-g, lines forty-five through forty-seven, by striking out the words “falls between the depreciated original cost and the reproduction cost new less depreciation, and in that case the applicants will present evidence of those two values in the application.” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: is in
accordance with utility asset valuation methodologies, such as depreciated original cost, or reproduction cost new less depreciation, or other industry standard utility asset valuation methods, excluding the use of fair market appraisal valuation methods: Provided, That the applicants will present evidence of those asset values in the application: Provided, however, That the utility asset valuation methodologies and definitions referenced in 24-2-4g (d) apply solely to cases filed pursuant to Chapter 24 of this code.;

On page five, section four-g, lines fifty-one and fifty-two, by striking out the words “if the negotiated sale price:” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “the commission will establish the rate based addition at the negotiated sale price, as determined and in accordance with subdivision (1) of this subsection.”;

On page six, section four-g, lines fifty-three through fifty-seven, by striking out all of paragraphs (A) and (B);

On page eight, section four-g, line one hundred sixteen, after the word “assets” by inserting a comma and the words “net of depreciation”;

On page eight, section four-g, after line one hundred twenty-three, by inserting a new subdivision, designated subdivision (9), to read as follows:

(9) “Utility Asset Valuation” means industry standard valuation methods of determining the value of utility assets, regardless of original sources of funding.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 551—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-12-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-4g, all relating generally to the Water and Wastewater Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Act to encourage
investment in water and wastewater utilities; describing and expanding permissible uses for proceeds of a sale or lease of a municipal utility; making legislative findings; providing for use of negotiated sales price in certain filings; providing for rate based addition using negotiated sales price under certain circumstances; providing for additional approvals under certain circumstances; specifying preliminary agreements and commitments not requiring prior approval; authorizing the Public Service Commission to combine water and wastewater revenue requirements or allocate a portion of wastewater revenue requirement to water customers under certain circumstances; and setting forth defined terms.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 551, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 551) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect July 1, 2020,
and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**CHAPTER 50. MAGISTRATE COURTS.**

**ARTICLE I. COURTS AND OFFICERS.**

**§50-1-3. Salaries of magistrates.**

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has held that a salary system for magistrates which is based upon the population that each magistrate serves does not violate the equal protection clause of the Constitution of the United States;

(2) The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has held that a salary system for magistrates which is based upon the population that each magistrate serves does not violate section thirty-nine, article VI of the Constitution of West Virginia;

(3) The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has stated that the utilization of a two-tiered salary schedule for magistrates is no longer an equitable and rational manner by which magistrates should be compensated for work performed;

(4) Organizing the two tiers of the salary schedule into one tier for magistrates serving less than seven thousand three hundred in population and a second tier for magistrates serving seven thousand
three hundred or more in population is no longer rational and equitable given current statistical information relating to population and caseload; and

(5) That, by January 1, 2017, all magistrates should be compensated equally.

(b) The salary of each magistrate shall be paid by the state. Magistrates who serve fewer than seven thousand three hundred in population shall be paid annual salaries of $51,125 and magistrates who serve seven thousand three hundred or more in population shall be paid annual salaries of $57,500.

(c) For the purpose of determining the population served by each magistrate, the number of magistrates authorized for each county shall be divided into the population of each county. For the purpose of this article, the population of each county is the population as determined by the last preceding decennial census taken under the authority of the United States government.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the amendments made to this section during the 2013 First Extraordinary Session are effective upon passage and are retroactive to January 1, 2013.

(e) On or before July 1, 2013, the Joint Committee on Government and Finance shall request a study by the National Center for State Courts, working in conjunction with the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, to review the weighted case loads in each of the magistrate courts in this state, and present recommendations as to how the present resources and personnel in the magistrate court system could be better apportioned to equitably and timely meet the collective needs of the magistrate court system in West Virginia. Based on the findings and data generated by that study, the National Center for State Courts shall make recommendations as to the equitable redistribution of personnel and resources, by temporary or permanent reassignment, to better meet the needs and weighted loads that are demonstrated to exist in the various magistrate courts in this state. This study shall be presented to the
Joint Committee on Government and Finance no later than December 1, 2014, and shall include recommendations and proposed legislation resulting from such study and shall also include a plan to continue the efficient delivery of justice by the magistrate court system and the justification for equalization of pay for all magistrates. As a part of the submitted study, the plan shall consider the reassignment of magistrates or the extension of their duties and jurisdiction to include holding court or delivering services to adjacent counties with higher caseloads, as part of their regular duties, or being on call as needed to serve other needs in other adjacent counties or within the same judicial circuit.

On or before January 15, 2015, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia shall present its recommendations to the Legislature regarding how to allocate or assign a maximum of one hundred fifty-eight magistrates throughout this state to improve the magistrate process, and more equitably distribute the magistrate court resources to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of the citizens of this state.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2017, all magistrates shall be compensated equally and the annual salary of all magistrates shall be $57,500.

(g) Notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2021, the annual salary of a magistrate shall be $60,375, and beginning July 1, 2022, the annual salary of a magistrate shall be $63,250.

CHAPTER 51. COURTS AND THEIR OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 1. SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS.

§51-1-10A. SALARY OF JUSTICES.

The salary of each of the justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals shall be $95,000 per year: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2005, the salary of each of the justices of the Supreme Court shall be $121,000: Provided, however, That beginning July 1, 2011, the annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court shall be $136,000: Provided, further, That beginning July 1, 2021, the
annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals shall be $142,800, and beginning July 1, 2022, the annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals shall be $149,600.

ARTICLE 2. CIRCUIT COURTS; CIRCUIT JUDGES.


The salaries of the judges of the various circuit courts shall be paid solely out of the State Treasury. No county, county commission, board of commissioners or other political subdivision shall supplement or add to such salaries.

The annual salary of all circuit judges shall be $90,000 per year: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2005, the annual salary of all circuit judges shall be $116,000 per year: Provided, however, That beginning July 1, 2011, the annual salary of a circuit court judge shall be $126,000: Provided, further, That beginning July 1, 2021, the annual salary of a circuit judge shall be $132,300 and beginning July 1, 2022, the annual salary of a circuit court judge shall be $138,600.

ARTICLE 2A. FAMILY COURTS.


(a) A family court judge is entitled to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual salary of $62,500: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2005, a family court judge is entitled to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual salary of $82,500: Provided, however, That beginning July 1, 2011, the annual salary of a family court judge shall be $94,500: Provided, further, beginning July 1, 2020, the annual salary of a family court judge shall be $103,950.

(b) The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is appointed by the family court judge and serves at his or her will and pleasure. The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is entitled to receive an annual salary of $27,036: Provided, That on and after July 1, 2006, the annual salary of the secretary-clerk shall be established
by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals, but may not exceed $39,000. In addition, any person employed as a secretary-clerk to a family court judge on the effective date of the enactment of this section during the sixth extraordinary session of the Legislature in the year 2001 who is receiving an additional $500 per year up to 10 years of a certain period of prior employment under the provisions of the prior enactment of §51-2A-8 of this code during the second extraordinary session of the Legislature in the year 1999 shall continue to receive such additional amount. Further, the secretary-clerk will receive such percentage or proportional salary increases as may be provided by general law for other public employees and is entitled to receive the annual incremental salary increase as provided in §5-5-1 et seq. of this code.

(c) The family court judge may employ not more than one family case coordinator who serves at his or her will and pleasure. The annual salary of the family case coordinator of the family court judge shall be established by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals but may not exceed $36,000: Provided, That on and after July 1, 2006, the annual salary of the family case coordinator of the family court judge may not exceed $51,000. The family case coordinator will receive such percentage or proportional salary increases as may be provided by general law for other public employees and is entitled to receive the annual incremental salary increase as provided in §5-5-1 et seq. of this code.

(d) The sheriff or his or her designated deputy shall serve as a bailiff for a family court judge. The sheriff of each county shall serve or designate persons to serve so as to assure that a bailiff is available when a family court judge determines the same is necessary for the orderly and efficient conduct of the business of the family court.

(e) Disbursement of salaries for family court judges and members of their staffs are made by or pursuant to the order of the Director of the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals.
(f) Family court judges and members of their staffs are allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The expenses and compensation will be determined and paid by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals under such guidelines as he or she may prescribe, as approved by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, family court judges are not eligible to participate in the retirement system for judges under the provisions of §51-9-1 et seq. of this code;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 597—A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §51-1-10a of said code; to amend and reenact §51-2-13 of said code; and to amend and reenact §51-2A-6 of said code, all relating to providing a ten percent salary increase to certain judicial officers.

Senator Takubo moved that the Senate concur in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Takubo’s aforesaid motion, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 597, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.
The nays were: Tarr—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 597) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Tarr—1.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 597) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 615, Declaring certain claims against state as moral obligations of state.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:
On page two, section one, subsection (b), by striking out the words “GENERAL REVENUE FUND” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “FEDERAL FUNDS”;

On page two, section one, subsection (c), by striking out all of subdivision (1) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision, designated subdivision (1), to read as follows:

“(1) Linda Adams-Doheny, Danny L. Boyce, Ann E. Boyce, Janey I. Wigal and Amy B. Thomas ........................................$2,778.48”;

On page four, section one, subsection (i), by striking out the words “GENERAL REVENUE FUND” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “FEDERAL FUNDS”;

On page twenty-six, section one, subsection (j), subdivision (585), after the word “Sandra” by striking out “K.” and inserting in lieu thereof “L.”;

On page thirty-five, section one, by striking out all of subdivision (802);

And by renumbering the remaining subdivisions;

On page forty-two, section one, subsection (k), by striking out the words “GENERAL REVENUE FUND” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “STATE ROAD FUND”;

And,

On pages forty-three and forty-four, by striking out all of section two.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 615, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton,
Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 615) passed with its title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 615) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE 13. STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES.

§17A-13-1. Street-legal special purpose vehicles; operation on highways; registration procedures; licensing requirements; equipment requirements.

(a) Except as required in subsection (c) of this section, an individual may operate a “street-legal special purpose vehicle” on a street or highway.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Special purpose vehicle” includes all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, mini-trucks, pneumatic-tired military vehicles, and full-size special purpose-built vehicles, including those self-constructed or built by the original equipment manufacturer and those that have been modified.

(2) “Street-legal special purpose vehicle” is a special purpose vehicle that meets the requirements of this section.

(c) An individual may not operate a special purpose vehicle as a street-legal special purpose vehicle on a highway if:

(1) The highway is a controlled-access system, including, but not limited to, interstate systems; or

(2) The county, municipality, or the Division of Natural Resources where the highway is located prohibits special purpose vehicles.
(d) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than 20 miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.

(e) All street-legal special purpose vehicles are subject to the certificate of title provisions of §17A-1-1 et seq. of this code.

(f) Nothing in this section authorizes the operation of a street-legal special purpose vehicle in an area that is not open to motor vehicle use.

(g) A street-legal special purpose vehicle may be registered in the same manner as provided for motorcycles pursuant to this chapter.

(h) Upon registration of any street-legal special purpose vehicle pursuant to this section, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue a registration plate that is of the same size as Class G special registration plates for motorcycles.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a street-legal special purpose vehicle shall comply with the Division of Motor Vehicles’ licensing, fee, and other requirements pursuant to this chapter.

(j) The owner of a special purpose vehicle being operated as a street-legal special purpose vehicle shall ensure the vehicle is equipped with:

(1) One or more headlamps;

(2) One or more tail lamps;

(3) One or more brake lamps;

(4) A tail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate with a white light;

(5) One or more red reflectors on the rear;

(6) Amber electric turn system, one on each side of the front;
(7) Amber or red electric turn signals;

(8) A braking system, other than a parking brake;

(9) A horn or other warning device;

(10) A muffler and, if required by an applicable federal statute or rule, an emission control system;

(11) Rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver;

(12) A windshield, unless the operator wears eye protection while operating the vehicle:

(13) A speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation;

(14) For vehicles designed by the manufacturer for carrying one or more passengers, a seat designed for passengers; and

(15) Tires that have at least 2/32 inches or greater tire tread.

(16) When owners of a street-legal special purpose vehicle have ensured that such vehicles are equipped as required by this subsection, and those owners obtain a valid registration card and certificate of insurance for such vehicles, those vehicles are eligible to apply for a motorcycle trailer sticker.

(k) Mini-trucks may not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways that have been constructed pursuant to a federal highways program.

(I) Low speed vehicles as defined in §17A-1-1 of the code are not considered special purpose vehicles or street-legal special purpose vehicles under this section. However, low speed vehicles may cross state routes at traffic lights when the state route does not have a posted speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour.

(m) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to implement this section.

And,
By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 690**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §17A-13-1, relating to the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles; permitting the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways; providing for registration of street-legal special purpose vehicles; establishing licensing and equipment requirements for street-legal special purpose vehicles; defining terms; requiring rulemaking; clarifying that low speed vehicles are not special purpose vehicles or street-legal special purpose vehicles; and allowing low speed vehicles to cross state routes at traffic lights when the state route does not have a posted speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 690, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 690) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

**Ordered**, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body to the title of the bill, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 716, Requiring DHHR pay for tubal ligation without 30-day wait between consent and sterilization.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 716—A Bill to amend and reenact §9-5-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring Department of Health and Human Resources to make payment for tubal ligation without requiring at least 30 days between the date of informed consent and date of the tubal ligation procedure; and removing obsolete language.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the title of the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 716, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com.
Sub. for S. B. 716) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 716) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section twenty, line nine, by striking out “(h)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(g)”;

And,
On page one, line ten, after the word “Virginia.” by adding the following: The plan shall be completed and presented to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability by January 1, 2021.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Senate Bill 747, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 747) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.
The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, section one, after line eighteen, by inserting a new subsection, designated subsection (d), to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, health plans, policies, contracts or agreements do not include Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program health plans, policies, contracts or agreements that are approved by the Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau of Medical Services.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 787—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-53-1, relating to providing benefits to pharmacists for pharmacist care rendered within the pharmacist’s scope of practice if benefits would be provided for such services performed by other health care providers; providing for reimbursement pursuant to negotiations; excepting certain health plans, policies, contracts or agreements from requirements; and providing for effective date.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 787, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.
Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 787) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2892, Including digital and virtual information in the definition of property that can be searched and seized by a warrant.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page two, section two, by striking out all of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection, designated subsection (c), to read as follows:

(c) A search warrant issued pursuant to this section or Rule 41 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure may be executed or served to the extent it is constitutionally permissible anywhere the electronic or digital information is stored, capable of being produced or where the person or entity in possession of the electronic or digital information does business or resides.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.
Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2892, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892) passed with its Senate amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as
amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page four, by striking out the section caption and inserting in lieu thereof a new section caption, to read as follows:

§33-53-1. Coverage of telehealth services.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4003**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-7b, to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-1-25, and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-53-1, all relating to telehealth requirements; providing rulemaking authority; requiring boards to regulate telehealth practice; defining terms; requiring insurance coverage of certain telehealth services; providing an effective date; and providing limitation of applicability.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4003, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard,
Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4003) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4198**, Permitting a person to obtain a 12-month supply of contraceptive drugs.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4198**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-28; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-15-4u; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-16-3ff; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated 33-24-7u; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25-8r;
to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated, §33-25A-8u; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-53-1, all relating to permitting a person to obtain a 12-month supply of contraceptive drugs; incorporating these provisions into the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act; and incorporating these provisions into the sections of insurance code.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4198, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4198) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page five, section four-a, subsection (c), by striking out the words “(to provide”.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4361, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4361) passed with its Senate amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page seven, section fifty-five, subsection (d), by striking out the words “a copy of the notice shall be at the same time” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “a copy of the notice shall, at the same time,”.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4452, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Jeffries, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—27.

The nays were: Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, and Unger—7.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4452) passed with its Senate amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and
requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4461**, Requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, subsection (e), after the words “enacted in 2020” by striking out the remainder of the amendment and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the words “whichever occurs first. After the vacancy or after July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the annual salary of each appointed state officer named in this section shall be fixed by the Governor within the current budget allocation. In the event the annual salary fixed by the Governor for an appointed state officer named in this section exceeds the amount set forth in this section for the appointed state officer, the amount of the annual salary for the appointed state officer shall be set forth in a line-item in the budget bill, and payment of an annual salary to the appointed state officer may not exceed that amount but may be lower than the salary approved in the budget bill or established in this section. The salary of a newly appointed state officer named in this section shall be included in the appointment letter for the position.”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4461**—A Bill to amend and reenact §6-7-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Governor to fix the annual salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; requiring that the salary be within the current budget allocation; requiring the amount of the
annual salary for appointed state officer be set forth in a line-item in the budget bill; limiting payment of salary to amount approved in budget bill; allowing lower salaries; and requiring that the salary of each such appointed state officer be listed in the appointment letter for the position.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4461, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Beach—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4461) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended, to take effect July 1, 2020, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the changed effective date, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

On further motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the changed effective date of the bill, that being to take effect July 1, 2020, instead of ninety days from passage.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4004) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:
By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4176**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §15A-9-1, §15A-9-2, §15A-9-3, §15A-9-4, §15A-9-5, §15A-9-6, §15A-9-7 and §15A-9-8, all relating to establishing and delineating the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the West Virginia Fusion Center; requiring Governor to establish West Virginia Fusion Center and defining its purpose; providing that Department of Homeland Security will operate fusion center and provide legal counsel; prohibiting the Fusion Center from gathering information or intelligence information for a political purpose, except for the limited purposes of certain dignitary visits and to insure fair elections; providing Fusion Center or its officers, directors, agents, or employees shall not engage in prohibited non-law enforcement intelligence gathering activities on citizens of the United States; providing Fusion Center shall be housed in secure facilities; providing Fusion Center shall collaborate to fulfill duties of State Resiliency Office; providing for operations of Fusion Center; providing limitations upon when the Fusion Center may cooperate, with any federal agency, or a contractor for any federal agency; providing operations of the West Virginia Fusion Center shall be overseen by the cabinet secretary and deputy cabinet secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security; providing cabinet secretary and deputy cabinet secretary shall either have a current, valid federal security clearance at the appropriate level; providing cabinet secretary and deputy cabinet secretary may adopt policies and procedures for the operation of the West Virginia Fusion Center; establishing positions of fusion center director and deputy director; creating joint select oversight committee and establishing committee membership and powers; mandating entities participating in fusion center enter into memorandum of understanding with center and setting out minimum requirements of memorandum; limiting access to fusion center of certain persons; making certain information in possession of center confidential and not subject to disclosure; providing exceptions to confidentiality of information; establishing immunity from subpoena for individuals possessing
criminal intelligence information gained from access to fusion center information; setting criminal penalties for knowing dissemination of fusion center information; providing whistleblower protections; prohibiting certain conduct by fusion center contractors and employees; defining terms; making persons providing or receiving certain information to or from center immune from civil liability and exceptions thereto; allowing participating agencies to share in costs of operating center; creating West Virginia Fusion Center Fund, and delineating uses and purposes of such fund; and authorizing Commissioner of Department of Motor Vehicles to issue license plates for state-owned fusion center vehicles.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4176, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Baldwin—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4176) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate
amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. House Bill 4354**, Adding nabiximols to the permitted list of distributed and prescribed drugs.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. House Bill 4354**—A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-2-201 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to drugs; providing for the sale, wholesale, distribution, or prescribing of nabiximols in a product approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and providing that nabiximols shall be placed on the schedules of controlled substances or descheduled as provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 4354, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.
So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4354) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, before the article heading, by inserting the following:

“Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4377—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §32-6-601, §32-6-602, §32-6-603, §32-6-604, §32-6-605, §32-6-606, §32-6-607, §32-6-608, §32-6-609, and §32-6-610, all relating to the creation of The Protection of Eligible Adults From Financial Exploitation Act; defining terms; establishing the obligations and duties of broker-dealers and investment advisors to notify certain agencies of potential financial exploitation; establishing the rights of broker-dealers and
investment advisors to notify certain associated individuals regarding potential financial exploitation; permitting broker-dealers and investment advisors to delay a transaction or disbursement when financial exploitation is suspected; requiring the retention of records; and providing limited immunity from administrative and civil liability.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4377, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4377) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to
Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4509, Transferring the Parole Board to the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for purposes of administrative and other support.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4509—A Bill to amend and reenact §62-12-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to transferring the Parole Board to the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for purposes of administrative and other support; removing the residency requirements pertaining to counties; continuing terms of current members; specifying the powers and duties of the chairperson; setting forth the process for selecting a vice chairperson; specifying the powers and duties of the vice chairperson; clarifying how a vacancy occurs on the board; creating the position of substitute board member; creating a substitute board member list; establishing qualifications, powers and duties of substitute board members; and clarifying how moneys for the board should be appropriated.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4509, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.
The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4509) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. House Bill 4514.** Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. House Bill 4514**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §20-2-5j; and to amend and reenact §20-2-16 and §20-2-22a of said code, all relating to hunting; permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear; amending protocol for possession by natural resources police officers of dogs known to have unlawfully hunted or chased deer; and excepting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear from statutory prohibition on commercial bear hunts.
On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 4514, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Baldwin and Sypolt—2.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4514) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:
On page two, section six-b, subsection (d), after the words “verified to be 21 years of age or older” by inserting the word “and”;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4560—A Bill to amend and reenact §60-8-6b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting licensed wine specialty shops to sell wine with a gift basket by telephonic, electronic, mobile, or web-based wine ordering; and establishing requirements for lawful delivery.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4560, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Roberts—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4560) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to, and requested the Senate to recede therefrom, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4693**, Expanding the scope of the Veterans to Agriculture Program.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

On further motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate acceded to the request of the House of Delegates and receded from its amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4693, as amended by deletion, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4693) passed with its title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested
the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. House Bill 3039.** Relating to a court’s consideration of the expression of a preference by a child in certain child custody matters.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. House Bill 3039**—A Bill to amend and reenact §44-10-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §48-9-206 and §48-9-402 of said code, all relating to a court’s consideration of the right of a minor to nominate his or her guardian and to a court’s consideration of the expression of a preference by a child in certain child custody matters; and giving the court discretion to consider the preferences of a child under the age of fourteen years who is sufficiently matured that he or she can intelligently express a voluntary preference.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 3039, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.
Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3039) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had refused to concur in the Senate amendments to, and requested the Senate to recede therefrom, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

On further motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate acceded to the request of the House of Delegates and receded from its amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4803, as amended by deletion, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4803) passed with its title.
Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate again proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page one, by striking out the section caption and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**ARTICLE 9G. TOBACCO CESSATION INITIATIVE.**

§16-9G-1. Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Task Force:

On page two, section one, subsection (b), subdivision (3), paragraph (H), after the word “Health” by changing the forward slash to a semicolon;

On page two, section one, subsection (b), subdivision (3), paragraph (2), by striking out “(2)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(I)”;

And,
By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4494**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated as §16-9G-1 and §16-9G-2, all relating to expanding tobacco use reduction and cessation initiatives; creating a task force to undertake studies and monitor and advise the Division of Tobacco Prevention and recommend policies to the Legislature; setting forth duties of the Division of Tobacco Prevention; and authorizing the Division of Tobacco Prevention to apply and administer private grants and donations.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4494, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Woelfel—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4494) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment,
as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment, as to


On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**CHAPTER 5. GENERAL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, OFFICES, PROGRAMS, ETC.**

**ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.**

**§5-16-7g Coverage for prescription insulin drugs.**

(a) A policy, plan, or contract that is issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to this section.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, “prescription insulin drug” means a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes, and includes at least one type of insulin in all of the following categories:

(1) Rapid-acting;

(2) Short-acting;

(3) Intermediate-acting;
(4) Long-acting;

(5) Pre-mixed insulin products;

(6) Pre-mixed insulin/GLP-1 RA products; and

(7) Concentrated human regular insulin.

(c) Cost sharing for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin drug shall not exceed $100 for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin, regardless of the quantity or type of prescription insulin used to fill the covered person’s prescription needs.

(d) Nothing in this section prevents the agency from reducing a covered person’s cost sharing by an amount greater than the amount specified in this subsection.

(e) No contract between the agency or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy or its contracting agent shall contain a provision (i) authorizing the agency’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge, (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect, or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the cost-sharing payment for the covered prescription insulin drug established by the agency as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(f) The agency shall provide coverage for the following equipment and supplies for the treatment or management of diabetes for both insulin-dependent and noninsulin-dependent persons with diabetes and those with gestational diabetes: Blood glucose monitors, monitor supplies, insulin, injection aids, syringes, insulin infusion devices, pharmacological agents for controlling blood sugar, and orthotics.

(g) The agency shall provide coverage for diabetes self-management education to ensure that persons with diabetes are educated as to the proper self-management and treatment of their diabetes, including information on proper diets. Coverage for self-management education and education relating to diet shall be
provided by a health care practitioner who has been appropriately trained as provided in §33-53-1(k) of this code.

(h) The education may be provided by a health care practitioner as part of an office visit for diabetes diagnosis or treatment, or by a licensed pharmacist for instructing and monitoring a patient regarding the proper use of covered equipment, supplies, and medications, or by a certified diabetes educator or registered dietitian.

(i) A pharmacy benefits manager, a health plan, or any other third party that reimburses a pharmacy for drugs or services shall not reimburse a pharmacy at a lower rate and shall not assess any fee, charge-back, or adjustment upon a pharmacy on the basis that a covered person’s costs sharing is being impacted.

CHAPTER 33. INSURANCE.

ARTICLE 15C. DIABETES INSURANCE.

§33-15C-1. Insurance for diabetics.

[Repealed.]

ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

§33-16-16. Insurance for diabetics.

[Repealed.]

ARTICLE 53. REQUIRED COVERAGE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE.

§33-53-1. Cost sharing in prescription insulin drugs.

(a) Findings. –

(1) It is estimated that over 240,000 West Virginians are diagnosed and living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes and another 65,000 are undiagnosed:
(2) Every West Virginian with type 1 diabetes and many with type 2 diabetes rely on daily doses of insulin to survive;

(3) The annual medical cost related to diabetes in West Virginia is estimated at $2.5 billion annually;

(4) Persons diagnosed with diabetes will incur medical costs approximately 2.3 times higher than persons without diabetes;

(5) The cost of insulin has increased astronomically, especially the cost of insurance copayments, which can exceed $600 per month. Similar increases in the cost of diabetic equipment and supplies, and insurance premiums have resulted in out-of-pocket costs for many West Virginia diabetics in excess of $1,000 per month;

(6) National reports indicate as many as one in four type 1 diabetics underuse, or ration, insulin due to these increased costs. Rationing insulin has resulted in nerve damage, diabetic comas, amputation, kidney damage, and even death; and

(7) It is important to enact policies to reduce the costs for West Virginians with diabetes to obtain life-saving and life-sustaining insulin.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) “Cost-sharing payment” means the total amount a covered person is required to pay at the point of sale in order to receive a prescription drug that is covered under the covered person’s health plan.

(2) “Covered person” means a policyholder, subscriber, participant, or other individual covered by a health plan.

(3) “Health plan” means any health benefit plan, as defined in §33-16-1a(h) of this code, that provides coverage for a prescription insulin drug.
(4) “Pharmacy benefits manager” means an entity that engages in the administration or management of prescription drug benefits provided by an insurer for the benefit of its covered persons.

(5) “Prescription insulin drug” means a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.

(c) Each health plan shall cover at least one type of insulin in all the following categories:

(1) Rapid-acting;
(2) Short-acting;
(3) Intermediate-acting;
(4) Long-acting;
(5) Pre-mixed insulin products;
(6) Pre-mixed insulin/GLP-1 RA products; and
(7) Concentrated human regular insulin.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of §33-1-1 et seq. of this code, an insurer subject to §33-15-1 et seq., §33-16-1 et seq., §33-24-1 et seq., §33-25-1 et seq., and §33-25A-1 et seq. of this code which issues or renews a health insurance policy on or after July 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to this section.

(e) Cost sharing for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin drug shall not exceed $100 for a 30-day supply of a covered prescription insulin, regardless of the quantity or type of prescription insulin used to fill the covered person’s prescription needs.

(f) Nothing in this section prevents an insurer from reducing a covered person’s cost sharing to an amount less than the amount specified in subsection (e) of this section.
(g) No contract between an insurer subject to §33-15-1 et seq., §33-16-1 et seq., §33-24-1 et seq., §33-25-1 et seq., and §33-25A-1 of this code or its pharmacy benefits manager and a pharmacy or its contracting agent shall contain a provision: (i) Authorizing the insurer’s pharmacy benefits manager or the pharmacy to charge; (ii) requiring the pharmacy to collect; or (iii) requiring a covered person to make a cost-sharing payment for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the cost-sharing payment for the covered prescription insulin drug established by the insurer pursuant to subsection (e) of this code.

(h) An insurer subject to §33-15-1 et seq., §33-16-1 et seq., §33-24-1 et seq., §33-25-1 et seq., and §33-25A-1 of this code shall provide coverage for the following equipment and supplies for the treatment and/or management of diabetes for both insulin-dependent and noninsulin-dependent persons with diabetes and those with gestational diabetes: Blood glucose monitors, monitor supplies, insulin, injection aids, syringes, insulin infusion devices, pharmacological agents for controlling blood sugar, and orthotics.

(i) An insurer subject to §33-15-1 et seq., §33-16-1 et seq., §33-24-1 et seq., §33-25-1 et seq., and §33-25A-1 of this code shall include coverage for diabetes self-management education to ensure that persons with diabetes are educated as to the proper self-management and treatment of their diabetes, including information on proper diets.

(j) All health care plans must offer an appeals process for persons who are not able to take one or more of the offered prescription insulin drugs noted in subsection (c) of this code. The appeals process shall be provided to covered persons in writing and afford covered persons and their health care providers a meaningful opportunity to participate with covered persons health care providers.

(k) Diabetes self-management education shall be provided by a health care practitioner who has been appropriately trained. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources shall promulgate legislative rules to implement training requirements and procedures necessary to fulfill provisions of this subsection:
Provided, That any rules promulgated by the secretary shall be done after consultation with the Coalition for Diabetes Management, as established in §16-5Z-1 et seq. of this code.

(1) A pharmacy benefits manager, a health plan, or any other third party that reimburses a pharmacy for drugs or services shall not reimburse a pharmacy at a lower rate and shall not assess any fee, charge-back, or adjustment upon a pharmacy on the basis that a covered person’s costs sharing is being impacted.

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4543—A Bill to repeal §33-15C-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to repeal §33-16-16 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-7g; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §33-53-1, all relating generally to required health insurance coverage for diabetics; providing cost sharing in prescription insulin drugs; providing related findings; providing definitions; requiring insurance coverage for prescription insulin drugs; establishing cost sharing for a prescription insulin drug; establishing cost sharing for designated equipment and supplies related to the treatment and management of diabetes; requiring insurance coverage for diabetes education and medical visits; limiting some insurance coverage; providing for coverage pursuant to the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act; and providing that education related to diabetes may be provided by health care providers.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4543, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty,
Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Azinger—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4543) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Azinger—1.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4543) takes effect from passage.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

On motion of Senator Takubo, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

Eng. House Bill 4159—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections designated §19-2-12 and §19-2-13; to amend and reenact §60-1-5a of said code; to amend and reenact §60-8-2, §60-8-3, §60-8-4, §60-8-18, and §60-8-29 of said code; and to add a new article to said code designated §60-8A-1, §60-8A-2, §60-8A-3, §60-8A-4, §60-8A-5, §60-8A-6, and §60-8A-7; all relating to the manufacture and sale of wine and hard cider; all relating to the manufacture and sale of hard cider and wine; establishing the Agriculture Development Fund; establishing permitted expenditures from the fund; creating a new program to develop hard cider; providing for definitions; clarifying various aspects of wine, specifically the alcohol by volume percentage for table wine, wine, and fortified wine; adding the definition of “nonfortified dessert wine”; clarifying penalties for failure to meet requirements; replacing bond requirements that secure the payment of taxes by distributors, suppliers, certain wineries, and certain farm wineries, who are acting as either suppliers or distributors in a limited capacity, with an affidavit; providing penalties for failure to pay taxes and maintain good standing with the state; providing that there is no separate license required to manufacture and sell hard cider under certain conditions; providing for a hard cider distributor’s license; providing for hard cider exemptions to the wine liter tax; establishing a hard cider gallon tax; providing for applicability of other laws; requiring regular reports to the Tax Commissioner; providing for applications to import products necessary to manufacture hard cider under certain conditions; providing for hard cider sales for consumption; providing for complementary samples to be given; establishing requirements for complementary samples; permitting the sale of growlers; establishing growler labeling requirements; establishing growler sanitation requirements;
providing for fees for the privilege to sell growlers; providing for rule-making authority; providing certain limited authority to unlicensed wineries not currently licensed or located in West Virginia; temporarily authorizing limited sampling and temporarily authorizing the limited sale of wine for off-premises consumption at certain fairs and festivals and at certain one-day special licensed nonprofit events in a very limited capacity.

On motion of Senator Takubo, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 4159, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Roberts and Tarr—2.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4159) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate again proceeded to the fifth order of business.

Senator Weld, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 529, Establishing limitations on claims and benefits against state.

Submitted the following report, which was received:
Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendment of the House to Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 529 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Delegates as to the bill and that the Senate and House agree to an amendment as follows:

On page three, section thirteen-a lines forty-three and forty-four, by striking-out “Whether the damages fairly and reasonably compensate the claimant will depend upon the unique facts and circumstances of each claim;” and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“The damages shall depend upon the unique facts and circumstances of each claim.”;

And,

That the Senate agree to the House amendment to the title of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Weld (Chair), Charles H. Clements, Michael A. Woelfel, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Moore Capito (Chair), Brandon Steele, Andrew Robinson, Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.

Senator Weld, Senate cochair of the committee of conference, was recognized to explain the report.

Thereafter, on motion of Senator Weld, the report was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 529, as amended by the conference report, was then put upon its passage.
On the passage of the bill, as amended, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 529) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Takubo moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2020.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 529) takes effect July 1, 2020.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Without objection, the Senate returned to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body of the committee of conference report, passage as amended by the conference report
with its conference amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption thereof, as to

**Eng. House Bill 4524**, Making the entire state “wet” or permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption.

Whereupon, Senator Weld, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

**Eng. House Bill 4524**, Making the entire state “wet” or permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption.

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendments of the Senate to Engrossed House Bill 4524 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the amendment of the Senate on pages three and four, section nine, lines three through thirteen, and that the House and Senate agree to an amendment as follows:

On pages three and four, section nine, lines three through thirteen by striking the entirety of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection, designated subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a county or municipality which prior to January 1, 2020, prohibited the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption may, pursuant to this subsection, hold a local option election to maintain the prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption without the petition required by the provisions of §60-5-2 of this code, if it enters an order to hold a local option election on the issue on or before July 1, 2020,
in which event the election shall be held concurrent with the 2020 general election. The county commission or municipality may require the state to reimburse it for the actual cost of conducting the local option election authorized by this subsection: Provided, That, as an alternative to the local option election authorized by this subsection, the county commission or governing body of a municipality which prior to January 1, 2020, had prohibited the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption may vote to maintain the prohibition and provide certification of the result of the vote to the commissioner on or before July 1, 2020.; and that both houses agree to the remaining Senate amendments;

And,

That both houses recede from their positions as to the title of the bill and agree to the same as follows:

**Eng. House Bill 4524**—A Bill to amend and reenact §60-5-1, §60-5-2, §60-5-3, §60-5-4, §60-5-5, §60-5-6, §60-5-7, §60-5-8, of the code of West Virginia, as amended and to further amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §60-5-9, all relating to the off-premises sale of alcoholic liquors generally; allowing the off-premises sale of alcoholic liquors in every county and municipality in the state; creating procedures for counties and municipalities which prohibited off-premises sale of alcoholic liquors prior to January 1, 2020 to hold a local option election to retain the prohibition; authorizing county commissions and governing bodies of municipalities to retain prohibition by a vote to do so without an election; requiring a vote to continue the prohibition or to order an election to occur on or before July 1, 2020; allowing counties and municipalities which prohibit the off-premises sale of alcoholic liquors to hold a local option election to reconsider the action; allowing county commissions and governing bodies of municipalities to vote to maintain the prohibition as an alternative to holding a local option election, requiring notice to commissioner of election results of the vote by July 1, 2020; and updating code language.
Respectfully submitted,

Moore Capito (Chair), Steve Westfall, William G. Hartman, *Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.*

Ryan W. Weld (Chair), Tom Takubo, Paul Hardesty, *Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

On motions of Senator Weld, severally made, the report of the committee of conference was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Engrossed House Bill 4524, as amended by the conference report, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, as amended, the yeas were: Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Romano, Rucker, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—29.

The nays were: Azinger, Maynard, Roberts, Smith, and Unger—5.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 4524) passed with its conference amended title.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body of the committee of conference report, passage as amended by the conference report with its conference amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption thereof, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4558,** Creating a personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters in West Virginia.
Whereupon, Senator Sypolt, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4558.** Creating a personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters in West Virginia,

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the Senate amendment to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4558, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That the Senate and the House of Delegates recede from their respective positions as to the Senate amendment to the bill striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting new language, and agree to the same as follows:

**ARTICLE 10. WEST VIRGINIA TAX PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION ACT.**

§11-10-14a. **Expiration of Tax refund check-off programs.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, Except as otherwise provided in this section, or in another section of this code enacted after June 30, 1991, all voluntary tax refund check-off programs shall expire and do not apply to any personal income tax returns required to be filed after June 30, 1991: **Provided,** That if any such program has an earlier expiration date specifically provided by law, such the earlier expiration date shall apply applies.

(b) The Tax Commissioner shall cause each West Virginia personal income tax return form to contain a provision by which a taxpayer, and his or her spouse if a joint return, may donate a portion or all of his or her tax refund to the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance for purposes of providing nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in the West Virginia Veterans Home. The total amount of donations received under this subsection shall be deposited in the State
Treasury to the credit of the Department of Veterans Assistance to be used exclusively for purposes of providing nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in the West Virginia Veterans Home.

(c) The Tax Commissioner shall cause each West Virginia personal income tax return form to contain a provision by which a taxpayer, and his or her spouse if a joint return, may donate a portion or all of his or her tax refund to the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery for purposes of operating and maintaining the cemetery. The total amount of donations received under this subsection shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to be used exclusively for purposes of operating and maintaining the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

ARTICLE 13FF. THE HIGH-WAGE GROWTH BUSINESS TAX CREDIT ACT.


This article shall be known and may be cited as the High-Wage Growth Business Tax Credit Act.


As used in this article:

“Benefits” means all remuneration for work performed that is provided to an employee in whole or in part by the employer, other than wages, including the employer’s contributions to insurance programs, health care, medical, dental and vision plans, life insurance, employer contributions to pensions, such as a 401(k), and employer-provided services, such as child care, offered by an employer to the employee. “Benefits” does not include the employer’s share of payroll taxes, Social Security or Medicare contributions, federal or state unemployment insurance contributions or workers’ compensation;
“Consecutive qualifying period” means each of the three qualifying periods successively following the qualifying period in which the new high-wage job was created;

“Division” means the West Virginia State Tax Division;

“Domicile” means the sole place where an individual has a true, fixed, permanent home. It is the place where the individual has a voluntary, fixed habitation of self and family with the intention of making a permanent home;

“Eligible employee” means an individual who is employed in West Virginia by an eligible employer, who is a resident of West Virginia, and 100 percent of the employee’s income from such employment is West Virginia income. “Eligible employee” does not include an individual who:

(1) Bears any of the relationships described in paragraphs (1) through (8) of 26 U.S.C. Section 152(a) to the employer or, if the employer is a corporation, to an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or, if the employer is an entity other than a corporation, to an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent of the capital and profits interest in the entity;

(2) If the employer is an estate or trust, is a grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust or is an individual who bears any of the relationships described in paragraphs (1) through (8) of 26 U.S.C. Section 152(a) to a grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust;

(3) Is a dependent, as that term is described in 26 U.S.C. Section 152(a)(9), of the employer or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, of an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent in value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or, if the employer is an entity other than a corporation, of an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent of the capital and profits interest in the entity or, if the employer is an estate or trust, of a grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust; or
(4) Is working or has worked as an employee or as an independent contractor for an entity that, directly or indirectly, owns stock in a corporation of the eligible employer or other interest of the eligible employer that represents 50 percent or more of the total voting power of that entity or has a value equal to 50 percent or more of the capital and profits interest in the entity;

“Eligible employer” means a person whether organized for profit or not, or headquarters of such entity registered to do business in West Virginia that is the owner or operator of a project facility, that offers health benefits to all full-time eligible employees and certifies that it pays at least 50 percent of such health benefit premiums.

“Health benefits” means coverage for basic hospital care, physician care, prescriptions, and shall be the same coverage as is provided to employees employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity by the employer who are exempt from the minimum wage and maximum hour requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the employer pays at least 50 percent of such insurance premiums.

“New high-wage job” means a new job created in West Virginia by an eligible employer on or after July 1, 2020, that is occupied for at least 48 weeks of a qualifying period by an eligible employee who is paid wages calculated for the qualifying period to be at least two and twenty-five hundredths times the state median salary;

“New job” means a job that is occupied by an employee who was not previously on the employer’s payroll in West Virginia, nor previously on the payroll of such employer’s parent entity, subsidiary, alter ego, or affiliate in West Virginia, or previously on the payroll of any business whose physical plant and employees are substantially the same as those of the employer in West Virginia in the three years prior to the date of hire. “New job” does not mean any job that is a result of job shifts due to the gain or loss of an in-state contract to supply goods and services, nor does it mean an employee who is retained following the acquisition of all or part of an in-state business by an employer;
“Qualifying period” means the period of 12 months beginning on the day an eligible employee begins working in a new high-wage job or the period of 12 months beginning on the anniversary of the day an eligible employee began working in a new high-wage job;

“Resident” means a natural person whose domicile is in West Virginia at the time of hire or within 180 days of the date of hire;

“Threshold job” means a job that is occupied for at least 44 weeks of a calendar year by an eligible employee and that meets the wage requirements for a “new high-wage job”; and

“Wages” means all compensation paid by an eligible employer to an eligible employee through the employer’s payroll system, including those wages that the employee elects to defer or redirect or the employee’s contribution to a 401(k) or cafeteria plan program, but “wages” does not include benefits or the employer’s share of payroll taxes, Social Security or Medicare contributions, federal or state unemployment insurance contributions, or workers’ compensation.

§11-13FF-3. High-wage growth business tax credit.

(a) The Development Office may authorize no more than $5 million of the tax credits allowed under this article during any fiscal year and the total amount of tax credit that may be awarded or used in any taxable year by any qualified taxpayer in combination with the owners of the qualified taxpayer may not exceed more than 10 percent of the salaries for the new direct jobs. Depending on the nature of the anticipated benefits to the state, the Development Office may establish a tax credit at a level less than the maximum. Nothing in this article entitles a qualified employer to receive a tax credit under this article and the Development Office has full discretion, subject to annual or ad hoc review, in determining whether and the amount to which to award a tax credit.

(b) A taxpayer that is an eligible employer seeking to obtain a tax credit shall make an application to the Development Office prior to the taxable year in which the eligible employer is seeking
the credit. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Development Office and shall contain such information as may be required by the Development Office to determine if the applicant is qualified. The application shall contain a sworn statement by a duly authorized officer of the employer listing the names of persons or other entities who have received or who will receive any payment or other consideration from the employer for the purpose of representing the employer in applying for or receiving the benefits provided for in this article and shall include a certificate of good standing from the State Tax Department.

(c) The employer shall certify that during the eligible employer’s tax year and that at the end of the eligible employer’s tax year it will meet or exceed all of the requirements established in §11-13FF-4 of this code;

(d) After the filing of an application by an eligible employer, the Development Office shall undertake an analysis and determine whether, the extent to which, and the conditions upon which an eligible employer may obtain a tax credit if it fulfills the commitments made in the eligible employer’s application. In considering whether to approve the eligible employer’s application for a tax credit, the Development Office shall consider the following factors:

(1) The significance of the eligible employer’s need for the tax credit;

(2) The amount of projected net fiscal benefit to the state of the project and the period in which the state would realize such net fiscal benefit;

(3) The overall size and quality of the proposed project, including the number of new jobs, proposed wages, growth potential of the qualified company, the potential multiplier effect of the project, and similar factors;

(4) The financial stability and creditworthiness of the eligible employer;

(5) The level of economic distress in the area;
(6) An evaluation of the competitiveness of alternative locations for the location of the eligible employer, as applicable;

(7) Whether other state incentives are available and have been awarded to the eligible employer; and

(8) The amount of local incentives committed.

(e) The Development Office may authorize the continued ability to receive the tax credit as long as the employer retains its eligibility by maintaining the number of new direct jobs in successive years, as provided under this article, not to exceed five years.

(f) A qualified employer that has qualified pursuant to this article is eligible to receive tax credits under this article only in accordance with the provisions under which it initially applied and was approved. If a qualified employer that is receiving tax credits and creates new direct jobs, it may apply for additional tax credits based on the new direct jobs anticipated from the expansion only, pursuant to this article.

§11-13FF-4. Obtaining tax credit following tax year.

(a) At the end of the approved employer’s tax year, the qualified employer may file an application to use the tax credits previously approved by the Development Office. The application shall contain a sworn statement by a duly authorized officer of the qualified employer concerning with respect to the employer’s fiscal year:

(1) That the eligible employer remained a qualified employer under the provisions of this article;

(2) The total number of and the gross payroll of the new direct jobs, with salary information provided by new direct job and that each new direct job was filled for at least 48 weeks during the tax year;

(3) That the employer had or maintained a net overall increase in employment statewide for each new direct job and the number
of such net overall increase of at least 10 new direct jobs, in the case where an employer has contracts covering multiple locations;

(4) That employees holding the new direct jobs:

(A) Were residents in the State of West Virginia;

(B) Were not previously on the employer’s payroll;

(C) Were not previously on the payroll of the employer’s parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate, alter ego, or previously on the payroll of the business whose physical plant and employees were substantially the same as those of the employer;

(D) Did not exist as of the date the employer filed the application for the tax credit;

(E) Were not jobs created as a result of job shifts due to the gain or loss of an in-state contract to supply goods and services;

(F) Were not jobs retained following the acquisition of all, or part of, an in-state business by the employer;

(5) That the employer has offered the health benefits to the eligible employees it employs in new direct jobs; and

(6) That the employer:

(A) Did not default on or otherwise not repay any loan or other obligation involving public funds;

(B) Has not declared bankruptcy under which an obligation of the employer to pay or repay public funds or moneys was discharged as part of such bankruptcy;

(C) Is not in default on any filing or payment with or to the state or any of its agencies or political subdivisions in which such assessment or judgment is final, not appealable, and remains outstanding.

(b) The division may request such additional information from the employer as may be necessary to determine whether the
application is correct and whether the qualified employer is eligible for the annual tax credit for that year, or may request that the qualified employer revise its application.

(c) The tax credits authorized in this article shall be authorized after the qualified employer has filed its application for annual tax credit at the end of the qualified employer’s tax year with the Development Office pursuant to this section, and the division has determined from the information submitted along with such application that the employer has fulfilled its obligations in original application.

(d) Upon approval of the application for use of the tax credit, the application shall be forwarded to the Department of Revenue. The eligible employer may then use such tax credit in filing its tax return.

(e) A new high-wage job is not eligible for a credit pursuant to this section for the initial qualifying period unless the eligible employer’s total number of employees with threshold jobs on the last day of the initial qualifying period at the location at which the job is performed or based is at least one more than the number of threshold jobs on the day prior to the date the new high-wage job was created. A new high-wage job is not eligible for a credit pursuant to this section for a consecutive qualifying period unless the total number of threshold jobs at a location at which the job is performed or based on the last day of that qualifying period is greater than or equal to the number of threshold jobs at that same location on the last day of the initial qualifying period for the new high-wage job.

(f) If a consecutive qualifying period for a new high-wage job does not meet the wage, occupancy and residency requirements, then the qualifying period is ineligible.

(g) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, a new high-wage job is not eligible for a credit pursuant to this section if:

(1) The new high-wage job is created due to a business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization;
(2) The eligible employee was terminated from employment in West Virginia by another employer involved in the business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization with the taxpayer; and

(3) The new high-wage job is performed by:

(A) The person who performed the job or its functional equivalent prior to the business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization; or

(B) A person replacing the person who performed the job or its functional equivalent prior to a business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization.

(h) A new high-wage job that was created by another employer and for which an application for the high-wage growth business tax credit was received and is under review by the division prior to the time of the business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization shall remain eligible for the high-wage growth business tax credit for the balance of the consecutive qualifying periods. The new employer that results from a business merger or acquisition or other change in business organization may only claim the high-wage growth business tax credit for the balance of the consecutive qualifying periods for which the new high-wage job is otherwise eligible.

(i) A new high-wage job is not eligible for a credit pursuant to this section if the job is created due to an eligible employer entering into a contract or becoming a subcontractor to a contract with a governmental entity that replaces one or more entities performing functionally equivalent services for the governmental entity unless the job is a new high-wage job that was not being performed by an employee of the replaced entity.

(j) A new high-wage job is not eligible for a credit pursuant to this section if the eligible employer has more than one business location in the state from which it conducts business and the requirements of subsection (e) of this section are satisfied solely by moving the job from one business location of the eligible employer
in this state to another business location of the eligible employer in the state.

(k) With respect to each annual application for a high-wage growth business tax credit, the employer shall certify and include:

(1) The responsibilities and amount of wages paid to each eligible employee in a new high-wage job during the qualifying period;

(2) The number of weeks each position was occupied during the qualifying period;

(3) Which qualifying period the application pertains to for each eligible employee;

(4) The total number of employees employed by the employer at the job location on the day prior to the qualifying period and on the last day of the qualifying period;

(5) The total number of threshold jobs performed or based at the eligible employer’s location on the day prior to the qualifying period and on the last day of the qualifying period;

(6) For an eligible employer that has more than one business location in the state from which it conducts business, the total number of threshold jobs performed or based at each business location of the eligible employer in the state on the day prior to the qualifying period and on the last day of the qualifying period;

(7) Whether the eligible employer has ceased business operations at any of its business locations in this state; and

(8) Whether the application is precluded by subsection (o) of this section.

(l) Any person who willfully submits a false, incorrect, or fraudulent certification required pursuant this section shall be subject to all applicable penalties under §11-9-1 et seq. and §11-10-1 et seq. of this code, except that the amount on which the
penalty is based shall be the total amount of credit requested on the
application for approval.

(m) Except as provided in subsection (o) of this section, an
approved high-wage growth business tax credit shall be claimed
against the taxpayer’s taxes imposed by §11-23-1 et seq., §11-24-
1 et seq., and §11-21-1 et seq. of this code, in that order, as
specified in this subsection:

(1) Business franchise tax. — The credit is first applied to
reduce the taxes imposed by §11-23-1 et seq. of this code for the
taxable year, determined after application of the credits against tax
provided in §11-23-17 of this code, but before application of any
other allowable credits against tax.

(2) Corporation net income taxes. — After application of
subdivision (1) of this subsection, any unused credit is next applied
to reduce the taxes imposed by §11-24-1 et seq. of this code for the
taxable year, determined before application of allowable credits
against tax.

(A) If the eligible taxpayer is a limited liability company, small
business corporation, or a partnership, then any unused credit after
application of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection is allowed
as a credit against the taxes imposed by §11-24-1 et seq. of this
code on owners of the eligible taxpayer on the conduit income
directly derived from the eligible taxpayer by its owners. Only
those portions of the tax imposed by §11-24-1 et seq. of this code
that are imposed on income directly derived by the owner from the
eligible taxpayer are subject to offset by this credit.

(B) Small business corporations, limited liability companies,
partnerships, and other unincorporated organizations shall allocate
the credit allowed by this section among their members in the same
manner as profits and losses are allocated for the taxable year.

(3) Personal income tax taxes. — After application of
subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, any unused credit is next
applied to reduce the taxes imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code
for the taxable year determined before application of allowable credits against tax of the eligible taxpayer.

(4) If the eligible taxpayer is a limited liability company, small business corporation, or a partnership, then any unused credit after application of subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection is allowed as a credit against the taxes imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code on owners of the eligible taxpayer on the conduit income directly derived from the eligible taxpayer by its owners. Only those portions of the tax imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code that are imposed on income directly derived by the owner from the eligible taxpayer are subject to offset by this credit.

(5) Small business corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and other unincorporated organizations shall allocate the credit allowed by this section among their members in the same manner as profits and losses are allocated for the taxable year.

(6) No credit is allowed under this section against any withholding tax imposed by, or payable under, §11-21-1 et seq. of this code.

(7) Unused credit carry forward. — Except to the extent excess credit is refunded as provided in subdivision (8) of this subsection, if the credit allowed under this article in any taxable year exceeds the sum of the taxes enumerated in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection for that taxable year, the eligible taxpayer and owners of eligible taxpayers described in subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection may apply the excess as a credit against those taxes, in the order and manner stated in this section, for succeeding taxable years until the earlier of the following:

(A) The full amount of the excess credit is used; or

(B) The expiration of the 10th taxable year after the taxable year in which the annual salaries for the new direct job was paid or incurred. Any credit remaining thereafter is forfeited.

(8) If the credit allowed under this section in any taxable year exceeds the sum of taxes enumerated in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection for that taxable year, the eligible
taxpayer and owners of the eligible taxpayers described in subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection may claim for that year the excess amount as a refundable credit, not to exceed $100,000 per taxpayer, including owners and the controlled group, if applicable.

(9) Tax credits provided under this section may not be transferred, sold, or assigned by filing a notarized endorsement thereof with the division that names the transferee, the amount of tax credit transferred, and the value received for the credit, as well as any other information reasonably requested by the division.

(n) If the taxpayer ceases business operations in this state while an application for credit approval is pending or after an application for credit has been approved for any qualifying period for a new high-wage job, the division may not grant an additional high-wage growth business tax credit to that taxpayer except as provided in subsection (m) of this section and shall extinguish any amount of credit approved for that taxpayer that has not already been claimed against the taxpayer’s modified combined tax liability.

(o) A taxpayer that has received a high-wage growth business tax credit may not submit a new application for the credit for a minimum of two calendar years from the closing date of the last qualifying period for which the taxpayer received the credit if the taxpayer lost eligibility to claim the credit from a previous application pursuant to subsection (m) of this section.

§11-13FF-5. Rules.

The division shall propose legislative rules implementing this article in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

ARTICLE 13GG. WEST VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TAX CREDIT ACT.

§11-13GG-1. Findings and Purpose.

The Legislature finds that it is an important public policy to encourage participation in volunteer fire fighting and emergency
response by providing tax credits for those who volunteer their time as a vital service to their community.


As used in this article:

“Active member” means an individual that performs the function of fire prevention and suppression, or vehicle and machinery extrications, hazardous materials response and mitigation, technical rescue, emergency medical services, and any other duties that a specialized support member may provide when responding to emergency situations;

“Activities” means responses to emergencies, monthly or quarterly meetings, fund raising activities, and fire department management;

“Chief” means the highest-ranking fire line officer in charge of a volunteer fire department;

“Commission” means the West Virginia State Fire Commission;

“Volunteer fire department” means a volunteer fire department in this state, certified and regulated by the commission, and lawfully formed under §8-15-1 et seq. of this code;

“Volunteer firefighter” means a West Virginia taxpayer who is an active member of a volunteer fire department.

§11-13GG-3. Amount of credit; limitation of credit.

(a) There is allowed to eligible volunteer firefighters in this state a nonrefundable credit against taxes imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code in the amount set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The amount of the credit is $1,000 during a taxable year or the total amount of tax imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code in the year of active membership, whichever is less. If both taxpayers filing a joint tax return are eligible for the credit authorized by this
article, the amount of the credit is $2,000, or $1,000 for each eligible taxpayer, during a taxable year or the total amount of tax imposed by §11-21-1 et seq. of this code in the year of active membership, whichever is less.

(c) If the amount of the credit authorized by this article is unused in any tax year, it may not be applied to any other tax year.

§11-13GG-4. Qualification for credit.

(a) To be an eligible volunteer firefighter under §11-13GG-3 of this code, he or she shall obtain certification from the chief of the volunteer fire department to demonstrate the following:

(1) The volunteer firefighter has been an active member in good standing of the volunteer fire department for the entire year; or

(2) Has been an active member in good standing of the volunteer fire department and another volunteer fire department of this state for the entire year; and

(3) Has participated as an active member as defined in §11-13GG-3 of this code on-site at at least 30 percent of the volunteer fire department activities during the year; and

(4) Has met or exceeded all certification and training for active member firefighters required under the laws of this state.

(b) The certification from the chief of the volunteer firefighter department shall demonstrate, at a minimum:

(1) The rank or position of the volunteer firefighter;

(2) The years of service for the volunteer firefighter;

(3) The number of emergency situations the volunteer firefighter responded in the year of active membership; and

(4) The number of meetings or training attended by the volunteer firefighter in the year of active membership.
(c) To claim the tax credit, a volunteer firefighter shall submit the certification from the chief of the volunteer fire department to the Tax Commissioner.

§11-13GG-5. Legislative rules.

(a) The Tax Commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provision of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

(b) The commission may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

§11-13GG-6. Tax credit review report.

Beginning on the first day of the second taxable year after the passage of this article and every two years thereafter, the commission shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates a tax credit review and accountability report evaluating the cost effectiveness of the tax credit and donations during the most recent two-year period for which information is available.

§11-13GG-7. Effective date.

The credit allowed by this article shall be allowed for qualifying volunteer firefighters after December 31, 2022.”;

And,

That both houses recede from their positions as to the title of the bill and agree to the same as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4558—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-10-14a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13FF-1, §11-13FF-2, §11-13FF-3, §11-13FF-4 and §11-13FF-5; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13-GG-1, §11-13GG-2, §11-13GG-3, §11-
Sections 13GG-4, §11-13GG-5, §11-13GG-6 and §11-13GG-7, all relating generally to taxation; creating various deductions, exemptions and credits, relating to allowing certain deductions to be made from individual personal income tax refunds for specified purpose; providing check-off for nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in the West Virginia Veterans Home; providing check-off for purposes of operating and maintaining the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery; creating the High-Wage Growth Business Tax Credit Act; defining terms; allowing no more than $5 million in tax credits from the Development Office; setting out an application process; providing for factors to be considered in granting the application; setting out eligibility requirements; creating a personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters in West Virginia; providing findings and purpose; providing definitions; providing nonrefundable tax credit for a volunteer firefighter against personal income tax in a taxable year; providing for a tax credit limitation of $1,000 for a single person; providing for a tax credit limitation of $2,000 for persons filing tax returns jointly under certain conditions; providing that the tax credit for volunteer firefighters must be used in the taxable year and cannot be carried forward; providing for documentation of eligibility for the tax credit; providing requirements for the documentation evidencing eligibility for the tax credit; providing that documentation must be sent to the Tax Commissioner; providing for reporting at certain time; providing for rule-making authority; and providing an effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Criss (Chair), Zack Maynard, Jason Barrett, Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.

Dave Sypolt (Chair), Ryan W. Weld, Corey Palumbo, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Senator Sypolt, Senate cochair of the committee of conference, was recognized to explain the report.

Thereafter, on motion of Senator Sypolt, the report was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.
Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4558, as amended by the conference report, was then put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being “Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4558 pass?”

On the passage of the bill, as amended, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4558) passed with its conference amended title.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 11:32 p.m., the Senate recessed.

The Senate reconvened at 11:45 p.m. and resumed business under the third order.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the adoption by that body of the committee of conference report, passage as amended by the conference report with its conference amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the adoption thereof, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4388**, Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner’s authority to restrict advertising.
Whereupon, Senator Takubo, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4388, Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner’s authority to restrict advertising.

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendment of the Senate to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4388 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the amendment of the Senate, striking out everything after the enacting clause, and agree to the same as follows:

ARTICLE 16. NONINTOXICATING BEER.

§11-16-2. Declaration of legislative findings, policy and intent; construction.

It is hereby found by the Legislature and declared to be the policy of this state that it is in the public interest to regulate and control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, storage, and consumption of the beverages regulated by this article within this state and that, therefore, the provisions of this article are a necessary, proper, and valid exercise of the police powers of this state and are intended for the protection of the public safety, welfare, health, peace and morals and are further intended to eliminate, or to minimize to the extent practicable, the evils attendant to the unregulated, unlicensed, and unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, storage, and consumption of such beverages and are further intended to promote temperance in the use and consumption thereof. The Legislature further finds and declares that advertising is essential to the growth of business and job promotion within the state. In order to further these ends, the provisions of this article and of the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, shall be construed so
that the accomplishment of these stated purposes may be effectuated.

§11-16-18. Unlawful acts of licensees; criminal penalties.

(a) It is unlawful:

(1) For any licensee, his, her, its, or their servants, agents, or employees to sell, give, or dispense, or any individual to drink or consume, in or on any licensed premises or in any rooms directly connected, nonintoxicating beer or cooler on weekdays between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., or between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., or a Class A retail dealer to sell nonintoxicating beer for on-premises consumption only between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in any county upon approval as provided for in §7-1-3ss of this code, on any Sunday, except in private clubs licensed under the provisions of §60-7-1 et seq. of this code, where the hours shall conform with the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors;

(2) For any licensee, his, her, its, or their servants, agents, or employees to sell, furnish, or give any nonintoxicating beer, as defined in this article, to any person visibly or noticeably intoxicated or to any person known to be insane or known to be a habitual drunkard;

(3) For any licensee, his, her, its, or their servants, agents, or employees to sell, furnish, or give any nonintoxicating beer as defined in this article to any person who is less than 21 years of age;

(4) For any distributor to sell or offer to sell, or any retailer to purchase or receive, any nonintoxicating beer as defined in this article, except for cash and a right of action shall not exist to collect any claims for credit extended contrary to the provisions of this subdivision. Nothing herein contained in this section prohibits a licensee from crediting to a purchaser the actual price charged for packages or containers returned by the original purchaser as a credit on any sale, or from refunding to any purchaser the amount paid or deposited for the containers when title is retained by the
vendor: Provided, That a distributor may accept an electronic transfer of funds if the transfer of funds is initiated by an irrevocable payment order on the invoiced amount for the nonintoxicating beer. The cost of the electronic fund transfer shall be borne by the retailer and the distributor shall initiate the transfer no later than noon of one business day after the delivery;

(5) For any brewer or distributor or brew-pub or his, her, its or their agents to transport or deliver nonintoxicating beer as defined in this article to any retail licensee on Sunday;

(6) For any brewer or distributor to give, furnish, rent, or sell any equipment, fixtures, signs, supplies, or services directly or indirectly or through a subsidiary or affiliate to any licensee engaged in selling products of the brewing industry at retail or to offer any prize, premium, gift, or other similar inducement, except advertising matter, including indoor electronic or mechanical signs, of nominal value up to $25.00 per stock keeping unit, to either trade or consumer buyers: Provided, That a distributor may offer, for sale or rent, tanks of carbonic gas: Provided however, That, in the interest of public health and safety, a distributor may, independently or through a subsidiary or affiliate, furnish, sell, install, or maintain draught line equipment, supplies, and cleaning services to a licensed retailer so long as the furnishing or sale of draught line services may be negotiated at no less than direct cost: Provided further, That a distributor may furnish, rent, or sell equipment, fixtures, signs, services, or supplies directly or indirectly or through a subsidiary or affiliate to any licensee engaged in selling products of the brewing industry at retail under the conditions and within the limitations as prescribed herein. Nothing contained in this section prohibits a brewer from sponsoring any professional or amateur athletic event or from providing prizes or awards for participants and winners in any events: Provided, however, That no event shall be sponsored which permits actual participation by athletes or other persons who are minors, unless specifically authorized by the commissioner.

(5) For any brewer or distributor to sponsor any professional or amateur athletic event or provide prizes or awards for participants and winners when a majority of the athletes
participating in the event are minors, unless specifically authorized by the commissioner;

(6) (7) For any retail licensee to sell or dispense nonintoxicating beer through draught lines where the draught lines have not been cleaned at least every two weeks in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner, and where written records of all cleanings are not maintained and available for inspection;

(7) (8) For any licensee to permit in his or her premises any lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment, conduct, or practice;

(8) (9) For any licensee except the holder of a license to operate a private club issued under the provisions of §60-7-1 et seq. of this code or a holder of a license or a private wine restaurant issued under the provisions of §60-8-1 et seq. of this code to possess a federal license, tax receipt, or other permit entitling, authorizing, or allowing the licensee to sell liquor or alcoholic drinks other than nonintoxicating beer;

(9) (10) For any licensee to obstruct the view of the interior of his or her premises by enclosure, lattice, drapes, or any means which would prevent plain view of the patrons occupying the premises. The interior of all licensed premises shall be adequately lighted at all times: Provided, That provisions of this subdivision do not apply to the premises of a Class B retailer, the premises of a private club licensed under the provisions of §60-7-1 et seq. of this code, or the premises of a private wine restaurant licensed under the provisions of §60-8-1 et seq. of this code;

(10) (11) For any licensee to manufacture, import, sell, trade, barter, possess, or acquiesce in the sale, possession, or consumption of any alcoholic liquors on the premises covered by a license or on premises directly or indirectly used in connection with it: Provided, That the prohibition contained in this subdivision with respect to the selling or possessing or to the acquiescence in the sale, possession, or consumption of alcoholic liquors is not applicable with respect to the holder of a license to operate a private club issued under the provisions of §60-7-1 et seq. of this code nor shall the prohibition be applicable to a private wine restaurant
licensed under the provisions of §60-8-1 et seq. of this code insofar as the private wine restaurant is authorized to serve wine;

(14) (12) For any retail licensee to sell or dispense nonintoxicating beer, as defined in this article, purchased, or acquired from any source other than a distributor, brewer, or manufacturer licensed under the laws of this state;

(12) (13) For any licensee to permit loud, boisterous, or disorderly conduct of any kind upon his or her premises or to permit the use of loud musical instruments if either or any of the same may disturb the peace and quietude of the community where the business is located: Provided, That a licensee may have speaker systems for outside broadcasting as long as the noise levels do not create a public nuisance or violate local noise ordinances;

(13) (14) For any person whose license has been revoked, as provided in this article, to obtain employment with any retailer within the period of one year from the date of the revocation, or for any retailer to knowingly employ that person within the specified time;

(14) (15) For any distributor to sell, possess for sale, transport, or distribute nonintoxicating beer except in the original container;

(15) (16) For any licensee to knowingly permit any act to be done upon the licensed premises, the commission of which constitutes a crime under the laws of this state;

(16) (17) For any Class B retailer to permit the consumption of nonintoxicating beer upon his or her licensed premises;

(17) (18) For any Class A licensee, his, her, its, or their servants, agents, or employees, or for any licensee by or through any servants, agents, or employees, to allow, suffer, or permit any person less than 18 years of age to loiter in or upon any licensed premises; except, however, that the provisions of this subdivision do not apply where a person under the age of 18 years is in or upon the premises in the immediate company of his or her parent or parents, or where and while a person under the age of 18 years is in or upon the premises for the purpose of and actually making a
lawful purchase of any items or commodities sold, or for the purchase of and actually receiving any lawful service rendered in the licensed premises, including the consumption of any item of food, drink, or soft drink lawfully prepared and served or sold for consumption on the premises;

(18) (19) For any distributor to sell, offer for sale, distribute, or deliver any nonintoxicating beer outside the territory assigned to any distributor by the brewer or manufacturer of nonintoxicating beer or to sell, offer for sale, distribute, or deliver nonintoxicating beer to any retailer whose principal place of business or licensed premises is within the assigned territory of another distributor of the nonintoxicating beer: Provided, That nothing in this section is considered to prohibit sales of convenience between distributors licensed in this state where one distributor sells, transfers, or delivers to another distributor a particular brand or brands for sale at wholesale; and

(19) (20) For any licensee or any agent, servant, or employee of any licensee to knowingly violate any rule lawfully promulgated by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of chapter 29A of this code.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this article, including, but not limited to, any provision of this section, or any rule, or order lawfully promulgated by the commissioner, or who makes any false statement concerning any material fact in submitting an application for a license or for a renewal of a license or in any hearing concerning the revocation of a license, or who commits any of the acts in this section declared to be unlawful is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than $25, nor more than $500, or confined in the county or regional jail for not less than 30 days nor more than six months, or by both fine and confinement. Magistrates have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court and any other courts having criminal jurisdiction in their county for the trial of all misdemeanors arising under this article.

(c) (1) A Class B licensee that:
(A) Has installed a transaction scan device on its licensed
premises; and

(B) Can demonstrate that it requires each employee, servant, or
agent to verify the age of any individual to whom nonintoxicating
beer is sold, furnished, or given away by the use of the transaction
device may not be subject to: (i) Any criminal penalties
whatsoever, including those set forth in subsection (b) of this
section; (ii) any administrative penalties from the commissioner; or
(iii) any civil liability whatsoever for the improper sale, furnishing,
or giving away of nonintoxicating beer to an individual who is less
than 21 years of age by one of his or her employees, servants, or
agents. Any agent, servant, or employee who has improperly sold,
furnished, or given away nonintoxicating beer to an individual less
than 21 years of age is subject to the criminal penalties of
subsection (b) of this section. Any agent, servant, or employee who
has improperly sold, furnished, or given away nonintoxicating beer
to an individual less than 21 years of age is subject to termination
from employment, and the employer shall have no civil liability for
the termination.

(2) For purposes of this section, a Class B licensee can
demonstrate that it requires each employee, servant, or agent to
verify the age of any individual to whom nonintoxicating beer is
sold by providing evidence: (A) That it has developed a written
policy which requires each employee, servant, or agent to
verify the age of each individual to whom nonintoxicating beer will be
sold, furnished, or given away; (B) that it has communicated this
policy to each employee, servant, or agent; and (C) that it monitors
the actions of its employees, servants, or agents regarding the sale,
furnishing, or giving away of nonintoxicating beer and that it has
taken corrective action for any discovered noncompliance with this
policy.

(3) “Transaction scan” means the process by which a person
checks, by means of a transaction scan device, the age and identity
of the cardholder, and “transaction scan device” means any
commercial device or combination of devices used at a point of sale
that is capable of deciphering in an electronically readable format
the information enclosed on the magnetic strip or bar code of a driver’s license or other governmental identity card.

(d) Nothing in this article nor any rule or regulation of the commissioner shall prevent or be considered to prohibit any licensee from employing any person who is at least 18 years of age to serve in the licensee’s lawful employ, including the sale or delivery of nonintoxicating beer as defined in this article. With the prior approval of the commissioner, a licensee whose principal business is the sale of food or consumer goods, or the providing of recreational activities, including, but not limited to, nationally franchised fast food outlets, family oriented restaurants, bowling alleys, drug stores, discount stores, grocery stores, and convenience stores, may employ persons who are less than 18 years of age but at least 16 years of age: Provided, That the person’s duties may not include the sale or delivery of nonintoxicating beer or alcoholic liquors: Provided, however, That the authorization to employ persons under the age of 18 years shall be clearly indicated on the licensee’s license.

§11-16-22. Powers of the commissioner; rules, or orders.

(a) In addition to all other powers conferred upon the commissioner and in order to effectively carry out the provisions, intent and purposes of this article, the commissioner shall have the power and authority to adopt, promulgate, repeal, rescind and amend, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 29A of this code, rules, standards, requirements and orders, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Prescribing records and accounts, pertaining to the manufacture, distribution and sales of nonintoxicating beer, to be kept by the licensee and the form thereof;

(2) Requiring the reporting of such information by licensees as may be necessary for the effective administration of this article;

(3) Regulating the branding and labeling of packages, bottles or other containers in which nonintoxicating beer may be sold; and,
in his or her discretion, requiring the collection of all taxes provided for under §11-16-13 of this code;

(4) Prohibiting shipment into the state and sale within the state of low grade or under-standard nonintoxicating beer;

(5) Referring to licenses and the issuance and revocation of the same;

(6) Establishing the suitability of businesses and locations for licensure, and requiring licensees to keep their places of business where nonintoxicating beer is sold at retail, and the equipment used in connection therewith, clean and in a sanitary condition;

(7) The establishment of advertising guidelines, prohibitions and prior permissions generally, including, but not limited to, (i) the use of posters, placards, mirrors, windows, doors or indoor and outdoor signs generally, and print and electronic advertising of retail licensees specifically, (ii) the sponsoring of athletic events or contests by licensees and restrictions relating thereto, (iii) the use of equipment, fixtures or supplies in advertising, (iv) false advertising with respect to any product of or sold by any licensee, including, but not limited to, draft beer and coolers and (v) the extent, if any, to which free goods and other inducements may be utilized by any licensee. Restricting the content of advertising so as to prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive claims, depictions or descriptions of nonintoxicating beer being consumed irresponsibly or intemperately, or advertising presentations designed to appeal to persons below the legal drinking age: Provided, That the commissioner may not promulgate any rule which prohibits the advertising of a particular brand or brands of nonintoxicating beer and the price thereof, which restricts or prohibits:

(A) The advertising medium or equipment used; or

(B) Signage except for exterior signage governed by §17-22-1 et seq. of this code.

(8) Wholesale prices or price changes, including, but not limited to, the regulation and extent, if any, of any temporary price markoff or markdown, temporary wholesale price change
downward or price discount, sometimes referred to as “post downs” or as “posting down” or any other price change, the express purpose of which is to put into effect a temporary price reduction, as well as the duration of time during which such temporary price reduction is to remain in effect;

(9) Restrictions upon West Virginia distributors or other licensees with respect to the purchase of any nonintoxicating beer or malt coolers from manufacturers or brewers whether within or without the state who have failed to qualify for manufacture or shipment of any such product in the state; and

(10) Regulating, restricting or prohibiting a distributor from selling, offering for sale, distributing or delivering nonintoxicating beer to any retailer whose principal place of business, residence or licensed premises is located without or beyond the assigned territory of such distributor of such nonintoxicating beer.

(b) Any rule or order heretofore adopted by the commissioner and currently in effect upon the convening of the regular session of the Legislature held in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-six shall remain in effect until changed by the commissioner in the manner prescribed by article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, irrespective of whether specific authority for such currently effective rule existed prior to such date.

CHAPTER 60. STATE CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

ARTICLE 2. ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSIONER.

§60-2-15. Regulation of advertising.

The commission shall prescribe regulations governing the advertising of alcoholic liquors in this state. The regulations shall only prohibit advertising that encourages intemperance, induces minors to purchase, or tends to deceive or misrepresent.
ARTICLE 8. SALE OF WINES.

§60-8-23. Duties and powers of commissioner; rules.

(a) The commissioner is authorized:

(1) To enforce the provisions of this article.

(2) To enter the premises of any licensee at reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting the premises and determining the compliance of the licensee with the provisions of this article and any rules promulgated by the commissioner.

(3) In addition to rules relating to the tax imposed by §60-8-4 of this code or otherwise authorized by this article, to promulgate reasonable rules as he or she deems necessary for the execution and enforcement of the provisions of this article, which may include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) The transport, use, handling, service and sale of wine;

(B) Establishing standards of identity, quality and purity to protect the public against wine containing deleterious, harmful or impure substances or elements and against spurious or imitation wines and wines unfit for human consumption; and

(C) Restricting the content of wine advertising so as to prohibit false or misleading claims, or depictions or descriptions of wine being consumed irresponsibly or immoderately, or advertising presentations designed to appeal to persons below the legal drinking age: Provided, That the commissioner shall not promulgate any rule which prohibits the advertising of a particular brand or brands of wine and the price thereof, or which prohibits or restricts the advertising medium used: Provided, however, That price shall not be advertised in a medium of electronic communication subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission.

(4) To issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum for the purpose of conducting hearings under the provisions of §60-8-12 of this code, which subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum shall be
issued in the time, for the fees, and shall be enforced in the manner specified in §29A-5-1 of this code with like effect as if said section was set forth in extenso in this subdivision.

(b) The authority granted in this subsection and subsections (a) and (d) of this section may also be exercised by the duly authorized or designated agents of the commissioner.

(c) Except as may be in this article to the contrary, the commissioner shall not have authority by rule or otherwise to regulate markups, prices, discounts, allowances or other terms of sale at which wine may be purchased or sold by wine distributors or licensees authorized to sell wine at retail but nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize or permit any discriminatory practice prohibited by §60-8-31(a), of this code or any other discriminatory practice.

(d) All rules promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to this article shall be so promulgated in accordance with the provisions of chapter 29A of this code. The rules promulgated pursuant to the prior enactment of this article and not disapproved by the Legislature shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that such rules are not abrogated and made null and void by the reenactment of the sections of this article during the regular session of the Legislature for 1986. Any rule which is inconsistent or contrary in any way to any provision of this article now or hereafter enacted are null and void.;

And,

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the title of the bill and agree to the same as follows:

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4388—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-16-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §11-16-18 and §11-16-22 of said code; to amend and reenact §60-2-15 of said code; to amend and reenact §60-8-23 of said code, all relating to removing restrictions on advertising, adding legislative findings; permitting equipment, fixtures, signs, services, and supplies by licensees; establishing
furnishing, selling, installing, or maintaining draught line equipment, supplies, and cleaning services to a licensed retailer; modifying restriction on brewers or distributors from sponsoring athletic events where majority of the athletes are minors; providing for cleaning of draught lines; providing for record keeping for draught line cleaning; modifying restrictions on equipment, fixtures, signs, and supplies; prohibiting for restricting false, misleading, or deceptive advertisement; prohibiting commissioner from restricting advertising media; and clarifying that exterior signs are governed by the Division of Highways.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary G. Howell (Chair), Carl Martin, Margaret Anne Staggers, Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.

Tom Takubo (Chair), Patricia Puertas Rucker, Michael J. Romano, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motions of Senator Rucker, severally made, the report of the committee of conference was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4388, as amended by the conference report, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, as amended, the yeas were: Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld, Woelfel, and Carmichael (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Maroney—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 4388) passed with its conference amended title.
Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

At the request of Senator Blair, and by unanimous consent, Senator Blair addressed the Senate thanking members and staff for the help they provided to him during this legislative session after he sustained injuries in an auto accident.

The Senate again proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Clements, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 7**, US Army PFC Clifford O. Eckard Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 13**, Ira “Noon” Copley and Marie Copley Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 16**, Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 18**, William “Bill” Thurman King Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 20**, US Senator Joseph Rosier Memorial Highway.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 22**, George M. Hall Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 24**, Fire Chief Lee Thomas Memorial Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 28**, Curtis “Pap” and Millie “Mammie” Asbury Bridge.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 30**, Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge.
Senate Concurrent Resolution 44, Naming portion of road in Wayne County “In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please Keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free”.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, US Army PFC Ronald Lee Berry Memorial Bridge.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 52, Haynie Family Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, Frye Brothers Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 2, Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of WV 3 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

House Concurrent Resolution 6, Clarence Watson Meadows Memorial Boulevard.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 10, Robert ‘Glen’ Schoonover Memorial Bridge.


Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 15, Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins Bridge.


Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 21, U. S. Army Specialist, Four, Franklin D. Ashley II Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 27, U. S. Army PFC Thomas Howard Wills, Jr. Memorial Bridge.


House Concurrent Resolution 35, U.S. Navy BT 2nd Wade E. Burnside Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 40, The Hall Brothers Veterans Bridge.


Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 42, PFC David Henry Shifflet Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 47, U. S. Army Air Corps SSGT Charles Dexter Duncan Memorial Road.

House Concurrent Resolution 51, Gunsmiths Trace.

House Concurrent Resolution 52, U. S. Army PFC Paul Eugene Gregg Memorial Bridge.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 54, PFC Marvin K. “Sonny” Sherman Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 55, Pendleton County Veterans Killed in Action Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 60, U. S. Army PFC Teddy Ray Chandler Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 63, Sharp Military Brothers Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 64, U. S. Army SP5 Benny Ray Snodgrass Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 67, First Lieutenant Fred Omar Pratt Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 68, Kidd Brothers Veterans Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 79, U. S. Army Nurses Corps CPT Nancy Margret Kiess Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 80, U. S. Army Major Michael Alphonse Rafferty Memorial Bridge.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 82, Naming a portion of Buffalo Creek Road, In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free.

House Concurrent Resolution 88, Johnnie Bryant Moore Memorial Bridge.

Com. Sub. for House Concurrent Resolution 90, Wood Brothers Memorial Bridge.

House Concurrent Resolution 91, Caldwell Brothers Memorial Road.

House Concurrent Resolution 92, Mayor Abraham E. Huddleston Memorial Bridge.


House Concurrent Resolution 103, French & Indian War Veterans Memorial Bridge.

And,

House Concurrent Resolution 122, Eustice Frederick Memorial Road.
And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Clements,
Chair.

At the request of Senator Clements, unanimous consent being granted, the resolutions (S. C. R. 7, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30, 44, 48, 52, and 57, and H. C. R. 2, 6, 11, 27, 35, 40, 47, 51, 52, 55, 60, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 79, 80, 88, 91, 92, 99, 103, and 122, and Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 10, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 30, 41, 42, 54, 82, and 90) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure were taken up for immediate consideration and considered simultaneously.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions, the same was put and prevailed.

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

At the request of Senator Stollings, and by unanimous consent, Senator Stollings addressed the Senate regarding bills relating to public health passing the Legislature this session.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the remarks by Senator Stollings were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

At request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, Senator Takubo addressed the Senate commending the Senate staff.

Without objection, the Senate returned to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments
to the House of Delegates amendments to, and the passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended, to take effect from passage, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect July 1, 2020, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect January 1, 2021, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of the
committee of conference report, passage as amended by the conference report, to take effect July 1, 2020, as to


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. Senate Bill 562**, Expunging certain criminal convictions.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 575**, Designating local fire department as safe-surrender site to accept physical custody of certain children from lawful custodian.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect from passage, of

**Eng. Senate Bill 723**, Requiring Department of Education develop plan based on analyzed data on school discipline.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment
to the House of Delegates amendment to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect from passage, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to the House of Delegates amendments to, and the passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had receded from its amendments to, and the passage as amended by deletion, of

**Eng. Senate Bill 851**, Requiring Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction propose rule in coordination with law enforcement and certain medical boards.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of


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**Senate Concurrent Resolution 6**, Walter E. Swiger, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Com. Sub. for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8**, US Army 1LT Harold H. Frazier Memorial Bridge.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 9,** US Army SSG Nick P. Markos Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 10,** Requesting study of current WV laws relating to anti-bullying measures in schools.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 12,** US Army PFC Gary Alcott Birkhimer Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 15,** Kaylee Grace Whetzel Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 17,** USMC PFC Manuel P. Markos Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Com. Sub. for Senate Concurrent Resolution 19,** USMC LCpl Fred Michael Kerns Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 25,** Requesting study on impact of future electromagnetic pulse catastrophe.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 32,** US Marine Corps PFC James R. “Johnny” Corder Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 33,** US Air Force MSGT Dvon Duncan Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 34,** US Army CPL Dane Hampton Hamric Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 35,** Veterans Memorial Drive.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 36,** Shafer Brothers US Military Veterans Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 39,** US Navy PO1 Jeffrey S. Taylor Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 42,** US Army CPL Richard “Warren” Ellison Memorial Bridge.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 43,** US Army 1LT Fred Omar Pratt Memorial Bridge.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 46,** Requesting DEP and DHHR propose public source-water supply study plan.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the adoption of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 59,** Rachel Hershey Smith Memorial Shelter.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2419,** Relating to the authorization to release a defendant or a person arrested upon his or her own recognizance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961,** Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3098**, Allowing the same business owner to brew and sell beer to also distill and sell liquor.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


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**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4020**, Removing authority of municipalities to require occupational licensure if licensure for the occupation is required by the state.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced that that body had receded from its amendments to the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended by deletion, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4123**, Clarifying that 911 telecommunication workers are included in the definition of those individuals who perform “emergency services” during a disaster.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. House Bill 4161**, Making it illegal to scleral tattoo a person.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 4178**, Requiring calls which are recorded be maintained for a period of five years.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended, to take effect July 1, 2020, of
Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4363, Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4395, Removing the requirement that a veterinarian access and report to the controlled substance monitoring database.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amended title, passage as amended, of

Eng. House Bill 4406, Relating to the reproduction of checks and other records.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4439, Clarifying the method for calculating the amount of severance tax attributable to the increase in coal production.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


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A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4557**, Relating to centers and institutions that provide the care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. House Bill 4607, Authorizing the operation of mobile shops for hair, nail, cosmetology, and aesthetics services.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


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A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4619, Approving plans proposed by electric utilities to install middle-mile broadband fiber.
A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4666**, Relating to competitive bids for intergovernmental relations and urban mass transportation.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 4697**, Removing the restriction that a mini-distillery use raw agricultural products originating on the same premises.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 4715**, Authorizing municipalities to take action to grant certain fire department employees limited power of arrest.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of


A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of
Eng. House Bill 4749, Providing more efficient application processes for private investigators, security guards, and firms.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

Eng. House Bill 4797, Authorizing municipalities to enact ordinances that allow the municipal court to place a structure, dwelling or building into receivership.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amended title, passage as amended, of

Eng. House Bill 4804, Relating to comprehensive systems of support for teacher and leader induction and professional growth.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4852, Relating to the penalties for the manufacture, delivery, possession, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver methamphetamine.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 4946, Eliminating the requirement that municipal police civil service commissions certify a list of three individuals for every position vacancy.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect July 1, 2020, of
Eng. House Bill 4958, Relating to eliminating the ability of a person’s driver license to be suspended for failure to pay court fines and costs.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senator was removed as a co-sponsor of the following bill:


Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following resolutions:

Senate Resolution 72: Senators Jeffries, Lindsay, and Unger;

Senate Resolution 73: Senators Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, Baldwin, Cline, Rucker, and Unger;

And,

Senate Resolution 74: Senator Cline.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the sixth order of business.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, Senator Takubo offered the following pre-adjournment resolution from the floor:

Senate Resolution 79—Raising a committee to notify the House of Delegates the Senate is ready to adjourn sine die.

Resolved by the Senate:

That the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three to notify the House of Delegates that the Senate has completed its labors and is ready to adjourn sine die.
At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Senator Carmichael (Mr. President), under the provisions of the foregoing resolution, appointed the following committee to notify the House of Delegates of impending Senate adjournment:

Senators Hamilton, Smith, and Baldwin.

At the request of Senator Takubo, and by unanimous consent, Senator Takubo then offered the following resolution from the floor:

**Senate Resolution 80**—Raising a committee to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Legislature is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

*Resolved by the Senate:*

That the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three to join with a similar committee of the House of Delegates to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Legislature has completed its labors and is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, the resolution was taken up for immediate consideration, reference to a committee dispensed with, and adopted.

Under the provisions of the foregoing resolution, Senator Carmichael (Mr. President) appointed the following committee to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Senate is ready to adjourn:

Senators Mann, Sypolt, and Palumbo.

Thereafter, the President recognized the presence of a three-member delegation from the House of Delegates, namely:

Delegates Nelson, P. Martin, and Campbell, who announced that that body had completed its labors and was ready to adjourn *sine die*. 
The President then acknowledged another delegation from the House of Delegates, consisting of

Delegates Jennings, Phillips, and Byrd, who announced that they had been appointed by that body to join with the similar committee named by the Senate to wait upon His Excellency and were ready to proceed with its assignment.

Senators Mann, Sypolt, and Palumbo, comprising the Senate committee, then joined with the House committee and proceeded to the executive offices to notify His Excellency, the Governor, of imminent legislative adjournment, and receive any message he might desire to transmit to the members of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Maynard, the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills was directed after it has examined, found truly enrolled and presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, bills passed but not presented to him prior to adjournment of the regular sixty-day session of the Legislature, to file its reports with the Clerk of bills so enrolled, showing the date such bills were presented to the Governor; said reports to be included in the final Journal, together with Governor’s action on said bills.

In accordance with the foregoing motion, the following reports of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills were filed as follows:

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 10th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(S. B. 202), Allowing one member of PSD board to be county commissioner.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 241), Requiring State Board of Education develop method for student transportation costs as stand-alone consideration.
(S. B. 281), Removing residency requirement for persons applying for reappointment to municipal police dept.

(S. B. 523), Extending deadline for municipalities to offer Social Security coverage to certain municipal retirement system members.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 534), Removing workers’ compensation exclusion for temporary legislative employees.

(S. B. 552), Requiring contracts of $25,000 or more be competitively bid.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 571), Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to various accounts.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 586), Reorganizing and re-designating Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as Department of Homeland Security.

(S. B. 652), Authorizing School Building Authority promulgate legislative rules.

(S. B. 703), Increasing earning limit for employees who accept separation incentive.

(S. B. 712), Correcting name of Forensic Analysis Laboratory.

(S. B. 725), Supplemental appropriation to various Department of Education accounts.

(S. B. 734), Clarifying powers and duties of DOH in acquiring property for state road purposes.

(S. B. 778), Supplemental appropriation expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to DHHR.

(S. B. 779), Supplemental appropriation expiring funds in State Excess Lottery Revenue to Department of Veterans’ Assistance.

And,
(S. B. 780), Supplemental appropriation by decreasing and adding new appropriation out of Treasury to DMAPS.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 11th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 150), Budget Bill.

(S. B. 569), Expiring funds from various accounts to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 570), Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund.

(S. B. 572), Expiring funds from General Revenue and Lottery Net Profits to various accounts.

(S. B. 803), Supplemental appropriation of money out of General Revenue Fund to DHHR.

(S. B. 804), Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to PSC, Consumer Advocate Fund.

(S. B. 805), Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to WV Commuter Rail Access Fund.

(S. B. 806), Supplemental appropriation out of federal funds in Treasury to DOT.
(S. B. 812), Supplemental appropriation from Lottery Net Profits to Bureau of Senior Services.

(S. B. 843), Supplemental appropriation of funds from Treasury to DHHR Energy Assistance Fund.

(S. B. 844), Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR Birth-to-Three Fund.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 845), Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR, Division of Human Services.

(S. B. 852), Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to Department of Education, School Building Fund.

And,

(S. B. 853), Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to Department of Education, School Building Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 12th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 240), Requiring hotels and restaurants secure manhole covers of certain grease traps.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 339), Authorizing DHHR promulgate legislative rules.
(Com. Sub. for S. B. 472), Providing alternative sentencing program for work release.


(Com. Sub. for S. B. 614), Changing method of allocating funding from Safe School Funds.

(S. B. 846), Requiring hospital publish notification prior to facility closure regarding patient medical records.

(S. B. 849), Relating to military service as factor in certain insurance coverage rates.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4001), Creating West Virginia Impact Fund.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4077), Increasing the amount of the bond required to be posted by proprietary schools.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4090), Creating the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4137), Allowing counties to store and maintain voter registration records in a digital format.

(H. B. 4146), Relating to credit for reinsurance.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4217), Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate legislative rules.

(H. B. 4510), Prohibiting bodily intrusion by an inmate upon any person at any correctional facility.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4522), Allowing division to accept documents compliant with Real ID Act for proof of identity.
(H. B. 4529), Relating to the collection of assessments and the priority of liens on property within a resort area.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4544), Relating to possession of any controlled substance on the premises of or within 200 feet of a public library.

(H. B. 4559), Modifying the limitations on civil actions against the perpetrator of sexual assault or sexual abuse upon a minor.

(H. B. 4760), Modifying video lottery retailer licensing eligibility requirements.

And,

(H. B. 4959), Relating to clarifying the ability of the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors to enter into any contracts necessary to carry out its duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 13th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 6), Allowing DOH issue permits for certain tractors with certain trailers not exceeding specified maximum axle weights.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 96), Prohibiting municipalities from limiting persons’ rights to possess certain weapons.
(Com. Sub. for S. B. 125), Prohibiting victim from being subjected to certain physical examinations for sexual offenses.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 163), Relating to municipal or county taxation of hotel rooms booked through marketplace facilitator.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 201), Relating generally to criminal offenses of stalking and harassment.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 208), Protecting consumers from unfair pricing practices during state of emergency.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 225), Empowering municipalities to enact Adopt-A-Street programs.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 232), Removing outdated prohibitions against electronic or mechanical ticket dispensers and readers.

(S. B. 307), Correcting code citation relating to certain tax liens.

(S. B. 545), Authorizing transfer of moneys from Insurance Commission Fund to Workers’ Compensation Old Fund.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 554), Relating to termination, expiration, or cancellation of oil or natural gas leases.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 576), Relating to management of public records.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 583), Creating program to further development of renewable energy resources.

(S. B. 600), Creating special revenue account designated Military Authority Fund.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 649), Permitting county emergency phone system directors negotiate contracts for mobile phones.

(S. B. 651), Relating to definition of “mortgage loan originator”.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 686), Exempting contract and common carrier laws for certain vehicles.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 705), Allowing military veterans with certain experience qualify for examination as electrician or plumber.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 706), Clarifying duties of law-enforcement training and certification subcommittee.

(S. B. 781), Relating to reports regarding collaborative agreements between community and technical colleges and federally registered apprenticeship programs.

(S. B. 789), Repealing obsolete sections of WV Code relating to Legislature.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 810), Implementing federal Affordable Clean Energy rule.

(S. B. 816), Updating North American Industry Classification System code references.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2646), Providing a safe harbor for employers to correct underpayment or nonpayment of wages and benefits due to separated employees.

(H. B. 4022), Clarifying the qualifications of the Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission.

(H. B. 4113), Relating to motor fuel excise taxes.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4165), West Virginia Remembers Program.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4352), Removing the use of post-criminal conduct in professional and occupational initial licensure or certification in decision making.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4360), Exempting certain persons from heating, ventilating, and cooling system licensing requirements.
(H. B. 4396), Relating to reporting suspected governmental fraud.

(H. B. 4466), Certificates of Insurance Act.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4484), Relating to the Hazardous Waste Management Fund.

(H. B. 4519), Establishing a summer youth intern pilot program within Department of Commerce.


(H. B. 4647), Relating to limited video lottery permit holders.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4729), Requiring higher education institutions to use previous versions or editions of instructional materials.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4773), Creating a workgroup to investigate and recommend screening protocols for adverse childhood trauma in this state.

(H. B. 4790), Relating to Career Technical Education for middle school students.

(H. B. 4882), Authorizing limited sampling and limited sale of wine for off-premises consumption to wineries not licensed in the state.

And,

(H. B. 4955), Relating to reducing the cost of fees for state licenses to carry concealed deadly weapons and provisional state licenses to carry concealed deadly weapons.
Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 17th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(S. B. 51), Specifying forms of grandparent visitation.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 144), Creating misdemeanor penalty for making materially false statement in course of misdemeanor investigation.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 175), Requiring certain agencies maintain website which contains specific information.

(S. B. 180), Relating to Second Chance Driver’s License Program.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 195), Updating powers of personal representatives of deceased person’s estate.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 230), Requiring State Board of Education provide routine education in suicide prevention.

(S. B. 289), Creating Green Alert Plan.

(S. B. 322), Relating to prequalifications for state contract vendors.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 490), Relating to criminal offenses against agricultural facilities.
(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 491), Relating to Seed Certification Program.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 578), Recalculating tax on generating, producing, or selling electricity from solar energy facilities.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 579), Changing and adding fees to wireless enhanced 911 fee.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 615), Declaring certain claims against state as moral obligations of state.

(S. B. 654), Allowing certain sheriffs transfer from PERS to Deputy Sheriff Retirement System.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 660), Regulating electric bicycles.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 662), Removing restrictions on fiduciary commissioners.

(S. B. 664), Adding physician’s assistant to list of medical professionals capable of determining if individual lacks capacity.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 707), Relating to nursing career pathways.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2419), Relating to the authorization to release a defendant or a person arrested upon his or her own recognizance.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4099), Eliminating the permit for shampoo assistants.

(H. B. 4406), Relating to the reproduction of checks and other records.

(H. B. 4417), Relating to permitting professional boards.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4546), Relating to tuberculosis testing for school superintendents.

(H. B. 4715), Authorizing municipalities to take action to grant certain fire department employees limited power of arrest.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4717), Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

(H. B. 4797), Authorizing municipalities to enact ordinances that allow the municipal court to place a structure, dwelling or building into receivership.

(H. B. 4804), Relating to comprehensive systems of support for teacher and leader induction and professional growth.

And,

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4946), Transferring property located in the Union Carbide Corporation Tech Center to the City of South Charleston.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 18th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(S. B. 42), Permitting faith-based electives in classroom drug prevention programs.
(Com. Sub. for S. B. 120), Establishing priorities for expenditures for plugging abandoned gas or oil wells.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 130), Relating to procedure for driver’s license suspension and revocation for DUI.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 136), Prohibiting certain misleading lawsuit advertising practices.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 193), Setting forth timeframes for continuing purchases of commodities and services over $1 million.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 261), Creating criminal penalties for introducing ransomware into computer with intent to extort.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 269), Establishing advisory council on rare diseases.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 288), Relating to family planning and child spacing.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 308), Creating criminal penalties for violation of orders issued for protection of victims of financial exploitation.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 312), Relating to provisional licensure of social workers.

(S. B. 510), Making permanent land reuse agency or municipal land bank’s right of first refusal on certain tax sale properties.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 547), Relating to employer testing, notice, termination, and forfeiture of unemployment compensation.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 551), Relating to Water and Wastewater Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Act.

(S. B. 562), Expunging certain criminal convictions.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 575), Designating local fire department as safe-surrender site to accept physical custody of certain children from lawful custodian.

(S. B. 641), Allowing WVCHIP flexibility in rate setting.

(S. B. 647), Permitting physician’s assistants and advanced practice registered nurses issue do-not-resuscitate orders.


(Com. Sub. for S. B. 670), Amending service of process on nonresident persons or corporate entities.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 678), Waiving fines and fees for completing Getting Over Addicted Lifestyles Successfully Program.


(Com. Sub. for S. B. 690), Permithing street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways.

(S. B. 691), Limiting programs adopted by State Board of Education.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 692), Clarifying persons indicted or charged jointly for felony offense can move to have separate trial.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 711), Relating to juvenile jurisdiction of circuit courts.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 717), Relating generally to adult protective services.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 719), Imposing health care-related provider tax on certain health care organizations.
(S. B. 723), Requiring Department of Education develop plan based on analyzed data on school discipline.

(S. B. 727), Relating to disbursement of funds for highway road repair.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 729), Relating to awards and disability under Deputy Sheriff Retirement Act.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 738), Creating Flatwater Trail Commission.

(S. B. 740), Clarifying authorized users of Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Fund.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 746), Providing contracted managed care companies access to uniform maternal screening tool.

(S. B. 747), Requiring Bureau for Public Health develop Diabetes Action Plan.

(S. B. 748), Increasing awareness of palliative care services.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 749), Requiring Fatality and Mortality Review Team share data with CDC.

(S. B. 750), Establishing extended learning opportunities.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 760), Allowing state college or university apply to HEPC for designation as administratively exempt school.

(S. B. 765), Modifying “Habitual Offender” statute.

(S. B. 767), Relating to licensure of hospitals.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 770), Revising requirements for post-doctoral training.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 785), Establishing uniform electioneering prohibition area.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 793), Relating to business and occupation taxes imposed on certain coal-fired electric generating units.
(S. B. 830), Eliminating special merit-based employment system for health care professionals.

(S. B. 842), Requiring Superintendent of Schools establish a Behavior Interventionist Pilot Program in two school districts for five years.

And,

(S. B. 848), Clarifying persons charged with DUI may not participate in Military Service Members Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 19th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 213), Relating to administration of trusts.

(Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 291), Requiring PEIA and health insurance providers provide mental health parity.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 303), Enacting Students’ Right to Know Act.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 522), Relating to compensation awards to crime victims.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 529), Establishing limitations on claims and benefits against state.
(Com. Sub. for S. B. 530), Relating to taxation of aircraft.

(S. B. 597), Relating to judicial branch members’ salaries and pensions.

(S. B. 610), Removing resident manager requirement for Alcohol Beverage Control Administration.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 716), Requiring DHHR pay for tubal ligation without 30-day wait between consent and sterilization.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 739), Authorizing PSC protect consumers of distressed and failing water and wastewater utilities.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 787), Providing benefits to pharmacists for rendered care.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 797), Authorizing governing boards of public and private hospitals employ hospital police officers.

(Com. Sub. for S. B. 802), Relating to public utilities generally.

(S. B. 839), Creating State Advisory Council on Postsecondary Attainment Goals.

(S. B. 851), Requiring Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction propose rule in coordination with law enforcement and certain medical boards.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961), Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2967), Permitting a county to retain the excise taxes for the privilege of transferring title of real estate.
(H. B. 3039), Relating to a court’s consideration of the expression of a preference by a child in certain child custody matters.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 3098), Allowing the same business owner to brew and sell beer to also distill and sell liquor.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4009), Relating to the process for involuntary hospitalization.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4020), Removing authority of municipalities to require occupational licensure if licensure for the occupation is required by the state.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4088), Disposition of funds from certain oil and natural gas wells due to unknown or unlocatable interest owners.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4092), Relating to foster care.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4094), Continuing the Foster Care Ombudsman.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4102), Relating to opioid antagonists.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4108), Relating generally to certificates of need for health care services.

(H. B. 4159), Relating to the manufacture and sale of hard cider.
(H. B. 4161), Making it illegal to scleral tattoo a person.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4176), West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center Act.

(H. B. 4178), Requiring calls which are recorded be maintained for a period of five years.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4198), Permitting a person to obtain a 12-month supply of contraceptive drugs.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4252), Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4275), Authorizing Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety promulgate legislative rules relating to the Fire Commission.

(H. B. 4354), Adding nabiximols to the permitted list of distributed and prescribed drugs.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4361), Relating to insurance law violations.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4362), Relating to penalties for neglect, emotional abuse or death caused by a caregiver.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4363), Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System.

(H. B. 4375), Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Compact.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4378), Relating to disciplining teachers.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4388), Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner’s authority to restrict advertising.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4395), Removing the requirement that a veterinarian access and report to the controlled substance monitoring database.

(H. B. 4409), Relating to transferring remaining funds from the Volunteer Fire Department Workers’ Compensation Premium Subsidy Fund.

(H. B. 4410) Permitting directors and executive officers of a banking institution to borrow from a banking institution with which he or she is connected.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4415), Relating to missing and endangered children.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4434), West Virginia health care workforce sustainability study.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4438), Relating to the licensing of advance deposit wagering.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4439), Clarifying the method for calculating the amount of severance tax attributable to the increase in coal production.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4444), Establishing Medals of Valor and Medals for Bravery for emergency medical services, firefighters, and law-enforcement officers.

(H. B. 4447), Creating the shared table initiative for senior citizens who suffer from food insecurity.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4452), Modifying the notice requirements for the redemption of delinquent properties.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4461), Requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4464), Relating to driving privileges and requirements for persons under the age of 18.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4474), Relating to peer-to-peer car sharing programs.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4478), Creating a lifetime ban for commercial drivers involved in human trafficking.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4494), Tobacco Use Cessation Initiative.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4497), Requiring an external defibrillator device at any secondary school athlete event.

(H. B. 4499), Relating to multicounty trail network authorities.

(H. B. 4502), Relating to insurance adjusters.

(H. B. 4504), Relating to renewal application requirements for individuals with permanent disabilities.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4509), Transferring the Parole Board to the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for purposes of administrative and other support.

(H. B. 4514), Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear.

(H. B. 4523), Removing the limitation of number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person may purchase.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4530), Authorizing daily passenger rental car companies to charge reasonable administrative fees.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4543), Relating to insurance coverage for diabetics.

(H. B. 4551), Relating to subsidized adoption.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4557), Relating to centers and institutions that provide the care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4558), Creating a personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters in West Virginia.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4560), Relating to deliveries by a licensed wine specialty shop.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4576), Establishing a procedure for correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages.


(H. B. 4585), Providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4587), Modernizing the Public Service Commission’s regulation of solid waste motor carriers and solid waste facilities.

(H. B. 4589), Conducting study for an appropriate memorial for West Virginians killed in the War on Terror.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4593), Authorizing the assignment of poll workers to serve more than one precinct under certain circumstances.

(H. B. 4607), Authorizing the operation of mobile shops for hair, nail, cosmetology, and aesthetics services.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4611), Relating to fireworks.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4615), West Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection Act.

(H. B. 4618), Relating to deadly weapons for sale or hire.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4619), Approving plans proposed by electric utilities to install middle-mile broadband fiber.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4620), Redefining definition of “recovery residence”.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4633), Expanding county commissions’ ability to dispose of county or district property.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4634), Southern West Virginia Lake Development Study Commission Act.

(H. B. 4665), Reducing the amount of rebate going to the Purchasing Improvement Fund.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4668), Creating the misdemeanor crime of trespass for entering a structure that has been condemned.

(H. B. 4691), Relating to employment in areas of critical need in public education.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4693), Expanding the scope of the Veterans to Agriculture Program.

(H. B. 4697), Removing the restriction that a mini-distillery use raw agricultural products originating on the same premises.

(H. B. 4737), Clarifying student eligibility for state-sponsored financial aid.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4747), Extending electronic submission of various applications and forms for nonprofit and charitable organizations, professionals and licensees.
(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4748), Relating to the increase of fees that private nongovernment notary publics may charge for notarial acts.

(H. B. 4749), Providing more efficient application processes for private investigators, security guards, and firms.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4780), Permitting county boards to offer elective courses of instruction on the Bible.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4803), Relating to certification of electrical inspectors.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4823), Developing a plan for periodic audits of the expenditure of the fees from the emergency 911 telephone system and wireless enhanced 911.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4852), Relating to the penalties for the manufacture, delivery, possession, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver methamphetamine.

(H. B. 4859), Accounting for state funds distributed to volunteer and part-volunteer fire companies and departments.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4925), Requiring the Secondary Schools Athletic Commission to recognize preparatory athletic programs.

(H. B. 4958), Relating to eliminating the ability of a person’s driver license to be suspended for failure to pay court fines and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Moore Capito,
Chair, House Committee.

Senator Maynard, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report, which was received:
Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined, found truly enrolled, and on the 19th day of March, 2020, presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his action, the following bills, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 2892), Including digital and virtual information in the definition of property that can be searched and seized by a warrant.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4003), Relating to telehealth insurance requirements.


(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4017), Establishing country roads accountability and transparency.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4123), Clarifying that 911 telecommunication workers are included in the definition of those individuals who perform “emergency services” during a disaster.

(H. B. 4524), Making the entire state “wet” or permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption.

(H. B. 4655), Permitting military personnel in areas where on-the-job emergency medicine is part of the training to be granted automatic EMS or EMT certification.

(Com. Sub. for H. B. 4666), Relating to competitive bids for intergovernmental relations and urban mass transportation.

(H. B. 4714), Increasing the monetary threshold for requiring nonprofit organizations to register as a charitable organization.

And,

(H. B. 4777), Relating to the right of disposition of remains.
Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,
Chair, Senate Committee.
Andrew Byrd,
Member, House Committee.

Executive Communications

Under authorization of Senate approval therefor in prior proceedings today, to include in this day’s Journal communications showing the Governor’s action on enrolled bills presented to him in post-session reports, the following are inserted hereinafter:

Executive Communications

Veto Messages

March 25, 2020

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 163

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 163, which is intended to facilitate the collection of hotel occupancy taxes imposed by county commissions and municipalities.

The Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 163 contains fatal technical flaws. For example, while the bill provides for marketplace facilitators to pay collected hotel occupancy taxes over to the State Tax Division, the bill does not specify the date by which the collected taxes must be paid over to the Tax Division nor does it provide the Tax Commissioner with the necessary tools to administer, collect, and enforce the tax. Fundamentally, the bill fails to provide a means for the collected tax to be remitted to the appropriate county commission or municipality imposing the tax.

Additionally, while the bill provides for marketplace facilitators to collect hotel occupancy taxes, many marketplace facilitators are located outside West Virginia and do not have a physical presence in this State. In this regard, the bill does not address a significant constitutional issue by requiring an “economic nexus” with West Virginia, such as is found in W. Va. Code § 11-15A-6b, which was held by the United States Supreme Court to be constitutional in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc., 585 U.S., 138 S. Ct. 2080 (2018). Until this issue is addressed, it is likely that marketplace facilitators will not collect and remit hotel occupancy taxes.

For these reasons, I must disapprove and return the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 163.

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cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael  
    President of the Senate  
    The Honorable Roger Hamshaw  
    Speaker of the House of Delegates
VIA HAND DELIVERY
The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692.

While the intent of the bill is surely laudable, Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692 would place an incredible burden on the courts and resources of this state and each county by requiring separate trials as a matter of right, without requiring any showing of prejudice. The United States Constitution and the West Virginia Constitution guarantee this right to those indicted or charged jointly if issues of co-defendant statements or finger-pointing arise during a unitary trial. In other words, separate trials are guaranteed if a codefendant's testimony or admissible statement would implicate a codefendant. *See, e.g., Bruton v. United States*, 391 U.S. 123 (1968).

Further, the bill intends to supersede rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia that already provide for separate trials in appropriate circumstances. Article VIII, §3 of the West Virginia Constitution reads, "The court shall have the power to promulgate rules for all cases and proceedings, civil and criminal, for all of the courts of the state relating to writs, warrants, process, practice and procedure, which shall have the force and effect of law." Rule 14(b) of the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure presently contemplates and permits joint trials of defendants subject to constitutional and evidentiary prejudice. The rule reads, in pertinent part, "[i]f the joinder of a defendant in an indictment, an information, or a consolidation for trial appears to prejudice a defendant or the State, the Court may sever the defendants' trials, or provide whatever other relief that justice requires." Relief may be granted in felony or misdemeanor trials under the Rule.

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Because of the burden this bill would place on our courts and our state’s and county’s limited resources, because the right to a separate trial is protected under the Constitution and the West Virginia Rules of Criminal Procedure, and because the bill unconstitutionally infringes on the responsibility of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia to promulgate rules for proceedings in this state, I must disapprove and return the Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 692.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael
    President of the Senate
    The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
    Speaker of the House of Delegates
VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
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Re: Enrolled House Bill 4159

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 4159, which fails to provide the State Tax Commissioner with the necessary statutory authority to administer, collect, and enforce the new tax on hard cider, or any authority to promulgate rules regarding the new tax on hard cider.

For these reasons, I must disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 4159

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael
President of the Senate
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates
March 25, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY
The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4395

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4395 for technical reasons.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4395 has a fatally defective title. Specifically, the bill amends W.Va. Code §§ 60A-9-5 and 60A-9-5a, but the title states that the bill amends W.Va. Code §60A-1-101. This technical error is sufficient to require a technical veto. See State ex rel. Davis v. Oakley, 156 W.Va. 154, 191 S.E.2d 610 (1972) (requiring bill titles to provide notice of a bill’s contents).

For these reasons, I must disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4395.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael
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Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4573

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section fifty-one, Article VI of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4573.

The bill as presented will impose a substantial barrier and delay to claimants who have suffered harm receiving settlement monies, even for small claims, and reduces administrative clarity for insurers and third parties. Additionally, the bill shifts onto the claimant the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the allocation agreed to by the parties is proper. This burden shifting onto the claimant will impede the settlement process by requiring claimants to bring legal action in order to obtain judicial approval of settlements that are rejected by DHHR, even where such claimants are not represented by legal counsel.

Because of the burdens placed on a claimant under the bill, and because of the delay in getting settlement monies to those who have been harmed that it is likely to result from enactment, I disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4573.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael
President of the Senate
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates

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All business of the sixty-day session now being concluded,

Senator Mann, from the select committee to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the Senate is ready to adjourn sine die, returned to the chamber and was recognized by the President. Senator Mann then reported this mission accomplished.

Thereupon,

Pending announcement of a meeting of a standing committee of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Takubo, at 12:03 a.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.

We hereby certify that the foregoing Senate record of the proceedings of the regular sixty-day session of the Eighty-Fourth Legislature, 2020, is the Official Journal of the Senate for said session.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate
Appendix – Remarks

WEST VIRGINIA STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

(As provided electronically by the Governor’s Office)

PRESENTED BY HONORABLE JIM JUSTICE

(Governor of West Virginia)

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL BE IT REMEMBERED

(Introduction Could not hear due to broadcaster on PBS)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: If you don’t want to be here all night, sit down.

They got me wired every way you can wire somebody up, which is good.

You know, the first thing I would tell you, it’s a great, great evening in the State of West Virginia. And I bless you in every way, and I thank you in every way for being here.

You know, today is a great day, a great day in our state. You know, before we go any further I would like to recognize my family.

You know, I haven’t seen, Jay, you and Catherine since you got here.

But my beautiful wife Cathy, daughter Jill, and her husband Adam, daughter in law Catherine, and our son Jay.

(APIEPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Without going long, you know, I would surely introduce my Cabinet. And I’m just going to say “my Cabinet” without going through everybody.

And now I’d like to move on to our constitutional officers. You know, these people that are sitting over to my left have done something that is unbelievable, in my opinion. They have restored honor and integrity to our Court when the storm was pretty rough.

And so if I can introduce our Chief Justice Tim Armstead, Justice Margaret Workman, Justice Elizabeth Walker, Justice Evan Jenkins, and Justice John Hutchison. I have had the opportunity which is so unbelievably rare it’s off the chart I had the opportunity to appoint three of these judges. They’re good people. They’ve done lots and lots and lots of great stuff for our state, as has our other two justices.

And so at the end of the day I salute you. I can never thank you enough. I mean, really and truly, we were in a storm and you’re pulling us out of it very proudly. Thank you so much.

(APIEPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, because I don’t know the seating chart here, our Attorney General is somewhere, Patrick Morrisey. And before I’d have him stand, I’d just like to just say this. You know, our citizens of this state deserve good stuff. One of the things they surely deserve is affordable health care coverage. Which is why today I’m asking the legislature to advance initiative that he has championed, and that is to ensure that the people with preexisting conditions in this state, even though you may have loved Obamacare, or maybe you didn’t, surely all of us can agree on one thing, and that is just this. West Virginians should be protected against preexisting conditions.

So please do that. And if Patrick Morrisey can stand, wherever Patrick is over here.

(APIEPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Our Secretary of State Mac Warner is here. And Mac has made a mission to ensure the integrity of West Virginia’s elections and to protect them from cybersecurity threats. Mac is a champion at that, and we know that.
GOVERNOR JUSTICE: All of those that are either really smart or maybe they just got a little tired or maybe the circumstances or whatever it may be, all of those that have decided not to run for reelection, if you would please stand. I surely would like us all to give you your due and give you a round of thanks and a round of applause for all of the effort that you’ve made for nothing other than your love for this state. Please stand, all of those.

(APLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Well, before I get into all the nitty gritty, I want to just tell you just a little quick story that’s more about me. You know, it’s easy to figure Jim out. I’m not a politician. I really don’t want anything.

Now, I know this is probably not going to be real popular with some, but really it is so easy. It is so easy to just watch me. You know, I do stand like a rock with our president in regard to things that he stands for, like legal immigration. I absolutely believe that sanctuary cities do not have a place here in West Virginia, and I hope and pray they never come. I can tell you that without any question whatsoever, I stand with the unborn. I’m a sportsman. I love the outdoors. The second amendment is ingrained in me forevermore. There is no question about it, whether you love me or don’t love me. It’s just simple fact.

The other thing I would tell you is just this. We had a thing happen within Corrections. And in all honesty, what happened was not good. We had a bad, bad traffic accident. He could have no longer been with us. He’s a tough guy. And I’m really proud to call him my friend.

(APLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: So let me show you this. And you’re going to say, oh, my gosh, Justice is doing it again. Do you remember this?

Hold on now. I hope it won’t slide. And do you remember this?

Let me tell you, the reason I brought these is just this. I gave an inaugural address a long time ago. At that inaugural address, prior to that on Memorial Day, I was at a cemetery for my
grandparents in Jesse, West Virginia. A little hillside nothing. And we went to the gravesite, Cathy and I, and we were leaving.

For those of you that have forgotten, there was a lady standing at the bridge. There is guardrail there. She had leaning up against that guardrail several fishing rods, some Carhartt coveralls, some reflector tape Carhartt coveralls. She had absolutely this tackle box and this axe. The little daughter standing beside her didn’t know where to turn.

I stopped. I gave her a hundred dollars for that axe and a hundred dollars for this tackle box, and I put them in my car. Everywhere I’ve gone, even down here tonight, they rode right with me.

Now, I’m telling you, that lady looked at me and she said, “Mister, you’ll never know how much I appreciate this, but you have no idea how bad I’m hurting.”

Now, let me just say this. When I walked in the door, things were pretty tough. And I’m not patting myself on the back in any way. We’ve gone through lots and lots of stuff. And I want to say without any question whatsoever, nobody, nobody does anything alone. Sure we’ve argued from time to time, but you have been great, and you should be very, very proud of what you have accomplished in all honesty. The biggest thing that I cling to is maybe, just maybe, I was maybe the catalyst that brought hope. And that, to me, means everything.

So, before we go any further, let’s remember that lady, remember her little daughter, and just remember how good and how strong we are today. You deserve so much credit. I could never thank you enough. And I would say as profoundly as I know how to say, ladies and gentlemen, the state of our state is strong. And it’s growing stronger every single day.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, imagine. Personal income last year in 2019 grew 3 billion that’s with a B $3 billion in this state. Unbelievable. Revenue growth went up $511 million. It’s off the chart. Off the chart. The biggest revenue growth surely by far. But in addition to all of that, enough revenue growth that it was one and a half times the previous ten years put together. It’s unbelievable.

Now, think about it. Since we’ve walked in the door we’ve been able to put $113 million in the Rainy Day Fund. We’ve put $100 million in PEIA. It’s unbelievable. We’re going the way we ought to go.

Now, I’ve got to show you just this. When I walked in the door, I said I was going to take you on a rocket ship ride like that. And we’ve been on this rocket ship ride. Now, I want you to be really smart. The one thing that I am is a business guy. And I’m gonna tell you nothing that remains on straight up or straight down is healthy.

So at the end of the day now, what I want you to do is change, and I want you to come on this lightning bolt ride with us. Because that’s where we will go. We are underfilling and we’re building in what should be built in.

So that’s why tonight you’re gonna see that the budget that I propose to you is very, very conservative. Very conservative. Because nothing goes just like this. That 511 million, where we are today, where we are today with our budget? We’re okay. We’re not knocking it out of the park in one way, but if you feel if you look at it and you say we’re comparing apples to what we did last year and last year was an all time record beyond belief then we are knocking it out of the park.

We still have got a lot of people to help. We’re still lots and lots and lots of stuff to do. So, I would say to you, let’s take off with the people that may very well be hurting the most.

Our Medicaid fund has grown way beyond belief. We’re on a pace to have an excess in the Medicaid fund of $309 million by year end. If we don’t watch out, we’ll spend it. We’ll come up with any way and every way to spend and spend because that’s what all of us do.

What I’m proposing tonight is something that is maybe not never done before, but is surely seldom done. I am proposing tonight that I want to announce legislation to establish the Medicaid Families First Reserve Fund. And I want to lock away $150 million to ensure that always those that are the most vulnerable and I have a hard time with that word, my secretary Executive Assistant Pam would tell you that but I want to lock away those dollars to be sure that we will always have vital services for those that are the most exposed and need the most help.
If I could turn the table real quickly to jobs. Jobs in this state are good. There’s no question that they’re moving in the right direction and they’re good. Here’s something that I want everyone, just as I did last year, to know. The business inventory and machinery tax is holding us back in some areas. We need to try we need to try to find a solution to where we can either get on a glide path or quickly get on a better glide path to eliminate that tax if we can.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: We have to be careful. There’s counties to consider, the school boards, there’s people that we absolutely want to protect. We’ve got to be careful. We’ve got to be careful with where we are with our general overall finances. We have to be careful and we got to be smart. But I don’t want there to be anyone to doubt that I would like it gone. I would like it gone. At least gone in time.

Now, we have 20,000 new jobs today in the State of West Virginia. One of the reasons we have those jobs is a guy sitting behind me that’s working that every day, and that is President Carmichael, that came up with the idea, you know, to let our kids go to college for free. It’s working. It’s one of the ideas that’s just working. Today we have an all time high employment. All time. It just gets better and better and better.

Now, Brother Mitch, we’ve got to have those kids, and you know we’ve got to have them. We’ve got to get them trained, and we’ve got to get them prepared for the workforce. We need more and more and more of them.

The reason If I were to say to you this let’s just be fair and be real. What if I were to say to you and this is nowhere in my notes. This is nowhere at all. And normally I wouldn’t have any notes unless I was sweating and going to take a long time.

But here’s the thing. What if I were to say to you in the State of West Virginia your severance tax dollars are going to be the lowest, the lowest that they’ve been in the last 25 years. And then I would say to you: How do you think you’re doing? Think about it. Think about it. From the standpoint of the general revenue, the percentage of general revenue, we are the lowest in comparison to one another we’ve been in 25 years. Nowhere on these notes. I just know it. And yet our state is doing better and better and better.

Tell you why. I’ll tell you exactly why. We’ve diversified. We’re on the move. We’ve changed our image. There is all kinds of things happening within the State of West Virginia. Now, do we want to do any and everything we can possibly do to create another coal job? Absolutely. Do we want to do anything and everything we can do to promote more and more gas and everything? Absolutely we do.

With the constraints and remember, I said early on, I’m a sportsman. I love the outdoors more than good sense. The last thing on earth I would ever want to do is harm the water, harm the environment. We’ve got to be absolutely aware of that all the time.

Now, if, in fact, we have the best unemployment in a decade, there is a big reason for that. And a lot of that reason is up here. And I’m not gonna call names right yet, but I just want you to just listen. Northrop Grumman is adding an initial 500 jobs. Proctor & Gamble is doing all kinds of great stuff. The Great Barrel Company is up and going in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Toyota has done great stuff. Hino is doing great stuff. Mark West is doing unbelievable stuff. Pietro Fiorentini how about that? Did I get that? Pretty close. Infor, and Chemours, and Cornerstone, and Ramaco. Unbelievable what you’re doing.

If I could just touch just one second on one of them, Ramaco. Think about this just for a second. All of us think, well, we can’t burn anymore coal because the world is rebelling in every way, shape, form and fashion against that. Ramaco would tell you that coal now get this that coal is too expensive to burn. You’re wasting an opportunity when you burn it. I thought they were crazy when I was talking about that.

But nevertheless what they’re saying is they can make carbon fiber out of coal that is let me get this straight is four times as light as steel and twice as strong. They absolutely have a way to do things with coal that can be an alternative use for coal that it would be so perfect for us it is unbelievable.

WVU right now I am announcing tonight and I’m sure that everyone probably already knows but they’re going to develop and open a research facility at WVU to research just this. And not only that, Ramaco is looking at the possibility of bringing one of these plants to southern West Virginia. Imagine that we make
GOVERNOR JUSTICE: imagine this just for a second. Imagine, well, we understand you can do something extra with coal, but how much would you use?

Do you realize that in the State of West Virginia today we’re probably on a run rate of about 82, 85 million tons. Probably a third of that is metallurgical tons. So say we’ve got 50 million steam coal tons. Do you know how many tons are in America? 700 million. Do you know how many they can use in this process? 125 million tons. It’s unbelievable. It’s unbelievable.

If in fact it’s real, it’s unbelievable what the researchers are doing. And they’re doing it. They’re making it. They’re absolutely doing it right now in Wyoming, and they’re making it.

So now I’d like with Hino Motors, Steve Stalnaker to stand; Mark West, Erwin Osleen from Pietro Fiorentini, Max Ambrosi; Infor, Rhoda Steward; Chemours and Cornerstone, Ed Sparks and Craig Zoglio how about that? I got that one. And with Ramaco, Randy Atkins.

And they are everywhere up here. And give them a monstrous round of applause, please.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Okay. Now, if I can switch channels just a little bit and say just this. I believe airports are our heart. They’re our heart. There is lots of things that make us really good, but the airports are everything to us.

I’ve got to brag just a second on an airport that’s phenomenal what they’re doing. We’ve put real dollars in Yeager, and they’re doing great stuff. We’ve put real dollars in all kinds of different airports across our state and they’re doing great stuff. But there is no place like North Central West Virginia Airport at Bridgeport. It is unbelievable the opportunities and what they’re doing.

You know, they brought a presentation in to me and I immediately said: “Go.” They took that presentation and hit the ground running in building a new terminal, building another 50 acres onto it.

Now get this. They’ve got 1200 employees from 22 of our counties up there right now, and they are going to grow and grow and grow. They can’t make a place fast enough that they don’t have a tenant waiting to go. It’s amazing.

Pratt & Whitney just announced a $30 million expansion. They’re going to build a new engine. I don’t know what in the world it does, but it’s a new, modern, a futuristic engine that is phenomenal. You know, Bombardier and Mitsubishi and Aurora, they’re all just cooking. It’s good stuff. It’s great stuff.

So if we could now recognize Martin D’Eramo, I believe. David Hinkle, as the county commissioner in Harrison County, and Andy Lang is the mayor of Bridgeport. And, please, they’re doing it. Give them a giant round of applause.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: I’ve got to pass the kudos back behind me again to a fellow, Roger Hanshaw. Roger Hanshaw’s team has come up with a concept called Mountain Impact. It’s a Mountain Impact Fund. It’s basically just this. It is You have a fund that becomes the bank that you can loan money and inspire people to invest within the State of West Virginia and you can give all kinds of great return on their money that they invest, and you can bring money to our state like you can’t imagine. It is an ingenious idea, and I absolutely will fully support it.

And, Roger, I thank you for it.

Now, y’all can clap. That’s a big thing, guys.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: I’ve been with our President many times. I’m looking for more and more and more and more jobs. At the end of the day, that’s what you elected me for. That’s what we’re doing. I’ve been with our President on these occasions that we want to try to attract any federal agency that wants to get out of that craziness in DC and wants to find a good place to come to that has four unbelievable seasons, and absolutely has good people, and is within a rock’s throw of DC, and has all the greatness that we have. It’s right here waiting on them.
You see, this is true. We have changed ourselves from the state that was backward and having a tough time. Dingy and dark. We’ve changed ourselves to become the diamond in the rough. The diamond that they thought they missed. And really now they’re trying to find us.

Now, let me tell you one more thing. There’s a company from Wales. We talked about them before. They’re an illumination company. They have a lighting concept that is unbelievable. The amount of energy it uses is almost nothing, and the amount of light that it kicks off? Off the chart. I have worked diligently on this, and I will not stop until we secure that commitment. They’re looking at all kinds of different locations all over the country. But I am confident as I can be that we’ll be making an announcement within 30 days that you will absolutely love. They’re the real deal. And I hope and pray that they’re coming.

Now, if I could switch channels one more time and say: Well, what about the roads? Well, the best thing I can tell you about the roads is I was getting my hair cut the other day, and this lady her name is Cannette Kaufmann. She said she turned to me and she said I can’t recall if she said it was a brother or a good friend, but Cannette said, “You know, I’m telling you, my brother or this good friend is a guy that loves to be way out in the boondocks.” And he said to her, he said, “I’m telling you, I don’t know how anybody in this state couldn’t be happy today, because they’re even driving the roads that I drive on.”

Now, if that be the case And so let me say this. And these guys are coming in the door

Y’all hold on just a second. Just one second.

Two hundred eighty pieces of new equipment we have now. 27,000 miles of maintenance they’ve done. In 18 months, 500 projects and 1100 miles done. We just went through the second round of bonding and we have we have, believe it or not, another $146.5 million that we can just do anything we want with. And we’re going to pour more and more and more money into our roads.

Now, what I want you to do, because we’ve got five guys right up there that bust their chop every day. They stand in the road. And it’s dangerous. And they work hard every day. And we have the deputy secretary and the secretary right with them. Jimmy Wriston and Byrd White.

And I want us all to put one of these jackets on and then stand up and applaud them, and it will be something we’ll remember forever. And then when you leave, I want the jacket back.

(LAUGHTER)

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Well, you got to help me well, help me (donning jacket).

All right. Now, I want y’all to know this. That these people got me one that fits. And I also want you to know they’re a bunch of smart alecks because it’s got 7X on the back of it.

(LAUGHTER)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Nevertheless, guys, thank you. God bless you for all you do. Keep doing it.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: You know, at the end of the day, whether we’re democrats, independents, republicans, or whatever we may be, we all drive on the roads, don’t we? And we all appreciate our roads because they give us the pathways to go where we want to go.

So, again, guys, thank you. Thank you from all of us in every way, shape, form or fashion.

I would like to announce one thing. In our second bond go round, the first letting we’re doing right now, and it’s just happened, and it is the Inwood bypass. It’s from I 81 to Route 51

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: You guys must like that.

And it came in to bid at 27 point 22.7 million, which was $3 million under estimate. So that’s good too. Really good.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, there is a couple of things, Brother White, that we’re that I am ordering you and Brother Jimmy to do, and that’s just this. There is going to be a Trump infrastructure program. It’s going to happen. There still may be some hacking up and things like that, but it’s going to happen.
And when it happens, $2 trillion is a lot of money, guys, and we really need to get our fair share. And we will this go round.

So Byrd and Jimmy, I am ordering you to be ready to start work now. Start work right now to where you’ll be ready, you’ll have dollars for matching, and you’ll have so many different things that will give us the opportunity to instantaneously finish Corridor H, instantaneously finish the Coalfields Expressway, and on and on and on.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, we’ve gone through a little quagmire and everything on the MARC Train. We needed to get it done. We needed to have the MARC Train. You know what we did have happen? And Craig, you know, you’re not here with us, but you played a big role in it. We had the counties. We had Craig. We had others that are right here. We had many different sources. We had J. B. McCuskey step up to the plate like nobody’s business. And then it fell right in my lap from contingency dollars. And I did it. Because it’s important. It’s really important to that neck of the woods that we absolutely need to do any and everything we always can.

Let me switch channels again to the National Guard. The National Guard and the Challenge Academy stuff that they’re doing is off chart. Now, they’ve graduated 4,663 kids. If you haven’t ever been, you need to go. It is amazing. It is truly absolutely amazing. Now, we found enough money and I would like for two people to stand. And I’ll get to our general later on but if David Turner and Sara Thomas could stand, these two are two of our graduates two of our new graduates. So give them a phenomenal round of applause.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: We have also now in working with the Guard and in working with our budget in every way, we’ve now found the dollars without increasing our budget we’ve now found the dollars to be able to start the Mountaineer Challenge Academy at Montgomery at West Virginia Tech.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Good. Good stuff.

Now, if we could talk about drugs. The very thing that in my opinion if we don’t watch out could cannibalize this state. But we’re making progress. We’re moving in a direction now. And we’ve still got a long ways to go, no question about that. There is great stuff that’s going on in Huntington. There’s great stuff that’s going on at Marshall. There’s great stuff that’s going on in all the different areas of our state.

One of the things I brought a thing like this last year called Jim’s Dream. We put it up right here, and you were kind enough to find it and everything, and lo and behold, it’s off and going. Just think about this. We launched it in October. We’ve had 1200 referrals. There is all kinds of stuff that is happening. And it’s working.

If you have never been, you should go. You’re going to see people that are excited about getting their life back. You’re going to see people that are on the track of really doing really great stuff. It’s working. You know, it’s like a great football team. When you run a play that works, I was always a believer: Keep running the play until the other side took it away from you. It’s working.

I was at Camp Dawson not long ago for a graduation. There was six kids there, five guys and one girl. The one female was, you know, a relatively young girl. One of the guys was an older guy. You know, what they had just gotten trained on and just gone through a course on? They had gotten trained to run a grader. Now, one of the guys had just received his second offer for a job. And those guys and ladies, you know, you can read it all over their face.

There is nothing better there’s nothing better than touching a life and helping somebody turn it around. It’s good stuff. Really, really good stuff. One of those is here with us, William Phillips. And his transition agent and those transition agents are so vital it is off the chart. And wherever they are, if they would stand, you’ve got a guy on his way, and you’ve touched a life like you can’t imagine. And before I think he got out of the room, he got his second job offer.

And we congratulate you in every way.

(APPLAUSE)
GOVERNOR JUSTICE: And Shannon, I hope I said Shannon Carnes, but I can’t see very well. So I’m doing the best I can do.

Like I said before, we’re making progress. And I’m going to ask you for something. And I’m going to probably say something that some of you are going to say, I wish you wouldn’t say it like that. But I don’t know any other way to say it. You know, we have too many drugs that are just slipping in here. And people are taking advantage of our kids, and they’re taking advantage of our weaknesses. And they come from any and everywhere. And we try. We try to catch them. They usually come through communities that don’t have a whole lot of population, because they know you’re soft and you can’t catch them. You can’t do anything to it.

So tonight I am ordering Secretary Jeff Sandy to form a new unit called a Narcotics Intelligence Unit. A new unit at the Fusion Center. It will be a strike force. I’m going to ask you for $1.9 million. And I’m going to ask you to give us that to stop this terrible effort.

And I’m going to ask you in this way. I will promise you promise you that if you are kind enough to give us that opportunity, and I want to say this as sincerely and as forcefully as a human being could ever say it, I want to look right in the camera and tell anybody, anybody, that is trying to come into our state with drugs: We are going to bust your ass. That’s all there is to it.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: So I’d say y’all are with me on that, huh?

The IDD waivers. Can you imagine this? Can you imagine those that are having a life that is so difficult, and the caregivers, a life that is so difficult it is unbelievable. There’s a 1,060 of them that have been on the wait list for a long time. Some of them four years. Six hundred of them are children. We have now found enough money. Tonight I’m so proud to announce that Secretary Crouch and Secretary Hardy have found a solution, and my budget will contain the funding to eliminate the wait list.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Child welfare is right behind it. You know, when you think about a kid, and I have the opportunity when I’m coaching a basketball team to be with a bunch of kids, but I see all kinds of little rascals and everything.

Our little grandson the other day said or Jill said to him, said, “JC, you’ve been eating the dog food again, haven’t you?” He’s two years old. And he said, “Nope.” And she said, “Now, JC, at our house we tell the truth all the time. Now, you’ve been eating dog food, haven’t you? And he always says “okay” for “yes.” And he said, “Okay.”

(LAUGHTER)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: And then she said, “Well what did it taste like, JC?” And he said, “Cake.”

(LAUGHTER)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, there is nothing that is as precious as a kid. There is no way.

We put a bunch of money and a bunch of people to work last year in child welfare. We don’t have enough. We don’t have enough. We’ve got a real problem. And we’ve got to own up to it and step up to the plate and do something about it.

So we’re going to, within my budget again, you know, we’re going to try to improve child welfare in the State of West Virginia until it is the very best in the country. We’re going to hire another 87 people that are going to be out in the field as child welfare people to be able to assist and help us in every way.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Let me say something about Communities In Schools. A lot of you don’t have one clue about Communities In Schools. I’m going to tell you that Cathy didn’t know much and neither did I. Cathy needed some cause or whatever you want to call it to get really behind it and everything. In Greenbrier County, they had a phenomenal success story with Communities In Schools, but it wasn’t linked to the state in any way. Cathy got educated. And then she got behind it. And now it is doing stuff.
And I would say and I’m going to tell you this. This is how I believe our family should be. We should be honest with one another. We should be loving, but we should be honest. And sometimes honesty is not what the other would like to hear. But I’m going to tell you just this. Of every single program that I’ve been involved in or I’ve seen, there is nothing working like this. It’s unbelievable. Un flat believable.

Today they’re in 71 different schools and it is touching 28,000 kids. And you know what the teachers, do you know what absolutely the parents, do you know what the kids, do you know what they are saying? The very most disruptive kid in the classroom is now the model. Because maybe he just needed a toothbrush. Maybe he just needed somebody to just stand and help him. Maybe he needed enough food.

Absolutely it’s working beyond belief. And I hope to goodness that every last one of you will get out and see how this program is really kicking it out of the park. It’s really, really happening.

Now, we’ve got to recognize, and I’m very proud to, Kathy Brunty, and she is with us somewhere. And Deidra Crouse is also here. And let me talk a second. Kathy is a teacher at West Side High School in Wyoming County. She had 25 of these kids 25 kids that were struggling. Not 25 naturally just picked out braniacs. Twenty five of these kids were struggling; 25 out of 25 graduated. It’s amazing.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Deidra is one of those. And you know what she’s on her way to do? To become a nurse. It’s amazing.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Good job.

I want to do a little more. We’ve got too many people out in all across the different regions of our state that are hungry. I want absolutely to commit a million dollars a million dollars to create more food pantries, or be able to buy more food for people that are really out there and really hurting.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: In addition to that, I want to take $2 million, 2 million additional dollars and go to the Department of Education and put that into their Backpack Program and I am not terribly familiar with every one of these, but their Backpack Program will ensure just this. And, gosh, I see it. I see it. Can you just imagine? Can you imagine going home on Friday and know you’re going to be hungry? It’s tough stuff, guys. It’s really tough stuff. If we can’t find $2 million to help our kids and help the hungry, then we’re not much of us. That’s all there is to it.

So anyway, in my budget there is $2 million going to that.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: We all know tourism in the state is really moving. We all know it’s doing great stuff. Before I got here, we had four consecutive years of traveler spend declines. Boom, boom boom, boom boom. The lightning bolt going the wrong way.

Chelsea Ruby, wherever she is, is doing an incredible job. And get this number. Get this. Our growth our growth surpassed the national average of growth by 58 percent. Unbelievable. Unbelievable.

Chelsea, where are you?

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: I don’t know where she is, but wherever she is, clap for her.

THE COURT: The DNR is doing exciting stuff too. The DNR has been able since 2017 to acquire 78,000 acres of land. Twenty four wildlife management areas have been established. The total from 2001 to 2016 was 30,000. 78,000 last year or since 2017. They stocked 2.7 million trout since 2017. Now surely to goodness y’all can catch a few of them. I mean, for crying out loud.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, hunting and fishing licenses are up by 50 percent. Presales doubled. Our Elk herd’s doing great. We spent $60 million in park upgrades. And you know where all of this is tying right back in is tourism, tourism, tourism, tourism. It’s amazing.
So Steve McDaniel, thank you. And I am going to keep moving.

Our petrochemical industry has so many incredible potentials. Austin Caperton is heading up a task force, a downstream task force. It’s unbelievable. If you’ll just be patient. It is unbelievable what is going to happen to manufacturing in this state. And it’s all going to flow not all, but a lot of it is going to flow through the petrochemical side.

We want our oil and gas people to thrive. We want, like I said before, to try any and every way we possibly can to continue to manufacture one additional coal job, one additional gas job. It’s happening. It’s happening. It’s tough. It’s dog fight tough. The coal market the thermal market was at $78 a ton and now it’s 35. There is no way. We just can’t hardly compete. And it’s really tough. The metallurgical market was at $210 a ton; today it’s 85. It’s tough. But we got to keep trying to find solutions and ways to absolutely ensure that our coal miners are going to have their jobs.

Now, one thing now that we’ve been able to work and compromise on from the gas side that I am absolutely supportive of is that is our low pressure wells, and I believe with all in me that this is a real opportunity for a real bipartisan effort. I believe there is support across the aisle on both sides. And I believe that this is what we need to get behind in an effort to try to plug the old wells and to give people a break in these low pressure wells.

There is something called Virgin Hyperloop. One of my little buddies in my tunnel is out of his mind about Virgin Hyperloop. And so am I. A lot of you wouldn’t have any idea what in the world Virgin Hyperloop could possibly be. I didn’t know either. But we went to Morgantown, and WVU is reaching out, and we’re reaching out in every way, shape, form or fashion, and it’s a possibility. It is an absolute possibility.

What it does is just this. There is a tube that is built over land and it is revamping the entire transportation system in any way that we may know it. And you get in a pod in that tube, and you can go in excess of 600 miles an hour where you’re going. You can’t even feel the ripple of it at all.

I do believe that we are in on the finalists to have that research center at WVU. We have the terrain. We have the willingness from all of our people. I took every secretary head that we had there. We met with them. We went round and round and round with them. I talked to the president since then. And it’s possible. It is so phenomenal, it’s off the chart. I will do anything and everything I can.

And Jay and Jay is the president. And Jay, if you hear me, know that you’ve got a governor here that’s a big guy, that is absolutely willing to do anything that I possibly can within my power to try to get you here. Because it would be unbelievable.

Now, there is two people from WVU. There is a dean of the West Virginia College of Business and Economics, and there is a lady, Sarah Biller, and she is the executive director of WVU’s Vantage Ventures. And the dean is Javier Reyes, I believe now, I’m probably mispronouncing them. But please stand, and let’s give them a great big round of applause. They have done unbelievable work on this project.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: I know those chairs are getting hard, but I’m almost done.

I want to talk a second about education. I’m a real believer in this. And the first time you ever saw me, this is exactly what I said. I said we ought to make education our centerpiece. We have in a lot of ways. We’ve made a real commitment to education. And we’ve done lots and lots of stuff. And I’m not going to go through all the blow by blow of what we’ve done, but absolutely we have changed the way the outside world thinks about us and thinks about education. We’ve got lots more to do. We’ve got lots and lots and lots more to do.

And to make it better and better and better as we go forward, I hope we can do more and more and more and more. We want to make it better. We want to reward our people better. We want to make it better for our kids. We want to make the scores better. We want every part of it to be better.

So tonight, we have our Teacher of the Year. And, whew, am I going to have a time with this one. Jennifer Schwertfeger. How about that? Jennifer, where are you? Right there.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Jennifer has transformed now get this transformed the
way that science is being taught to our kids, and she is transforming the way we think it ought to be taught. She’s done an incredible job. And her sponsor is Toyota and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Horace Mann, are with us and the West Virginia Lottery are somewhere. And you’ve got to give them a big round of applause too.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, I’m with the State Police every day. I drive myself, because they don’t drive very well.

(LAUGHTER)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: And they scare me tee totally to death. And I’m just teasing. They’re really good. And it’s amazing how dedicated they are and all the great stuff they’ve done.

You know, you go back to when things were really tough. You didn’t have a class a cadet class for four years. And we’re about to enter March of 2020 and send our third class into action. Good stuff.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: They do work like you can’t imagine. Absolutely. They protect us. And we should respect and love them every single solitary day.

You know, I’d like to talk just a second about our elderly, and in some ways I guess I’m talking about me. You know, but again, I thank you and congratulate you for what you did in removing or in the tiering of removing the income tax, on the state income tax on our Social Security. It was a great move. It’s a great move for our elderly.

You know, last year we committed a million dollars to the Bureau of Senior Services. It’s not enough money, but it enabled us to purchase a bunch of new vehicles to supply hot meals to the homebound. Again, you know, it’s a curse and it’s a virtue. You know, I won’t give up on trying to care for somebody. I won’t. And whether you buy it or not buy it, I’m only here to care. And if you think about our elderly, the people that have been through their life and given us so much it’s unbelievable, and maybe there is some and maybe we know there are that are sitting right out there and they’d just love a hot meal.

You know, again, is that too much? I mean, is it really too much?

So this year there is $3 million in my budget to buy another 43 vehicles and to supply all kinds more meals to the seniors that are out there that are looking for just a warm meal and a kind voice.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Woody, don’t sit down, you know. I don’t know where you can stand here.

Let me tell you just this. I can’t tell this story enough. But I was in Barboursville with the veterans, and I said, “What would you want if we could do whatever you could do?” And they said we’d like Governor, we’d like our retirement exempt from state income tax. And I said, well, how much would that cost? And they said I said, Is there anybody here that knows? Because we were in session. And nobody really knew. But all of a sudden there is this one guy, who is a really sharp guy, and he stood up and said, Governor, I think it’s somewhere between 2.7 and $3.2 million. I couldn’t believe it. I could not believe it.

Again, these people have given each and every one of you, and me, every single thing we have in this life. Everything. Everything. I don’t care what it is. I don’t care if you’re going to Wendy’s. I don’t care what in the world you’re doing, we owe every single thing in our life to them. Everything. It’s all there is to it. Again, I say it over and over and over. They ask so little and they’ve given so much. It’s unbelievable.

So we came back. And I set it up, and you were kind enough to get behind it, and boom, it was done just that quick. I thank you again. I thank you for all of them. I thank you for me. I thank you for my dad. I thank you for Cathy’s dad. I thank you.

Now, in my budget you’ll find $5.5 million that’s going to the nursing home in Clarksburg. You’ll also find that we’ve been able to purchase more vans to be able to get our veterans to the hospitals. You’ll see in my contingency fund I was able because these people stood in the road, they did everything in the world to raise money for the Oceana Memorial Wall. And my dad is on that wall.
So we took a few contingency dollars and we were able to get them over the edge, and their wall is built.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: But let me tell you this. We’ve got a Metal of Honor recipient. It’s unbelievable. You talk about a hero. I mean, you may think you’re important. I may think I’m important. We can’t hold a candle to this man. And not only is he that, but what he’s doing all across this country for our Gold Star families is off the chart.

So I don’t know how our thunderous applause could thank him any more, no way could it thank him any more, but please, Woody Williams, stand, and let’s absolutely give him the applause that he deserves.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. WILLIAMS: Governor, if I may be so bold

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Come on up here. You can come up here by my tackle box.

MR. WILLIAMS: If I may be so bold.

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Please.

MR. WILLIAMS: We’re going to do a monument on the Capitol grounds that will be two times the size of anybody else’s in the country, because we are West Virginia.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Here. You come up here. You come right on up here. Move this out of the way. Come on over here and just talk. They’d rather hear from you than me.

MR. WILLIAMS: We’re currently in 45 states. 45 states in this country. communities, we’ve lost count of those. But they have put up a Gold Star Family Memorial Monument to honor those families that gave more than any of us. They gave one of their loved ones so we can be free. We’ve got 63 more that are in the process somewhere in the country. West Virginia can be very, very proud. We already have seven communities in this state that have put up a Gold Star Family Memorial Monument to honor those in their communities. We have four more that are in the process and working every day, and in just a few months they will be on live.

So it’s happening all over the country because of the big hearts and the love that people show for those who gave so much of a sacrifice.

We need $12,000 to meet our goal for our Capitol monument. So I’m hoping we can get $12,000 out of him.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Well, I’ll tell you what. You can keep that little orange jacket, and I’ll give you the 12,000 tomorrow out of the contingency fund. And you stay away from my hatchet.

(LAUGHTER)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Listen, let me tell you something else. The good Lord gave you the ability to smile and to laugh. It’s good stuff. This is an unbelievable hero right in our midst, and he is unreal. Unbelievable what he can do and say.

And I’d like to touch on just a couple other things really quick. The arts. And the funding of the arts is terribly important to our state. We don’t want in any way to lose our identity of how great we really are. And you know that every dollar that we pump into arts, we return back 23 almost instantaneously.

Brother Randall, where are you?

Oh, my goodness. Please stand. And we’re going to

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: I mean, what a job he is doing. It’s off the chart. Look at this. I love it.

(APPLAUSE)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: You didn’t even let me, you know, recognize these two other people. There is a lady here, and her name is Chiho Feindler how about that? and she’s a senior director of Programs and Policy, and she heads up this effort called Save the Music. And absolutely there is packages of musical instruments in all 55 of our counties. It’s unbelievable how important that is.
And hold on just one second.

And the other person that is here that we want to recognize is our senior advisor to the Office of Senior Deputy Chairman. Good gracious, oh, no, wait a minute. This is the Chief Grant Coordinator. Oh, forgive me. We need you really bad. This is Joshua Mautha.

Where is he? If he would stand. Thank you, sir.

(Applause)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Now, we’re on the homestretch. Year 2020. An incredible, incredible anniversary year. One hundred years now, one hundred years the women have been able to vote. Absolutely 100 years. And please, let’s all cheer in every way, shape, form, or fashion for that anniversary.

(Applause)

THE COURT: Okay. Last year I came to you with the idea of an Intermediate Court of Appeals. I really truly believe that it is a part of putting us on our way to restore honor and integrity to our system even better. We need to do it. And I think we can get it across the finish line this year. It will help us in lots and lots of different ways.

You know, now, the other thing I would say about this is just this. With a follow up of the Court we have right here, and the assistance that we can give in many different ways, we’ve got to get that across the finish line.

Last thing I would say. My very last page. I’d say just this. Cathy and I the other day, we went to the National Guard hangar, and at that hangar there was a plane that landed with a hundred plus of our bravest and best that came back from 11 months of duty all over the world. Most of them in Iraq and Kuwait. Just think about it. Think about last night. Think about last night, if you would have been the parents or the spouse of your child that would have been in Iraq, on of those bases. Just think about what I’ve said about how much we owe. How much we truly owe.

Cathy and I were there. And they got off the plane, and all their families were here and there and everything, and here they came. And Cathy kept saying, “Can you imagine? Can you imagine, really and truly, how tough and how good this really is?” We both walked around with tears running down our face. It was unbelievable how great it really, really truly was.

Now, but on that same day, that same day, we had seven being deployed that day.

Now, let me tell you. Tonight we have with us Mrs. Tiffany Holstein. Her and her daughter Taylor. Her husband is a technical sergeant, Brandon Holstein. He’s deployed with our 130th Airlift Wing.

If she would stand, please. Give her the love that absolutely all of us want to do.

(Applause)

GOVERNOR JUSTICE: Tiffany, Brandon will be home soon. And that will be great stuff.

You know, I’d leave you with one thought. There may be people here that love West Virginia as much as me. But there is no way on earth there is anybody here that loves it more. I love you. I love this great state. I love all that we stand for. I love the fact that I’ve been able to be maybe a coach. I’ve been maybe working towards the fact that if we could just say that maybe, just maybe, I’ve been a coach that’s been working to train you for the Olympics and that’s you, being West Virginia and all I would say now is: Go win the gold.

God bless you. Thank you.

(Applause)

Designating dogs adopted from animal shelters and rescues as WV official state dog

(Adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

I realize that a lot of what we do here guys and girls is a . . . you know, heavy stuff—we’re making the laws that affect people’s lives here
in West Virginia. So, I appreciate your indulgence for a moment here on this resolution.

Anybody who knows my wife and I knows that we’re big dog people and that we have adopted all of our dogs from shelters or rescue organizations over the years. And so, I wanted to take a moment with this resolution really to bring light on the issue of dogs across this country and in this state, in shelters and rescue organizations . . . .

It’s estimated that there are between 3.3 and 5.5 million dogs across the country in these shelters and rescues and that, sadly, between 670,000 and 800,000 of them are euthanized each year for lack of being able to find a proper home. About 1.6 million dogs are adopted annually across the country.

And so, if you do the math, only about 23 percent of dogs across the country come from a shelter or rescue. And there’s absolutely . . . this isn’t . . . there’s absolutely nothing wrong if someone wants a type of dog, a specific type of dog, and they get the dog from a breeder, some place like a pet shop, that’s not my intent . . . I just wanted to highlight the issue of shelters. And in fact, about 25 percent of dogs who come from shelters are purebreds. So, you can always find, I think, what you’re looking for at your local shelter.

You know, you have a chance to save a life when you adopt a dog from a shelter, you got an opportunity to adopt an adult dog that doesn’t come with the hassles of trying to potty train the dog and chewing things up . . . and so, there are a lot of aspects that really make it a very good option for you. It costs less to adopt a dog from a shelter and also, just because a dog is at a shelter, doesn’t mean that there’s something wrong with the dog. It’s just that dog needs a second chance and is looking for a new friend . . . just like you might be.

So, I would encourage everybody in here to stop in at their local shelter, drop off some toys, drop off some treats, a bed, maybe volunteer, take dogs for a walk, help clean up. The people who work, we all know them at our local shelters and volunteer there do an amazing job and so, everybody just consider a shelter dog when you are considering your next dog.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing OMEGA for support of Children’s Home Society of WV

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 6)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
CHARLES H. CLEMENTS

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

The OMEGA organization is a great organization within our state. I have been associated with them for I don’t know how many years now, both as a member and then as a supporter of a lot of things that they do and undertake.

One of the things that they do is every year in May have a fundraiser for the Children’s Home Society. So, we might as well look at it and say this resolution not only salutes OMEGA but salutes the Children’s Home Society also.

The society is a participatory organization consisting of employees, foster families, adoptive families, volunteers, board of directors, the Director Emeriti, advisory council members, donors, benefactors, supporters, and friends and they’re governed by a volunteer board of directors.

The mission of the Children’s Home Society is to promote the well-being of children. Their current efforts are directed at helping children find lifetime families, protecting and nurturing children, and helping preserve and strengthen their families. They want to see that each child grows up in West Virginia in a safe and nurturing family that provides for his or her current and future needs. And we see within our state the number of children that we need for adoption, here is an organization that has done so much and will continue to do so much to fulfill that goal.

For the OMEGA, with their fundraising in 2019, they raised $128,000 to give to the Children’s Home Society. That brings the total, since 2011, to over a million dollars and 7,000 children in West Virginia have been helped by the fundraising efforts of OMEGA.
Mr. President, I urge passage of this resolution.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE PATRICIA PUERTAS RUCKER

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

SENATOR RUCKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would appreciate just a few moments to talk about the amazing results of a bipartisan bill which we passed out of this chamber unanimously last year. A bill that we said would make an incredible difference in people’s lives, one that has the potential to turn things around in our state by proactively increasing work skills and giving hope to our citizens.

This bill I’m talking about created the West Virginia Invests Grant Program. And this program is doing exactly what we said it would and much more. Because of West Virginia Invests Grant Program, 5,549 people applied to go to one of our two-year institutions. These are folks who are not your traditional students. Folks who are not the traditional age for going to these two-year institutions. Folks who are looking for a second or maybe a third career. Folks who their workplace skills maybe need some updating to match with the jobs that we need right here in West Virginia. Out of those 5,000 applicants, 1,345 found out they didn’t need any West Virginia Invests Grant Program money because, guess what, when they filled out their FAFSA, they already were eligible for all the other programs that were already existing.

So, over a thousand folks ended up receiving the grants. And out of those folks, the typical age still remained around 24 years and under, but we gave out over 150 awards to those who are the nontypical, from 24 all the way to age 50.

Our bill also included a mandate that we don’t talk about very much—a mandate that the State Board of Education create pathways for a career starting in middle school—and I am really looking forward to letting you know about that later on.

Thank you all for letting me take a moment to talk about this incredible program. I’m just so happy that we were able to work together in a bipartisan manner to pass a bill that really truly is making a difference in West Virginia lives.

Thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

It’s my privilege to bring a bright spot to my colleagues today. One of our pages is from the school that I’m administrator of, Braden Daniels. Braden is a senior, distinguished himself a couple of years ago by . . . on his ACT, scoring 33. Now, he has the composite of 36, the highest score that you can get on the ACT. He’s gone through our school from K-4 to twelfth grade and so . . . he’s been taught most of his years—you’re not going to like this—by uncertified teachers and in an uncredited school. Now, of course, we’ve become dignified in the recent years and so we’ll finish our accreditation probably this spring and such and they’re certified now, but, most of his years were not under those.

We are, you see . . . sometimes we put . . . like college graduation degrees, not everybody is equal—high school diplomas, not everybody is equal. But I submit to you, when you look at the State of West Virginia, actually, the average ACT score across the nation is 21.0, the average, this is according to the WVEA website, the average West Virginia ACT is 20.6. Braden scored a 36, perfect 36.

Last year, 11,200 took the ACT test in West Virginia. In the mix of that sometimes we have people that will tout that our state rating, along with the national rating, and say that we are doing very well compared to the nation. I want to remind our colleagues that the ACT scores that we get have all of the students in West Virginia that take it, not just the public education students. So, when you have a student like this, out of a private school, that gets a perfect score, 36 composite, then what that does is that averages out with all of the others.

And so, I’m encouraged that we do have the wherewithall, I’m told by the Higher Education
Policy Council, to check out and make a determination, and I would like to see it divided up so that we can see what kind of education, really, homeschoolers are providing based on ACT scores . . . what kind of school, what kind of education private schools are providing based on their ACT scores, and then what type of education our public education system is providing based on ACT scores. I think those would be real. Right now, it is everybody. And so, every time somebody says but our ACT scores are fabulous in West Virginia, those are including nonpublic school students also that may or may not—we’ll see. But, I suspect they are lifting up the overall scores and making our public education system look better than perhaps maybe it is doing, as a reflection of our NAEP scores and such. So, when you take all of those into account, you have a 92 percent graduation rate, we are told. I think that is great. But then higher education comes to our committee meetings and tells us—and you can ask them privately, it’s the same thing—where they’re saying it takes them a year and a half to two years to get them up to college level. There’s a problem with that, there’s concern there.

And so, we have about 18,000 total seniors last year; about 6,000 of them don’t take the ACT at all; approximately 1,500, about 8 percent, of those do not graduate . . . and so, where do these people go when they leave our schools? They are getting a diploma and they’re going somewhere. But then if you go to Workforce West Virginia they will tell you that the problem is the largest age group in West Virginia that is not participating in the workforce is the early entrance, the 16 to 24 age group. That is a problem. That’s why we have so many problems in West Virginia. We’re not addressing that issue. I hope to be able to see that improved as time goes on . . .

But, I want to say congratulations Braden on your great accomplishment. There was probably . . . now, I provide free tuition for our staff members’ kids, and so they haven’t had to pay any tuition all down through these 13 years for his education. So, now he’s going to have a free ride to a great four-year law school and that is because of his accomplishments, and he has worked hard in addition to what he has been taught. But, if you figure out about those 13 years, you may be dealing with a $50,000 investment in our school—others may charge, I’m sure they do, more—but about a $50,000 investment if they would have paid tuition throughout those 13 years. Do you think that in the rest of his life that he and his family are going to reap $50,000 worth of benefits in his education that he’s gotten? I think it’s well worth it and I commend you Braden for your accomplishments.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

Everybody knows that I’ve sort of been in and out, but I just want to express my gratitude to the members. I don’t think there’s a one of you that hasn’t wished me well in recovery and whatever. I’m not good at these things for that matter. But it goes further than that . . . the staff, as well. The staff in this building, in general, has went above and beyond the call of duty to try to be able to help me out. I can’t thank them enough for that.

As pertaining to the Finance Committee, I’ll be in and out, but I don’t want anything to change. Those that were there last year and the year before knew how we went about doing things and if you’ve got thoughts or whatever, reach out, let us know what’s going on. The Minority Leader, former Finance Chairman, up there, has been a tremendous help to me over the years. I have been grateful, will always be grateful for it. It’s something that I felt that needed to be said.

We hear lots of times just like the Senator just got done that we bark back and forth at each other, but the public should also realize that that’s a lot of theater. In reality, what we do behind the scenes is we really take care of each other regardless of whether we like our politics or not. I’ve witnessed that from the day I entered into this chamber as a minority member, and I don’t think that that’s ever going to change on how we behave with ourselves, even though the public doesn’t always get to see it.

And with that note, you know, I clown around and I joke, and all that, but also sometimes I can be a “jackass” and there’s going to be times that I’m, cause I am in a good bit of pain, that I might actually be abrupt or curse or whatever it may be—please don’t think that that’s a long-term
thing, because it is not. I love every one of you guys in here and that includes the staff. Again, there’s nothing better than being associated with such good people.

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to every member in here.

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Designating January 16, 2020, as Aviation Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 8)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Thursday, January 16, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

It’s my honor to stand in support of this resolution. You know, this is the hundredth-year anniversary of aviation in West Virginia, starting back with the Fokker Aircraft Plant in 1928. I don’t know what happened to the Fokkers, but they’re not here anymore, but we’ve done better.

Today, we recognize that aviation in West Virginia means travel for our citizens, both in and out of the state . . . bringing people in to do commerce in West Virginia—that is one of the most important things that our aviation industry does in West Virginia. But it also means economic development. And every time that we support a regional or local aviation facility in West Virginia, we’re helping to create jobs . . . and good jobs.

In the Mountain State, air travel is so important to commerce through the three major airports we have, the dozens of commercial airports we have, and the general aviation airports around the state because it allows people to move through what we consider the most beautiful aspect of our state, the mountains, very quickly.

But we’ve done a lot more. In the northern part of the state, we have an aerospace industry that is thriving. It started with Robert C. Byrd urging a company to put 75 employees in a little building in Bridgeport, West Virginia, which has now grown to over 1,500 direct jobs through companies such as Pratt & Whitney, Bombardier, Aurora, Boeing, and, now, Mitsubishi.

That is, both of those, our travel success and our industrial success, is something that we need to continue to nurture and grow, not cannibalize for other areas. All of this has been made possible through the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission and the West Virginia Airport Managers Association and I, with great pleasure, I recommend that we adopt the resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Thursday, January 16, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wanted to just take a moment to talk about the issue of pre-existing conditions. There’s been a lot of talk and legislation considered here recently . . . and I want to start by saying this: By most measures, the State of West Virginia is the oldest, sickest, and most impoverished state in our country. Now that’s not doom and gloom, that’s a reality. And we’re elected to face those realities here every session, during the interim session.

Our Attorney General, Mr. Morrisey, has spent the better part of his career stripping away, or fighting to strip away, health care protections that protect West Virginians. But now, I submit to you, that he’s the dog that’s caught the car. And because of that, and because there’s been some movement in attempting to dismantle the Affordable Health Care Act, he has jeopardized health insurance coverage for hundreds of thousands of West Virginians and has now come to the people of West Virginia and said, well, wait a minute, we have a bill that will nonetheless protect folks with pre-existing conditions. Pre-existing conditions for those who are listening are health conditions such as pregnancy, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer—conditions that afflict a strong majority, or not a strong majority, but a healthy minority of our citizens. In fact, 382,000 West Virginians suffer from pre-existing conditions—37 percent of our
population. Now this bill that the Attorney General has pushed and has been introduced in this body, Senate Bill 284 (Creating WV Health Care Continuity Act), is bad and wrong, basically, for three reasons.

One, there is no accountability. It actually delegates the administrative duties to take care and provide insurance for people with pre-existing conditions to some nonprofit organization. I still can’t follow that because we’re answerable to the people but, obviously, nonprofit organizations are not.

It increases premiums for folks with pre-existing conditions and it does that in two ways: One, it puts everyone that has a pre-existing condition in the same pool. It doesn’t spread them out with healthy individuals, but puts them all in one pool, which will raise premiums for those individuals. It does it a second way by allowing insurance companies to raise premiums on folks with pre-existing conditions five times. So, if you’re someone with diabetes and you’re paying $600 in insurance a month, that means the insurance company can raise that premium to $3,000 a month.

And finally, and this is something that’s more apparent here recently, the Attorney General’s bill, again, Senate Bill 284, further burdens our struggling hospitals. Last summer, hospitals in Wheeling shuttered; here, more recently, in the Kanawha County, Thomas Memorial Hospital has declared bankruptcy. And there are a lot of reasons for that. But, I would submit to you, that if someone with health insurance now, private health insurance with a pre-existing condition, and this bill passes, they’ll fall out of the insurance market, and they’ll show up at Thomas Memorial Hospital in the emergency room. They won’t have to pay for that care, the hospital will. And so, its burdening, that’s a consequence of this bill, it further burdens our hospitals. And we can talk and I hope we see legislation about potentially raising the reimbursement rate when it comes to Medicaid in our hospitals. But this bill is bad for hospitals.

Our caucus, the Democrat caucus has introduced a bill on pre-existing conditions that, in response to this Senate bill, will protect all those individuals with pre-existing conditions by not throwing everyone in the same pool with those particular ailments.

So, what I’d like today, Mr. President, is to say that I ask this body to not consider Senate Bill 284 and consider the Democrat bill and protect those individuals with pre-existing conditions. West Virginians must come first, and the Attorney General’s bill does not do that, and we must restore our healthy communities.

Thank you.
with a scarlet letter in that risk pool. So, I mean
if the statistics hold, I’m certainly not alone—
anywhere from a third to a half of this body are
in exactly the same, or at least similar,
circumstances I’m in.

What I’m asking for is, please don’t make us
a political football. We don’t want to be another
statistic. All we want is for insurance companies
to not be able to pull the rug out from under us
at a given time because of everything else that
we’re going through. So, this is really personal
for me. People are fighting for their lives out
there and we’re not expecting anybody else to
take up our banner or fight for us. All we’re
expecting is to not fight against us. Please don’t
hurt us in our fight. We can’t move backwards.
We need to ensure that people with pre-existing
conditions don’t lose coverage. And there’s a
really simple way to do that—we’ve got a bill
coming up that we’ve all signed on to it, I don’t
see any reason why everybody in the body
wouldn’t sign on to it because this isn’t partisan,
this isn’t political, it’s personal. It’s trying to
make sure that we take care of our people and
our families.

I want to thank you all. You all have been
very supportive of me over the last two years and
I’ll be forever grateful for that.

Thank you for the time, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RANDY E. SMITH

Thursday, January 16, 2020

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m glad this was brought up this morning
because this puts a rock in my craw, so to speak.

I’ve worked my whole life, almost 41 years,
as a coal miner. You know, I’m getting at the age
where I can retire, but I’m not going to be able
to retire because I can’t find affordable health
care. Now, if I would have laid around at the
house and lived off the government or just didn’t
want to work all my life, I could get affordable
health care that President Obama brought us—
that’s affordable health care—but no, I got to
keep on working so I can pay for everybody
else’s health care. But I can’t get . . . I checked
on health care, $1,600 to $1,800 a month for an
80/20. That’s what I have to pay. I’ve worked
my whole life and I can’t retire. But I have to
continue to work so I can pay for everybody’s
health care because I can’t afford mine. So, yes,
this is a problem, it’s a problem.

But I get sick and tired of hearing affordable
health care. It’s affordable health care for some, but
it’s not affordable health care for others. If you have
worked your life, like I have, and a lot of you in here
have, and we got a lot of people in the State of West
Virginia that gets up and goes to work every day,
but we can’t afford to retire. But now, if we just lay
around and don’t go to work and never pick up a
dinner bucket, we get our health care. I could go into
the emergency room. I have health care now that
costs me $300 out of my pocket if I go to the
emergency room—but I might have to wait three or
four hours because the emergency room’s clear full
of people that doesn’t have to pay a dime. They
don’t have to get up the next morning and go to
work. I get home, well, 1 o’clock, get up the next
morning, go to work. Now, you tell me how that’s
fair. You tell me how that’s affordable health care.
Yes, I’m angry about it because I’m sick of carrying
everybody that does not want to work. I don’t mind
helping out the people in need, there’s a lot of
people that needs this, that needs help . . . but it’s not
fair for us, the working class—and I consider
myself the working class—that have to work the
rest of their life because they can’t afford affordable
health care, but we are expected to pay for
everybody else’s that don’t care if they contribute to
the society.

So, Mr. President, I’m for affordable health
care. I’m for fair health care for everybody. I’m
a diabetic. I’ve got black lung. So, don’t tell me
about pre-existing, I’ve got pre-existing and the
only way I can keep insurance is to keep on
working because I can’t afford because of
affordable health care. Yeah, it’s affordable for
some, but I can tell you right now, it’s not
affordable for everyone.

So, thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Thursday, January 16, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.
Along the lines of what we’ve heard . . . . You know, we have a responsibility, and one of our biggest responsibilities is to the citizens of our state. And, like the Senator said, we’re talking about working people now, we’re talking about people who’ve tried to push the wagon and help move things forward.

See, the people who don’t have jobs, when their child gets sick or something, they can take them and receive medical help at no cost. But what about our employees who can’t afford to pay? You know . . . we pay half of our employees’ insurance, but that still leaves an employee with two children paying $700 or $800 a month. I mean, this is the richest country in the world. We’ve seen where people have to ride buses to go to Canada to get their insulin. I mean, what’s wrong, folks? This is a real tragedy in our country that folks go to work every day trying to set the example for their children of right and wrong and how that you should go to work, and they can’t take them to the doctor. They have to go to the drugstore and buy off the counter medicines.

I mean, look, we talk about education and all these things, and it’s all important, but what’s more important than health care? How are you going to be a productive citizen, or how are you going to be a good student if you’ve got health issues?

Now look, this isn’t Democrat or Republican, this is a West Virginia problem. And the folks that elected us to come down here and represent us, they want some help. Mr. President, I would ask that you would form a committee of Democrats and Republicans to come up with something that both of us could accept and work with. Let’s try to make an example. Let’s try to change the opinion of West Virginia across the United States. Let’s try to do something for our citizens. It’s our opportunity, it’s our burden. Now, are we going to accept it, or are we just going to shuffle it along?

But folks, I’m telling you, this is a major problem and it’s a major problem for the people who goes to work every day and tries to pay their taxes and do what’s right. And, like I said earlier, this is the richest country in the world, and we got working folk that can’t go to the doctor. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

Thank you, Mr. President.
And so, you know, Mr. President, I’ve heard you in a conversation, and I think it was a really good remark. You commented on the disparity of prosperity, right? So, West Virginia, we have 55 counties, and some of these counties are doing exceptionally well. Some of the counties are struggling. We’re going to have a bill from this Legislature that every county in this state should be jumping up and down to get passed. And there’s a lot of misunderstandings and misperceptions just because it’s been in the conversation, but the data’s not out there yet. So, that bill is going to be to amend the Constitution of West Virginia so that the Legislature can control the tax on machinery, equipment, and inventory for manufacturers. So, that ticket alone, is, if you look at the strongest year down to the weakest year—the strongest year, it’s about a hundred million dollars. Still guaranteed in the Constitution with that amendment will be the funding of our schools because there is a school aid formula that determines that those schools are going to get the money. We just passed a big bill out that funds them heavier than they’ve ever been funded in this state’s history, past year, because of economic policy that has produced gross domestic product rate of growth.

So this bill, when you look at it, counties are worried, how are we going to be made whole? Everybody in this room is very, very familiar with the volatility of the coal severance tax. If you were to look at that thing on a graph, it looks like the beautiful West Virginia mountains. It’s up and down, it’s up and down, and it’s up and down. You go back the past five years, every county that receives money from the machinery, equipment, and inventory tax on manufacturing, that’s what their graph looks like. So, if you now go back and look at those counties . . . . Just think for a second how many of those counties do you think have income from that tax? How many do you think have a lot of income from that tax? How many jobs do not go into those counties because of this tax? West Virginia’s tax on manufacturing on the jobs that it creates, those collective taxes, around 15.9 percent. Our friends in Ohio who compete against us, theirs is 5.9 percent. Our friends in Pennsylvania who compete against us, theirs is 4.2 percent.

If we want health care, we’ve got to have jobs. And the way we get jobs is we come together as a group and we get this Constitution amended so we can: One, get these jobs into these counties, because here is what the reality is: 39 of our 55 counties, the revenue that comes into those counties for that is one percent or less of their all revenue that comes into the county. Thirty-nine of them. You wonder why manufacturing is not coming in there—26 of the 39 at zero. Zero.

I can give you an example, just some numbers I was rolling through this morning: Wirt County got $132 last year from manufacturing on machinery and equipment, Mr. President. This is something we can do that is real. If you have somebody who is manufacturing in your county, they’re creating jobs, they’re creating product, they’re probably paying for health care for those employees. Would you not like for them to be competitive? What does it mean to them, if eight percent, this cuts this tax in half, if we get this, well, not if, when we get rid of this, because I can’t imagine that any of you would not want to create jobs in your district. Because that’s what this leads to. When we do this, that tax goes from about 15.9 percent to about 8. You know what? We are still about double Pennsylvania when we do that, and we’re still more than Ohio. But I tell you what we are doing is we’re giving those businesses the ability to grow, the ability to compete, the ability to do health care for their employees.

The way that this would be structured—it happens over time—this is absolutely fiscally possible, it is not an impossibility, a hundred million dollars is what we’re talking about. It can be done and it can be done over time. You can phase it in and, as you phase it in, there’s revenue that comes back on that because of these jobs that are created, because of the increased productivity, because of the increased sales these manufacturers in the State of West Virginia can do. And you can go back, and it pays for itself.

Now, if you’re a county, and you’re a county you’re saying what about, you know, I’m guaranteed this in the Constitution. You know what, you got to kind of look at this from a different perspective. Go look at that graphic. Look at the income that came to your county since 2015, every year. And look at those West Virginia mountains drawn on that graph. It is up and down, up and down. We can go back to get that hundred million, take the absolute most tax that you paid in a given year and we can guarantee that in perpetuity with legislation. So no longer do you see this, you stay here, and you go here. It’s more money for those counties. Not only is it more money just there, what you just did is you opened your county to more jobs. Counties should be elated that we’re talking about this, they should be knocking down our doors, emailing you each, calling you, and
anybody who can hear my voice from this speech on this floor should be calling their legislators and calling their local county officials and saying get this done.

So, now let’s talk about the health care side of this. Or the pseudo insurance that is created by Obamacare. I’m a health care provider, as many of you know, and I’m also an employer, and I pay for health insurance for a great many of our employees. And I can tell you, it’s becoming a growing, growing, growing, growing line item and every time that grows, that’s less money that I can invest in employees, that’s less money that I can invest in physical structure, it’s less money I can do to open a new business.

And the pseudo insurance side of it comes from, as those premiums grow and they grow and grow, well, I’ll tell you what’s happened since Obamacare came along, insurance is not insurance anymore. What they do is they jack up your deductible, they jack up your co-pay, they jack up your co-insurance, and, so, what all happens there? All that cost gets shifted to you. Your employer is paying a skyrocketed premium, growing at double-digit growth, and so are you. And then you don’t really have insurance because it’s obstructed by that co-insurance, that co-pay, and that deductible. That’s what Obamacare has given us. And what’s the result of that? How many people who are now jobless because health care has priced jobs out of the freakin’ market? If they can’t go get the job that provides health care, but then they’re paying it on their own, and all that cost is shifted to the individual, how easy do you think that is for a hospital to collect that payment? Go look at the accounts receivable at any hospital in this state and see what it’s doing. It is growing, growing, growing, growing. And so it is with the private health care providers in this state as well.

We have got the map. We’ve been drawing it out. If you want to see where we’ve been, it’s everywhere you want to go. Look in the articles. It’s in the journals. It’s in nationally recognized growth of this state and I am so proud to be a part of it.

I would hope that our members across the aisle, when we are sitting here talking about Aviation Day, and the economic growth that aviation brings to this state, especially in manufacturing around aviation, how much more competitive could those businesses be that are actually fabricating the parts of airplanes and rockets and helicopters, if we allowed them to be competitive instead of taxing them out of existence?

So, Mr. President, thank you for your leadership and I’m ready to get this rolling.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Thursday, January 16, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you.

Let me apologize in advance for prolonging the floor session but, you know, the inventory tax is kind of an enigma to me. I’ve heard about it, you know, every year I’ve been here. We’ve done nothing about it because it takes bipartisan support. And partisan speeches, while great for the camera, aren’t going to help us to try to resolve that issue.

I’m a businessman. I hate the inventory and business personal property tax because it’s a gross income tax. I pay it whether I make money or not. But you know what—in the numbers it seems to vary, I’ve heard a hundred million, I’ve heard 240 million—we can’t eliminate that tax without the support of replacing it with a tax that saves our counties and public school system. This body cannot guarantee that the General Fund will be able to make up that tax that’s so necessary to the operation of the counties, that’s so necessary to the operation of the public school system. And what will end up happening is we’ll transfer the burden that’s on business to individuals because they’re going to have to raise everybody’s real estate taxes in order to make budget, in order to not go bankrupt.

So, you know, all the talk we have, if we don’t come up with a logical plan to try to replace it—and it’s one of the few things that my friends across the aisle can’t do on their own. You can do just about everything on your own, except this . . . because it’s a constitutional amendment. We need to work together to find a replacement, not just try to force the repeal of that tax on the backs of the West Virginia taxpayer and homeowner.

You know, back in 2014—and it hasn’t changed much—we were the seventeenth lowest tax state in the country, fifteenth lowest business
I also apologize for delaying floor session, but I had the opportunity this morning to go to an eighth grade classroom here in Kanawha County and talk to eighth grade kids about the legislative process. And, it was pretty eye-opening for me because what the perception is, is not the reality. And so the reality is, they would ask questions about Republicans and Democrats and why they always fight. And I said what the reality is, that typically makes a better law. Republicans aren’t always right, Democrats aren’t always right; Republicans aren’t always wrong, Democrats aren’t always wrong. So, when we work together usually what comes out of that is a better law for most of us.

You know, of course, I deal with health care every day and it breaks my heart when those with pre-existing conditions come in. And I agree, it shouldn’t be a political football, these are people we’re talking about. And every single one of us . . . and I see it on a day-to-day basis. My mother gets on to me for traveling all the time when I get a little bit of time off. I tell her all the time, you don’t understand, every day I see people a lot younger and healthier than me, they’re not going to be here next week. And so, I try to enjoy life as much as I can. We’re all just a car accident away, a cancer diagnosis away, a stroke, a heart attack . . . . If we’re not already, we’re a pre-existing condition tomorrow. So, we got to keep that in mind.

The problem with health care, and I’m glad my friend from Harrison brought this up because it’s a difficult topic. If it was easy, it would have been solved before us. It’s not going to be solved by us, it won’t be solved completely behind us, but we can certainly do what we can today to
make this better. And it’s really an issue of three things: It’s a demand, a supply, and an economic issue. And the problem is the demand in this state is great. We’re the unhealthiest state in the country. We’re the most obese, we have the highest smoking rates, we have the worst diabetes of any state in the country, we have the worst heart disease. So, if we’re all being honest, and I think that’s what everybody’s trying to get to, if we’re all being honest, and we’re all going to face it, we can’t talk out of both sides of our mouths. We all stand up, Republicans and Democrats, and talk about oh, we’re going to improve jobs, we’re going to improve health care. Well, when you’ve got opportunities in front of you to do that, you’ve got to take advantage of it. We’re not going to cure everything, but we can certainly make it better.

A couple of years ago, we raised the tobacco tax. We were the only state in the country for the past couple of decades where the smoking rates have continued to increase and I don’t think there’s any doubt in anybody’s mind smoking’s bad for you . . . cancer, heart disease, multiple cardiovascular disease, stroke, etc. And multiple states . . . you know, every law we look at, we say, well, what are the other states, what’s the effect. The one thing—there’s nothing doctors can do that will make you quit smoking—but, if you increase the tax, you will see smoking rates decline and that’s exactly what has happened. We raised those taxes in 2015 and now the Governor is touting we’ve got a $300 million surplus. In the past, Medicaid, you know, struggled, struggled, struggled, [inaudible] the unhealthiest state, all of a sudden we’ve got a $300 million surplus.

So, if we’re going to be serious about this, the question should be: What can we do about obesity, what can we do about smoking rates, what are we going to do with vaping? That’s going to be the other issue coming up. These kids are vaping left and right. My daughter can’t even use the restroom at her high school. Three girls are in each stall vaping. Why? It’s smokeless, it’s odorless. Teachers, if they do a bathroom check, they can’t go in there and check the stalls. They stick it in their pocket when they’re told to come out. You’re not allowed to frisk them. So, you don’t get into trouble and it continues. So, vaping’s going to be the next injury . . . and we don’t know, it’s just like asbestos, it was a wonderful product until 30 years later when we realized it was killing everybody. We’re already seeing it now, quick. You know, I’ve been giving floor speeches for four years now about vaping and what it does to the lungs. We’re starting to see it. I mean you literally could have taken a floor speech I gave in 2015 and played it on the news this past year and it would have looked like I could have looked back in time. Things that go in the lungs aren’t supposed to go in the lungs except for air.

So, if we’re truly wanting to tackle this head-on, we’ve got to do something about the demand of health care. And the only way you can really do that is do everything in your power to try to help people be healthier. So, one proposal might be increase the smoking tax, the vape tax, let’s get that down further. WVU did a great study, I’ve talked about that before, $244 million savings they said if we could drop 10 percent the smoking rates in West Virginia. I don’t know what the percentage has actually dropped to, but we increased the tax, smoking rates go down, and, also, we’ve got a $300 million surplus.

Supply is the other issue. You know, and I’ve talked and talked and talked about that. We’ve got bills to try to bring medical providers into the state—it’s a fact that if a person goes to the doctor, it’s a fact that if they take their own initiative in health care, the health care costs and the health of the people are better—but we’re going to have a major, major supply shortage. We don’t have enough; we’ve got a major nursing shortage. What are we doing to possibly try to help our nursing shortage in this state? Every single day in intensive care units, one hospital we cover, Thomas . . . but we got beds closed. There’s people that desperately need those beds from all around the state, we don’t have enough nurses to open them. CAMC, we turn patients away every single day almost. There’s patients that critically need the specialists we have at CAMC for that. We don’t have the nurses to staff them.

We’re going to have a major doctor shortage. You know, in 2020, this year, the DOs and the MDs, the two predominant, we’re the only two doctors in the country, they’ve made a merger, they’ve come together, starting this year, and because of that, foreign medical graduates are not going to have U.S. residency spots to come here and practice. Now how does that affect West Virginia? If you notice, we’ve got a lot of foreign medical . . . great doctors. But they try to get their ticket to come into the country by agreeing, once they graduate, they’ll go to an underserved area . . . West Virginia. And if they practice, three, four, five years, depending on their agreement, they can stay here for their lives and they can work. Well, why do we have so many here? They’re not all young guys, a lot of our foreign medical graduates are old guys and
...because once they get here for three or four years, they grow roots, they become part of the community, they buy houses, their kids start school, they’re respected, and they stay. So, we’ve had bills for three or four years now to try to entice doctors to come to West Virginia... it’s not gone anywhere. I don’t think we’ve ever got them out of the Senate. But that starts in 2020. I think the average age of a physician in this state’s around 56, 58 years old. In just another five, ten years, we’re going to have a crisis. You can’t get doctors in West Virginia. I mean we get job offers once and twice a week, especially the specialists, great salaries, live other places, everybody’s got major doctor shortages. So, if we don’t act now, what are you going to do in five, ten years when you no longer have specialists, when you no longer...? And you don’t want to have to jump in the back of an ambulance or plane to chuck it clear to Cleveland or something to get a surgery that could have been done right here.

So, if we’re really being honest with ourselves, we’ve got to look at all this in combination, if we’re truly here to fix the problem, because we’re all not going to be senators for everybody, nobody’s going to remember any of us when we leave, you walk down the hall and glance at the pictures, great, but what we can do is make an impact on this state. But we’re going to have to do it working together, and we’re going to have to look at it from the 10,000 foot view and say what’s truly going to make the difference? We’re not going to be able to fix Obamacare or this or that, but we can fix pieces that can make a difference and make an impact today. We’ve already seen it, just a few years ago, with that tax we’ve done. We’ve seen declines and improvements. If we do things to fund tobacco cessation, if we do things to affect cardiac, if we do things to get providers in here, we can start fixing these.

The third leg of that’s economics. I have patients, and I’m not a complete... I didn’t like Obamacare, but there’s great things about some aspects of—I love great things—pre-existing conditions is the number one, I love that. It has to be. I don’t think either body in this chamber or even on the other side, disagree, that has to be a key component of that. But at the same time, you know, I have patients that come into the office, that are kind of what people classify as the working poor, that are forced into the exchange and they’re paying $800-$1,200 a month, they don’t have it. Now they don’t have money to buy their insulin. So, we fight every day to try to do work arounds and get them things. So, the only thing that’s really going to fix that is economics. So, everything we can to work together to bring jobs and improve the economy, that’s really going to be the only fix because there’s just not enough money and supply for all the demand that we have. And that’s going to be the case long after we’re gone. But what we can do is strive to do everything we can in our power to improve the economics, to improve the numbers, and get things more in the favorable condition the best we can.

So, anyways, I hate to go on, Mr. President, but I just want to put those two cents in.

Thank you.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Friday, January 17, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I didn’t write this remarks here, but I totally concur with them and then I’m going to make a comment or two afterwards.

Mr. President, I rise today to speak in favor of the Clorox company and its proposed Fresh Step cat litter manufacturing site in my home county of Berkeley County. And they’re announcing today that they’re locating in Berkeley County.

As many of you are aware, the Mountain State has experienced a record-topping year in 2019, leading the nation in gross domestic product in the first quarter. West Virginia also saw the highest personal income growth surpassing the rest of the country with the rate of 5.6 percent.

The Eastern Panhandle was consistently at the forefront of the progress of this state’s strongest economic region and is poised to remain so. As many of you have seen from your travel to my neck of the woods, it boasts many unique characteristics that make it a desirable location to do business, including the availability of flat land for development, a large pool of qualified workers, and a proximity to flourishing population centers.
According to the Clorox company, it tends to rank the region’s expanding business community. As a Fortune 500 company with the longest dedication of sustainability and inclusion, I see this as an incredible advantageous addition to Berkeley County, as well as the State of West Virginia. The company chose Berkeley County because of its alignment with the company’s culture and core values. As such, it seeks to be a good corporate neighbor and maintain equal focus on sustainability and local civil engagement. Living upon the company’s core values, the Clorox company awarded over $6 million in product donations across the United States and $4.5 million in corporate community cash grants in localities where their factories are based just this past year. Clorox hopes to build on their existing presence in West Virginia where they have a long and proud history in Mineral County and in Tucker County, manufacturing their Kingsford Charcoal product line. Their planned investment to open the plant in Berkeley County is a result of continued momentum of their cat litter business reflecting growing consumer demand for their innovative products.

After meeting with the company, I’m impressed with its long history of investing in its employees. The company will offer competitive salaries above the county’s average in addition to full benefits and several generous assistance and incentive programs for its new team of members. Residents of the Eastern Panhandle have already reaped the benefits of a planned smart growth throughout the region and welcoming throughout the investment of companies such as Clorox is key. The Clorox company won’t just maintain the momentum that’s been gained in Berkeley County and across the Mountain State, it will actively propel it forward.

I hope the Eastern Panhandle will join me today in applauding the Clorox company for its efforts around the globe here in West Virginia. It is my opinion that we must continue to foster these types of strong investments in this body, along with our continued counterparts in the House of Delegates, should lead the way through policy decisions that provide for future opportunities for like-minded companies.

As I said, Mr. President, I didn’t write that. I agree with it to a greater degree, but I want to add a little bit more to it.

When I met the Clorox company, it was just a matter of a couple days, I had my staff up in Finance, after I come through the corridor and I see all the wind generation, and there’s a lot, and I couldn’t count them as I was driving through, so we got ready and did an inventory of how many there were, where they were located, how many megawatt hours that they were able to produce, and we put that all into a format . . . and its online for everybody to see right now. And when I met with them, two days later, we began to talk about renewable energy and how they look for that for where they’re located at. And I was telling them how I was an advocate of coal, and the reason I’m an advocate of coal is it behaves like a battery. But I said, I’m also an advocate of a portfolio of energy prospects that will make it so that companies like theirs that, when their boards of directors and their stockholders are looking at where they could locate and expand, that our portfolio of energy would make it so that they don’t have the brownouts or whatever, but yet, they also have the ability to have that green energy that they were looking for. And I was able to pull that out and show them . . . and they were shocked. And, I give my staff a lot of credit, they turned this information around in a little bit of no time on that.

Also, on the waste stream they tend to be neutral, to where zero waste going out. And we have a plant called Entsorga up there today that is online now, that when the waste doesn’t go to the landfill, it goes to Entsorga and they turn it into energy, a pellet type of energy that is mixed in with the process of creating heat or coal or capital cement. And it’s that type of technology . . . in working with the government and the DEP and everything . . . this has all been working together up there, that makes it so that we can recruit them in.

That speech sounded like Berkeley County, Berkeley County, Berkeley County, Berkeley County. I didn’t particularly like that part of it because what I want to hear is with the work that we’re doing in this body, it’s West Virginia. That we see the growth, not just in the Eastern Panhandle and north central West Virginia . . . . The work that we’re doing, I wholeheartedly believe is going to be making it so that West Virginia rises back to the potential for our people, where people will move here, want to move here, and because of our assets and we have a lot of assets, and number one, is our people, and number two, is that we have trees. You go to so many places elsewhere in the world, it’s flat, but there’s not trees, and those trees are sustainable energy also that captures CO2.
I’m done, but it is very exciting, the work that we’ve taken place it is . . . from fixing Workers’ Comp, doing our pensions, all the different things over the last two decades and many of us has been here together doing that. It’s now starting to bear fruit in the State of West Virginia. And, so, everybody deserves to be recognized for that. We’re getting it right.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Friday, January 17, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ve placed on everybody’s desk a little information about these Family Resource Networks. They are a very important part of our infrastructure with regard to what we’re trying to do with all these social issues, the problems with kids with adverse childhood experiences; children being raised by grandparents and uncles.

I just . . . you know, again . . . we sometimes tend to be a little penny wise and pound foolish sometimes. The number of services that they perform in every county, 55 counties, is unbelievable. I learn more about it every time I talk to them. But, everything, from feeding programs, addiction prevention, kinship navigators, training grandparents, grandfamilies . . . they deal with everything from providing clothes and hygiene products to folks in West Virginia. You know, in West Virginia we have the have and the have-nots, and these folks try to help the have-nots.

It says here that they have $11.5 million in funding. That’s almost all grant funding. In Children and Families, we give them, and this includes Medicaid funding, up to $1.8 million a year, $1.8 million a year. The main county gets $38,000. If there’s two counties in there, the additional county gets $8,000. But what kind of work, what kind of effort can you have with that kind of funding? They spend so much time trying to raise funds that it takes them away from their primary goal and that’s to help people.

They know their communities better than anyone. They understand the problems. They know where the “hot spots” are. Sometimes before someone can get out of a hospital, they may call up an FRN and say look, this gentleman needs a hot water tank. The guy has the money to put the hot water tank in, but they don’t have the workforce to put it in. So, within two or three days, this gentleman can be discharged from the hospital to his home. They do all kinds of in-home services, things that we’ve been talking about that we know are needed, these wraparound services, if you will.

So, I think we need to really look at this. It’s a line item in Children and Families, and we do have the power of the purse—that’s what we do, that’s what we do here in the Legislature. I think we need to look at this and when the DHHR is trying to roll out all of these social programs, they have to understand that there is already infrastructure in place, that I know they’re going to be needed. And when our health system changes, probably not too long, from a fee-for-service model, to an outcomes model, and when we accept risk for a population and knowing how much these social issues determine the health outcomes, then I think they’re going to be very highly valued. I think we ought to value them more highly now and I want you to pay attention to this and just understand and thank these people for what they do. It’s a calling for them. They’re not making much money. Some of the people that work for them are eligible for food stamps, and we need to, again, not be so penny wise and pound foolish and look at the big picture and support these FRNs.

Thank you.

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Designating January 20, 2020, as Down Syndrome Awareness Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 9)

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE GLENN D. JEFFRIES

Monday, January 20, 2020

SENATOR JEFFRIES: Thank you, Mr. President.
I’m very honored, once again, to help recognize these special families involved in the Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia.

About 6,000 babies with Down Syndrome are born in the United States each year. That means that one in every 700 people is living with Down Syndrome. People with Down Syndrome have an extra portion of Chromosome 21 present in all, or some, of their cells. This genetic material alters development and causes characteristics we see in Down Syndrome. It is the most frequent cause of mild to moderate intellectual disability and it occurs in all ethnic and economic groups.

If you get to know someone with Down Syndrome, you’ll find that they have a unique personality and interest. They want to learn, they want to have fun, to be respectful, and to find their place in the world, just like everyone else.

I hope we will always remember that our special guests and their families are greatly affected by the decisions that we make in this chamber. Everyone visiting us today appreciates the Governor putting in his budget for clearing the waiting list for the IDD waiver. As a Legislature, we must keep all the important fundings in our final budgets. I believe everyone in this chamber will do the right thing for more than the thousands who are waiting, including all of our citizens, with us today. On behalf of these families, I thank you for that support.

It’s an exciting time for our children with intellectual and development disabilities. More West Virginians with Down Syndrome are participating in our society, including in our schools, and in our workforce. I want to encourage each of you to review and support the creation of a bill that we have introduced, Senate Bill 253 (Providing for fair pay and maximized employment of disabled persons). It is a taskforce that’s created to work to promote the expectations that citizens and others with challenges are valued members of our state workforce. We know that many can meet the same employment responsibilities as other working-age adults when they are provided with the proper education and support. The Employment First Taskforce will work to help make our citizens find meaningful jobs.

Will you please join me in welcoming the families of the Down Syndrome Network of West Virginia?

Mr. President, I urge passage of the resolution.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHANDLER SWOPE

Monday, January 20, 2020

SENATOR SWOPE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise today to call attention to what I think is a very, very important economic issue. As you know, I’m a coal guy. I was born and raised and lived my whole life in coal country. And I’ll forever do everything I can to protect the coal industry. Coal has been probably West Virginia’s best friend for over a hundred years. But, recently, we found a new best friend and that’s the natural gas industry. Thanks to billions of dollars of investment and lots of scientific research, gas may very well be as important to West Virginia for the next hundred years as coal has been in the past hundred years.

But, recently, the Finance Committee was given some information on the natural gas industry sales comparing West Virginia to Pennsylvania and Ohio. And it’s a bar chart that runs from 2008 to 2018. I found this information to be quite disturbing. Because, if you look at the chart—and I placed a copy of this chart on everybody’s desk—the green bar is West Virginia, the blue bars are Ohio, and the orange bars are Pennsylvania. And, if you look at the orange bars, they go through the ceiling, the others don’t. So, I started studying this information and I found that . . . well, the heading on the chart says West Virginia production up 22.1 percent per year average. Wahoo. That sounds great, right? If you look at the numbers—I had to approximate the 2008 numbers because the chart was too small to put the actual numbers on the chart, they only showed the bars. But if you track the actual numbers . . . I did a calculation. If you look on the second page, I did a comparison of the percentage of sales, or you might use the term “share of market” that West Virginia got compared to the other states. And I found that West Virginia was up six times in that 10 years. Sounds really wonderful. However, Ohio was up 24 times, their 2008 sales. Pennsylvania was up 31 times, their 2008 sales. And I’m disturbed by this because...
something’s wrong. We don’t have something right here in West Virginia. We know that severance tax is higher in West Virginia, we know that pipelines are not built which will help us transmit more quantity to the market, we know that property taxes are part of the tax structure of the natural gas industry, but we don’t know how significant that is. But, in order to put this in a frame of reference, on that page, too, I put down the percentage of market share that we have in 2008 and compared it to 2018. West Virginia, in 2008, had 50 percent of the market, Pennsylvania had a third, Ohio had a sixth. Now the numbers have reversed. In 2018, West Virginia has a sixth, Pennsylvania has 60 percent, and Ohio has 24 percent. So, Pennsylvania increased their sales by almost 80 percent; Ohio increased their sales by almost 40 percent; we decreased our sales by two-thirds. And I think this could be one of the most significant issues that we need to look at in the next . . . for the next 50 years, 100 years.

I don’t know what the solution to this problem is, but it’s obvious, that . . . . I’ve seen people drive 20 miles for two cents a gallon off of gas. I’ve seen people change grocery stores because of a discount on peanut butter, for example. Gas companies don’t have to go anywhere to change their market volume, all they have to do is open a valve in Pennsylvania and close one in West Virginia.

So, Mr. President, with your approval, I’m going to look into this. I invite anyone here who wants to help me with this, to understand this problem, to know what to do, we have to know what we did wrong in the past that caused this trend to just take what the gas industry handed us on a silver platter and send it to our neighboring states. The gas industry is not our problem here, it’s Pennsylvania—that’s our problem here. There’s something going on that we need to find out about and I think if we can fix it, the sooner we do it, the better. And what we do will depend on how successful we are at growing our economy for the next 50 or 100 years.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMINDERS OF
HONORABLE
RON STOLLINGS

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

West Virginia University is the state’s first and largest land grant university which has been dedicated to serving the citizens of West Virginia for more than 150 years. West Virginia University offers students the perks and programs of a major research institution at a price below the national average. It now offers 370 majors at the bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral, and professional levels, including everything from accounting to forensics. There are various health fields that have become centers of excellence internationally, including neuroscience.

West Virginia Extension Service—we’re all familiar with—the primary outreach arm, is the front porch of the land grant institution with an office in each of the state’s 55 counties. These service agents and specialists deliver trusted research and innovative solutions for the citizens of West Virginia in areas of youth development, agriculture, and family and community development. It’s 4-H youth development program, the state’s largest youth organization, has given more than 73,000 youths the opportunity to expand their horizons through hands-on pioneering program and camping experiences such as inventing robots, discovering the world, nurturing healthy lifestyles, and exploring computer science as a part of the 4-H National Youth Science Day Challenge.

So, there’s many things that our state’s largest land grant institution does. I think it’s poised to help with our future economy, certainly our health system, and our education system by training well-prepared teachers to be put out into the State of West Virginia, thus, making our workforce great.

I urge passage of the resolution.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ROLLAN A. ROBERTS
SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

And thank you to my colleagues for helping to advance the need to deal with Senate Bill 217 (Requiring DHHR collaborate with Workforce Development Board and W.V. Division of Personnel for job placement) on the SNAP benefits where we are trying to deal with getting those folks to work, but we find out that there’s a little bit of a problem in the cooperation between the state agencies where for every 40 that are checked off by the DHHR, there is only about three of them, maybe four of them at the most, that are even interested or even trying to do anything with the work. So, there’s a real problem there and we’re trying to get a fix on that.

Secondly, I want to state to our colleagues that, and to you, Mr. President, that we have been told that there’s almost 92 percent of a graduation rate in West Virginia, which is excellent. However, we have some real problems in discrepancies that we’re trying to deal with having a prepared workforce for West Virginia businesses and for future development and growth. We are told by some in higher ed that it takes as much as a year and a half to two years to get some of these 92 percent grads up to college level. There’s a problem that needs to be addressed there.

I have some numbers: Of the 6,487 graduates in West Virginia public schools, there are some 519 that drop out and don’t graduate, that’s the other eight percent—519 just go somewhere that nobody knows, there’s no tracking, there are no questions, they’re just into the system, or no system, they are just on their own. That leaves 5,968 graduates. Of those 5,968 graduates, there are approximately, almost 3,000 we’ll say, 2,968 that seek no further education of any kind. Almost half seek no education, no college, after high school. Of those 3,000 that are left, now those that do not go further with any education, we don’t know. The Department of Education doesn’t know how many of those go into the military, and there’s a number of other question marks there, so we don’t know what’s happening with those. But we do know that a lot of those are not going into the workforce. They are doing other things, which is basically doing nothing that is productive as citizens of West Virginia.

There’s another problem that’s come out as we’ve kind of discovered some information and some facts, and that is that our matriculation rate in state colleges for West Virginia graduates has been dropping steadily. It’s a real problem. And so, when you take out of that 3,000 that do end up furthering their education, then by the time they matriculate into . . . you get to the senior status, or into the second-year status, you’re dealing with losing as many as maybe a thousand of those 3,000 that are not finishing. That’s leaving us somewhere in the neighborhood of around 2,000 of those beginning 6,487 graduates, or seniors, rather. There’s a real problem in the disconnect there and I certainly would like to invoke any information and any suggestions.

Your Workforce Committee is trying to bring people in and deal with the issues because they are many and part of this cooperation and collaboration is vitally important. I will tell you that the workforce participation in West Virginia is about nine percent below that of the United States. The level of the United States is about 63 percent, the level for West Virginia is about 54 percent. That means we have 46 percent of our eligible workforce in West Virginia that’s not working, they’re not engaged. That’s part of our problem, that’s why we have so many other issues that we’re having to deal with.

Now, let me go a little farther with that. Do you understand that that’s nothing new? We have statistics that go back to 1940. And from 1940, the last 80 years, the chart is almost consistent. The workforce participation rate in West Virginia is nine . . . eight, nine, ten percent below that of the national average for the last 80 years. So whatever we have been doing has not been working and we need to come up with some new initiatives, some new ideas on how we’re going to help these young people because the largest percentage, according to Workforce West Virginia, of nonparticipation is the first age group that they cover and that is ages 16 through 24. We want to know why we can’t get workers; we want to know why we’re losing the younger generation. It’s because something is happening, or some things are not happening in K-12 to get them prepared for either life changes or furthering their education. There are some huge disconnects that have been here for quite a long time. I’d like to bring that out into the public. I’d like to invite the Governor and his staff to jump on board and let’s see if we can’t attack this problem and help our state.

Thank you, Mr. President.
REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, on the occasion of the introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 8 (Manufacturing Growth Amendment), which is the elimination of business personal property tax, and the introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment), which, evidently, is going to end taxation of motor vehicles, I remind all of my friends in here that those are constitutional amendments . . . and constitutional amendments require more than a majority vote. They require a super majority. And I’ve said this for the last couple of days in here that nobody has asked the Democrats to participate in how we’re going to eliminate what is a bad tax, a gross revenue tax, in the form of business personal property taxes.

But if we’re really serious about that, if we’re not just throwing up some window dressing to tell people we’re going to eliminate it, everybody’s got to participate. You have to have the agreement of more than just the 20 on the other side of the aisle. If you go forward without any kind of agreement, there’s not going to be any elimination of tax. How could we vote for that? How could we choose to take care of an ever-moving target? I’ve yet to see a solid number on what exactly the reduction in taxes for our county governments and our public schools is going to be. There should be a fiscal note attached to this. We should be able to make our decisions based on the facts, not hyperbole. But, as a former county commissioner, I can assure you that if we eliminate the business personal property taxes with no replacement, with no replacement at all except our word that we’re going to make it up from the General Fund which is about as good to the next budget crisis, we’re going to bankrupt counties. We’re going to damage volunteer fire departments that provide 80 percent of our firefighting capability and keep our homeowners’ insurance policies from quadrupling, or even more without them. We’re going to have senior centers that are going to close without the support of their local county commissions. And, most important, we are going to permanently damage the public education system that the good Senator just spoke about is so important to provide trained employees for all of the opportunities that are available in West Virginia.

You know, I just want to remind everybody again that prior to 2014 when the majority changed, the Legislature had lowered taxes $500 million a year. Somewhere around $380 million of that was business taxes. We didn’t add a single private employment job in the subsequent years until now. According to the National Tax Foundation, we have the seventeenth lowest taxes overall . . . better than any of our surrounding states by 10 positions. And we have the fifteenth lowest business taxes in the country. For decades we’ve been one of the cheapest places to do business in the country.

I just want to say as somebody who makes creating jobs, and good jobs, one of my quests in life to leave behind when I get out of this place, I’ve never had a business say your tax structure’s out of control, we’re not coming. They want a trained workforce, they want facilities, they want to be able to come in here and do business and I think we have a good state to do business. Let’s not screw it up. If we want to do this, if you’re serious about doing it, bring us in, let’s see if we can come to an answer that fits the problem.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
CRAIG BLAIR

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to follow up on the remarks from the Senator from Harrison on what we got going on here. First of all, yes, we’ve got resolutions in place and I think everybody in this chamber well understands it takes a two-thirds vote to be able to accomplish this. And we do need to work together as a team on what’s going on into the future. But this is the beginning of the process and what goes on and, as we all know, that these resolutions will go through both Judiciary and Finance. That means that every member of this body will have access and participation during
that process and the ability to amend and work through. And I can tell you that me being the lead sponsor of one of those, that I have every intention of making sure that this entire body participates on the process of what we’ve got going on here, hoping . . . actually, I don’t believe it’s a hope, I believe it’s a 20 to 30 year long overdue effort to be able to make it so that West Virginia can actually attract the manufacturing jobs and give the tax relief to our citizens where it’s needed without hurting the counties, without hurting municipalities, without hurting our school systems. That is not the intent. In fact, it’s quite the opposite. We have been on a severance tax roller coaster for decades and the way we smooth it out is by having our Rainy Day Fund. We need to get off of that severance tax roller coaster and that is what these resolutions attempt to do, Mr. President, is to get us on a smoother path forward like most other states have and make it so that we have a predictable revenue stream.

But what we’ve done in the past—and I’m not casting any blame in the past because I can tell you right now, that the minority party, when they were the majority party, set the path forward on getting our pension systems straightened out in the State of West Virginia. The minority party, along with the now majority, also fixed Workers’ Comp, which was a $4 billion nightmare. And that was a team effort that took place, and this is what I’m hoping to see take place as we move forward with this legislation. The minority, when I was in the minority, our job was to police and to push and that’s exactly what the Senator from Harrison was recommending that we do . . . and I encourage that on this.

But we have to, again, I can’t stress this enough, we’ve got to get off the severance tax roller coaster that we’ve been living on and get us on an escalator to prosperity for all people in West Virginia without hurting . . . . And we don’t have all the answers in the plans that we have right now with the resolutions coming forward. But, I’m quite confident with the 34 members that we have in this body, that we can come up with a plan that will be good for West Virginia and finally, finally address . . . .

And I’m going to back up for one second. We’ve nibbled around the edges on it by taking away the business franchise tax, lowering the corporate net, doing some things, and we’re seeing some benefits from that, but we must accelerate that because we’re still ranked in the lower areas. Our people deserve better than that. You want to stop the population loss in West Virginia, you want to stop the loss of our best and our brightest, we’ve got to be able to give them job opportunities. And again, this body has done what I consider a phenomenal job over the last 10 years—so I’m not talking about just when the Republicans are in charge—of putting things in place to make it so that we can retain that.

But these resolutions that we’re talking about here are a heavy lift, but it’s a lift that must be done. And when we do that, we’re going to see the results and we’re going to be able to keep our best and brightest at home and have people move to this state for employment opportunities instead of leaving this state for employment opportunities.

So, I wasn’t going to stand up and say anything yet, it’s coming, we’re going to have a lot of debate on this . . . but the good part about it is, I believe that when it’s over and done with, we’re going to be able to come together as a collective and actually demonstrate to the House of Delegates that we can work together and, hopefully, they can do the same thing and the Governor’s Office, and we finally solve a long-, long-term problem.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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**REMARKS OF HONORABLE PAUL HARDESTY**

*Tuesday, January 21, 2020*

**SENATOR HARDESTY:** Thank you, Mr. President.

I, along with the Senator from Harrison, we understand that these taxes are regressive and they’re problematic, but we also have to address this with not rose-colored glasses, but we have to be realistic.

I live in Southern West Virginia. Things are not good in Southern West Virginia. Things are really bad in a lot of ways, my colleague from Boone and I hear every day. Boone County, at one time when some of you all were members of the Finance Committee, was the richest county in the State of West Virginia. Boone County pumped money across this state and built stuff in Morgantown, the Eastern Panhandle, the
Northern Panhandle, north central, Parkersburg area. A lot of the stuff that you all have in other parts of this state . . . And I’ll have these numbers next week, I’m getting a 20-year recap of all coal severance money, the 75 percent allocation to the state and the county of the production, and the 25 percent that went to each city and county based on population. The check just showed up and you had no idea why. It just came. And you spent it, and you used it to balance your budgets. And when I give you those numbers, it’s going to blow your mind next week . . . how much money went to Berkeley County, went to Putnam County. Now, you all live in those growth counties, and I don’t begrudge you for that, I applaud you for that. Make the most out of it. We didn’t always take our opportunities in the past in Southern West Virginia and do what we probably should have done with them. But it’s still real, the problem is still real.

Now, I’ve got a little bit of history about balancing a budget on a board of education. Like I said, I’m a three-term former member and president. I’ve balanced a school board budget. I’m also a former county administrator. I’ve done budgets for county government.

If you want our help on this side of the aisle— and I’m going to go ahead and take this latitude for my colleagues—don’t come to me with the growth story that we’re going to make all this money by growth, because in Southern West Virginia that does not resonate. Don’t come in and say we’re going to cap it at “x” in Southern West Virginia because it won’t be any worse than it is today, but there’s no upside potential for you and all hope is lost. Please don’t come to me with that. Come to me with something that we can all work together on and move forward on.

Boone County, and I keep going back to Boone because they had it all going for them at one time. Sixty percent of all property valuation in Boone County is tied directly to one extractive industry. Is it good? No. Is it fact? Yes. The whole budget in Boone County is now less than the City of Barboursville. I went to school in Barboursville for two years when I was a kid and there wasn’t nothing in Barboursville. I applaud what Mayor Tatum’s done and his people.

But you’ve got to put things into perspective. Southern West Virginia needs this chamber and the one across the hall’s help. You can either pull us forward with you now, or you’ll continue to pay and pay and subsidize and subsidize for years and decades to come. We’ve got to work for all of West Virginia, not just the growth portions.

I look at McDowell County when I worked for Governor Wise and Governor Manchin. We put money in McDowell County, it was a story that is now a realization in Logan, Boone, and Mingo. At one time there was 130,000-140,000 people lived in McDowell County, the heart of the billion-dollar coalfields. It’s gone. We’ve tried to reconnect McDowell, we’ve tried to reconnect McDowell, and I think we’ve made some progress. But we have got to continue to try to diversify Southern West Virginia and pull all of this together for all of West Virginia.

I just, please, ask you, do not come to me and say that, “Hey, in the manufacturing . . .”—I’m all for manufacturing—but don’t come to me and say, “Hey, we’ll make it up with the growth.” That can’t be the solution. There’s got to be something else tangible.

Mr. Chairman, I think you’ve got real severance problems coming in January, February, and March. I’ve got a little bit of history with the coal industry over the years. Back when I was a lobbyist, I wore the tag “Big Coal”; and I wore it proudly because coal is what I am and it’s where I come from. But when they put the budget together that we’ll operate under this year, the one we’re currently operating under, the price of met coal has gone down about 30 percent, when the Governor’s people and our people forecast that budget and put it together. Go to Moody’s, Platt’s, S&P, whoever you want to go to, the price of coal is predicted to go slightly up, not the bottom drop out of it like it has currently done. The price has went from $200 f.o.b. at the Port at Hampton Roads, now it’s probably less than a hundred dollars. And it’s not good. And it’s not going to get any better.

We have to find real solutions for real problems and I think we stand ready to work with you. But it’s got to be real. It can’t be on paper, it can’t be jacking up revenue estimates, it can’t be that. It’s got to be real. And it’s got to be real for all of West Virginia.

Mr. President, I appreciate your time and I’ll have these numbers on coal severance next week and I want to give each one of you a copy of how much money has went into all of West Virginia from the coalfields of Southern West Virginia.
When my daughter had open heart surgery at WVU hospital—which I will always be grateful for—some 30 years ago, all that was up there then was the Holiday Inn in Star City, and the old Mountaineer Motel. That’s all that was there. Hey, WVU, most of what you got came from Southern West Virginia. That football stadium we sit in, J. R. “Bob” Rogers is the one that offered that, and we got on board to build that . . . the old guy from Boone County. We need your help.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ERIC J. TARR

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’d like to follow up on the comments as well.

And I have to agree that the history of West Virginia . . . we were built on coal. There’s no denying that coal built this capitol, built our universities, and . . . the thing is, is that when we were flush with coal money, we didn’t move to even look ahead long enough to look and see, will this sustain us forever? And that’s the problem that we’re seeing.

I agree with senators, when you talk about severance tax dropping out because of the industry dropping out. We can no longer be a one-trick pony in West Virginia. And in order to be able to help every county, every city around West Virginia, we have got to grow the productivity of West Virginians. The productivity, both in getting jobs, getting them back into the workforce, and getting that gross domestic product which is what coal produced for so long up to where we are competitive on, not just a national level now, but a global level, because global economy is a large part of what has really diminished coal aside from the regulatory policies not so long ago that affected it. We export a lot of coal in West Virginia when the other countries are asking for it. When they don’t, we don’t. And that’s what’s happening to us now. If we’re going to be able to provide the services of government, and everybody in this room wants to be able to do the things that your constituents ask you to come up here to do, we all have constituents that have needs from the state’s function, from what we do with governance, from the less abled individuals that are in our constituency to the people that are needing assistance getting back into workforce, the people, the single mothers that need the help, that only happens, you can only grow the ability to serve that if you grow GDP. Otherwise, it doesn’t happen.

So, we have to look and see what are states doing that grow their GDP. Because, if we don’t, if our GDP goes down, our gross domestic product, the productivity of the citizens of West Virginia, if that is stifled by policy we act or don’t enact here, those services of government are not available. We go to the feds begging for help, that’s what happens. And that’s about as much a roller coaster as our coal severance tax.

This is an effort to try to get it to where our revenue is so strong in West Virginia that we’re able to go back in and provide those services, and we want your help. You know, with my chairman here for the Senate Finance Committee, we’ve had discussions about the biggest, most difficult part of this, is probably more political than fiscal. And we do need to get past that political challenge so that we can take advantage of having the fiscal opportunity that we have now to help all West Virginians.

So, I appreciate the comments, but I can tell you the heart of this effort is around helping all of West Virginia.

So, Mr. President, thank you for your time.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know something we need to remember about our state, all we want to talk about’s coal. Friends, back in the heyday, coal was a small part of West Virginia. Go along the Ohio River, we led the nation in steel production; central West Virginia, Lewis County, we had the largest glass plants in the world; Rainelle, West Virginia, had the largest hardwood flooring plant in the world; Richwood, West Virginia,
had the largest pen factory in the world. We’ve been on the manufacturing side of things. We need to come up with a real solution to what our problem is.

But, you know, it doesn’t do us any good to just jump out here and do something to say that we’ve done something. We’ve got to sit down and actually figure out what we can do to stimulate manufacturing. I agree Senator, we cannot be a one-horse pony anymore. There’s absolutely no doubt about that. But we do need to remember, at one time, West Virginia led the nation in a lot of manufacturing. We had the largest tannery in the country, I believe, in Durbin, and I think that’s Marlinton in the Pocahontas County area. So, if you start going around our state and look at the things that we had, we’ve got to figure out why did we lose it. That’s the answer.

But, you know, we’ve been a lot more than a coal state, and like I said, if all of us will sit and think about . . . you know, the chemical industry. We led the chemical industry. There’s a lot of things that we were the leaders. And something happened. Now, I wish I could tell you what it was; but we do know this, the only way this thing’s going to get fixed is for us to put our lettermen’s jackets off and work as West Virginians, to work together and do this. And I don’t think there’s any member in this body that agrees that we want to make West Virginia better for everybody, not just parts of the state, but for everybody, and the only way that’s going to happen is to quit being Democrats and Republicans and be West Virginians. And I’m committed to try to work in any way I can to try to make this happen.

But let’s remember, West Virginia was a lot more than a coal state in its day, and that’s what we need to understand. We did it before, we can do it again. We just got to figure out how we’re going to do it and work together in doing it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ROBERT D. BEACH

Monday, January 27, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

As the resolution has stated and as the Clerk has read aloud, today marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the creation of the World Holocaust Remembrance Day.

As we heard last week from our Senator from Ohio, history, if not challenged, if not remembered, we’re doomed to repeat it. And I think that’s the message that we have here before us today.

While Auschwitz was that point where we were liberating what was going on, the atrocities that were going on within these concentration camps, it was not the only concentration camp. As a matter of fact, there were 24 concentration camps throughout Europe with subcamps as well. In Auschwitz, which I did not know until I did a little research, did not begin as one of the death camps. It actually began as a camp for slave labor to punish those Polish who were opposing the Nazi regime at that time . . . and they were being held there. But slowly, the Nazi’s were overwhelmed because then they began the cleansing, so to speak, of the Jewish population. And Jews across Europe and throughout Germany were being brought into these death camps. And, you know, we’re all old enough to remember our history and what occurred within those death camps. But 11 million people died, excuse me, 66 million people died, 11 million being Jews. But there were others. There were ethnic Poles, the Roma and the Sinti (which we know as gypsies in some of our history), we also had 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war, and other Europeans.

During the process of this war as the Soviets were advancing throughout Europe, they were just trying to liberate Auschwitz because they had Soviet prisoners there. They were not aware of what was actually going on inside this camp. And on this day, they marched into this camp and saw the atrocities that the Germans were perpetrating on, not just the Soviets, but the Jews and other ethnic folks across Europe. It wasn’t until later that the allies and the U.S. actually marched into Auschwitz and saw what was happening.

Recognizing 75th anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz and creation of International Holocaust Remembrance Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 16)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE
It was so bad folks that we know the personality that General George Patton had, bigger than life kind of person, he refused to go in. It bothered him that much. But Dwight D. Eisenhower made sure that he saw every inch of that camp.

When they marched in there, there was just 7,000 prisoners within that camp at that time, but there were bodies still stacked up everywhere . . . in barracks, in little offices . . . they were just piled up, body upon body upon body. The Germans had actually taken the prisoners and put them on a death march into Germany where most of them died in fields and forests by gunfire by the Nazi’s. But Dwight D. Eisenhower at that time said, “Get it all on record now . . . get the films . . . get the witnesses . . . because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened.”

And I think it’s important for us to remember our history, to remember this day. But I am going to make today a little bit more political for me. When I entered the Legislature in 2001, along with my good friend here at the podium, the first appointment I was ever given was to sit on the West Virginia Holocaust Education Commission. It was established by Executive Order by Underwood, Governor Underwood, and then put into code in 2001 by then Governor Wise. And it was the first appointment I had to a major commission here in the State of West Virginia. I was also appointed to LOCEA and I’m still to this day scratching my head on that one. But again, it set me on a path of a little more understanding and a little personal appreciation—I don’t know if appreciation is the word I want to use, but definitely an understanding of what these folks, these survivors, had to go through.

It was at that time I met Dr. Edith Levy from Morgantown, West Virginia. She’s still alive today; I believe she’s now 96 and still there, still trying to get her message out there, but she organized the West Virginia Holocaust Education Commission, one of the first in the United States I’m proud to say. And she’s worked diligently to try and get the message out there in our classrooms, particularly, our eighth graders. They’ve actually published a book that’s used at the middle school level. But unfortunately, Dr. Levy, in 2015, her health took a turn for the worst. And she was championing this organization, pushing it forward, making sure the members showed up for the meetings, made sure the art projects were done, the writing projects were completed. She worked very diligently in trying to maintain that message in the community that the Holocaust did in fact occur and it affects all of us, believe it or not. But, unfortunately, as I said, her health took a turn for the worst and the meetings fell off. I’m still an advisor on the committee. As a matter of fact, the Senate President continued my appointment through when he came to the podium.

But the lessons are hard learned. And we’ve seen things here in our recent history in West Virginia that we are not happy with. I just point to the class of Corrections and we’ll let it go at that. We need to remember—we need to remember. We, as a species, mankind can be very cruel to each other, whether it be slavery, or the Holocaust, we can be very cruel to each other and it’s been going on for centuries. But we can stop it, we can remember. I remember and I will continue to remember.

Where I’m going with this, is that a year ago, following the Tree of Life synagogue killings, this group wanted to reform, like I said it’s been defunct for several years now. They wanted to get this going, continue to get the message into our schools. Well, at that time, we did the research, we found out what we had to do, and it was more or less just a simple letter to the Governor downstairs. That was a year ago that I made a request for the Governor to make appointments to the commission. That has fallen on deaf ears, folks. A year later, that commission still goes unappointed. I keep watching, I have staff check every morning when I come in to see if names have come up from downstairs. Nothing. I don’t know how to take that. I really don’t know how to take that. I think it would behoove all of us as part of mankind, to ask the Governor why he fails to appoint people to the West Virginia Holocaust Education Commission because it’s agency heads for the most part. There are four at-large members, there are two teachers, myself as an advisor, and an advisor from the House. It’s not a large commission; I’m making it large, at least, I’m trying to make it . . . I don’t know where the bill’s going, if it’s come upstairs yet, but I’m trying to enlarge that commission to take on more agencies into the mix so that we’re meeting more often and we’re meeting our assignment which is education.

Just a small quote, “Because I remember” and I hope you do after today: “For the life survivor who chooses to testify it is clear, his duty is to bear witness for the dead and for the living. He
has no right to deprive future generations of a past that belongs to a collective memory, to forget would be to only a dangerous and offensive, and to forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time. I remember.” I think this quote applies to us as well. We can’t forget because we will be killing them a second time, maybe a third time, and maybe a fourth time if we don’t have history in the play and if we don’t have organizations like this, like the West Virginia Holocaust Education, to embed this in our mind, to embed this in the minds of our children that this did in fact occur. And to be a denier nowadays is to deny a whole population, a whole population.

So, I thank you for your time for allowing me to speak, Mr. President, and I ask for the yeas and nays on this issue.

Thank you.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Monday, January 27, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m going to talk a little bit about something that happened today that’s been a long time coming. The Governor held a press conference this morning and the Senator from Cabell and I were there. There have been a series of floods in Milton, West Virginia, in 1913, 1939, 1978, 1997, 2003, and 2015. Now, I was only around for four of those events... 1913 and 1939, I was not there even though some people think that I’ve been there that long.

But I have been... in 1978 when that happened, I remember that distinctly. But 1997, in particular, was the worst flood that they’ve had. Now, we’re dealing with a lot of the things related to what’s happened in Kanawha County and we just dedicated a new school, groundbreaking for a new school, for Herbert Hoover. And these kind of events... Now, I remember in Wayne County when we had... and Cabell County... when we had floods.

But this is the first time that I can ever remember that the federal government has ever come with $98 million in their hand, already passed, from 2018. This was a matter of us, from a legislative body and from the Governor’s Office, coming up with $45 million to match that. Today, we had with Colonel Evers, with Mayor Canterbury, and with the Governor, the signing of the proclamation for us to fulfill the state obligation of this. There’s a city obligation and there’s a Corps of Engineers obligation.

This is a long time in coming. And, to be honest with you, if we can do preventative measures like this prior to the flooding, none of us know, but it’s fairly certain that in the next 25 years there’s going to be an event in Milton, and in the next three or four years we can prevent that by having this levee—some call it a flood wall, we can call it a levee or flood wall, I don’t care now that it’s paid for, you can call it whatever you want. But it is something that has been needed and this will transform that area, not only from the standpoint that it will make businesses thrive, be able to relocate in areas that they haven’t necessarily been before. But it will give you some certainty to insurance rates, it will reduce the insurance rates in a lot of those areas.

And this was a great day for Milton, and I really was glad to be there. Now, the only thing I got out of that was the pen that the Governor used to sign his portion of it. I would have to tell you that I really appreciate the Senator from Cabell, and, in particular, Delegate Linville from the House in their work on this, and Mike Hall in the Governor’s Office. They understood the need for this, and they understood what was really needed to be done, and it finally got done today and I appreciate that and so this is a good day for the City of Milton.

Designating January 29, 2020, as Preston County Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 20)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DAVE SYPOLT

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I had seriously considered not running this resolution this year because of... due to the fact
that we didn’t get any buckwheat cakes. I remember, year after year, as soon as I opened up the door on the west wing, I could smell ‘em all through the capitol. But nonetheless, we’re welcoming you here today despite the lack of food.

Mr. President, when was the last time you saw a county day pack the galleries? We have business and community leaders here, we have the Preston County seniors, and we have over 125 students from the Preston County school system. I mean, literally, every gallery is packed. It’s a fine day for Preston County.

And, we don’t often toot our own horn, but we really have a reason to. I know that tourism has been a hot issue in West Virginia, and in Preston County for the past year or so, and it’s growing. We have tourism opportunities there that are unique to the entire nation. Arthurdale, which is the nation’s first New Deal community; Hovatter’s Wildlife Zoo; and, interestingly enough, the littlest church and mailing office in the . . . I remember reading the sign, I think it says in 48 states, so I’m not sure about Alaska and Hawaii, but, nonetheless; the Cranesville Swamp; and Himalayan Salt Spa Cave. There’s agri-tourism opportunities which are growing, literally, every day. It’s been brought up as a grassroots effort. The Allegheny Teenvare, the Vested Heirs Farm, Shafer’s Heritage Farms, Crimson Shamrock Alpacas, Riffle Bison Farm, and the Dream Mountain Ranch. They also have efforts to provide food, produce to the local school system and we have a washing center and a production center right in Preston County, which is standing up. I think that we’re going to do great things in the near future. We are home to two craft brewers, we have High Ground Brewing and Sereech Owl Brewing, fantastic place to go and have a beer and have a wonderful meal.

And, interestingly enough, I didn’t know this until just today, but Preston County will host the 2020 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup races. That will be this May, so it’s a big deal. So, we’re reaching out beyond the state’s borders and beyond the country’s borders. This is an international event and we’re excited to have that.

But, Mr. President, we’re always happy to have West Virginia come down and show off a little bit and today is no exception. I had a brief conversation with one of the commissioners right before the floor session. Next year we hope to bring down every eighth-grade student in the county.

Mr. President, thank you so much for your indulgence and I urge adoption of this resolution.

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Designating January 29, 2020, as Preston County Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 20)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RANDY E. SMITH

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of the resolution. I look back there and see many friends from years ago, some from when I was a kid, so I’m not going to point them out, but . . . .

Preston County is kind of unique and I also received a lot of complaints because of the buckwheat cakes, so I went to the people in charge and they assured me, if we ever get the dome fixed, that they will return with the buckwheat cakes. So, Mr. President, I urge us to maybe adopt a resolution or something to speed up the construction on the dome.

I can’t say much more than what my co-senator said. Like I said, I see a lot of lifelong friends and people in the gallery, even people that taught me or tried to teach me in school, you can see in the gallery and . . . .

Preston County has taken the lead with the road issues. I can assure you that they’re the ones that are up front of all the counties, all the counties are concerned and working hard, but this group has come together and organized and made their voices heard.

And also, I believe Preston County, I know out of all our eight counties, is leading the charge with broadband expansion. Our EDA Director is very active on that and they are getting broadband expanded through Preston County, so that’s a big accomplishment. But this
is a very active county, you know, I’m proud of them and I support this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE WILLIAM J. IHLENFELD II

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Mr. President, I just wanted to take a moment to express concerns that I have about the efforts underway here to repeal the personal property tax on manufacturing machinery, equipment, and inventory.

I’ve done a little bit of research and I see that a lot of states have some form of inventory or machinery and equipment taxes, but some states who once had those taxes have gotten rid of them. One state that falls into that category is the state of Ohio. Ohio eliminated their business personal property tax and, as a result, according to a peer-reviewed study, they lost thousands of jobs. The numbers are, maybe, close to 20,000 jobs that were lost as a result of the elimination of that tax. And that might seem counter-intuitive but, according to the research that’s been done, that, in the short term, repealing this kind of tax encourages investment in capital and in automation, and not in people. And so the job growth actually went down in that state. And I’m afraid that in the short term, if we were to repeal this tax, we would actually see the same kind of thing happen here in West Virginia. We would actually lose jobs, and we would be incentivizing companies to invest in capital and in automation and not in West Virginians. Here, in West Virginia, this personal property tax that we’re talking about is relied upon by counties pretty substantially. Some counties get more revenue than others.

I’m obviously a little biased towards the northern part of this state, and we do a lot of the heavy lifting when it comes to the chemical industries, the steel industries, manufacturing industries, and we always have. If the personal property tax on manufacturing machinery, equipment, and inventory would be repealed, my counties would take a huge hit. Based upon numbers from 2018, Hancock County would lose five and a half million dollars in revenue each year; Marshall County would lose $5.3; Brooke County would lose $6.2 million; Ohio County would also lose money in the process. Counties and cities and schools would all face serious impact if this tax were to be repealed.

And not only am I worried about it, but my county commissioners are worried about it. They’ve contacted me about it, they’ve spoken about it publicly. My city officials are also concerned about it. They were here at the capitol the other day expressing their concerns about their inability to pay for public safety, to pay for firefighters, to pay for their share of roads that they’re responsible for in their communities. And so, they’re all worried about how this revenue is going to be replaced and they’ve expressed those concerns to me. And, although my district is made up of some really tough and really resilient people, and we’ve been through a lot of tough times, this would be a huge blow to the northern district, the northern part of this state, up in the panhandle.

We’ve had some big blows as of late. We had a hospital close in Wheeling, we had a hospital close right across the river that employed a lot of people from my district. And that was and is still being dealt with, and it was a huge blow to our area. We’re facing other attacks on jobs and job providers in our community right now in this Legislature.

So, what I’m concerned about is how we’re going to replace that revenue. I looked at the numbers from WVU, from their economic analysis, and, in 2022, we have a projected budget deficit of $170 million; in 2023, it’s $157 million; 2024, it’s $171 million; and in 2025, it’s $164 million projected budget deficit. So, I just don’t see how we’re going to replace that revenue and I’m nervous and concerned for the counties that would be impacted by this.

And I also worry about future revenue that we might be sacrificing. I don’t know how many of you know, but that plant in Doddridge County, the natural gas processing plant, generates revenue of $2.6 million every year, based upon this tax that we’re talking about repealing. That would go away if we were to go forward with this. And we’ve got big plans in Brooke County and Hancock County to develop more in the manufacturing industries, again, another thing I’m talking to my county commissioners about. And I’d be worried about future revenue that would also be sacrificed if we would go forward with something like this.
So, I guess in the end my point, Mr. President, is, until I can see how my counties will be made whole, I’m going to have a hard time getting behind something like this. And looking at the numbers, I would expect that my colleagues from Kanawha and Cabell, Wood, Monongalia, Putnam, Jackson, and Berkeley would feel the same way because they’re also going to take a pretty big hit if this were to happen.

Thank you very much.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: I think he decided to abandon ship before I got started, Mr. President. I don’t blame the Senator. I don’t blame the Senator.

You know, I want to rise up because, you know, you’ve just got to correct inaccuracies. There’s no Democrat over here that doesn’t think getting rid of the business personal property tax is a good idea. It’s a gross income tax. You got to pay it whether or not you make money. But we’re not going to get rid of it recklessly. We’re not going to do it without a replacement for that income for our counties and public schools. We can sit here and promise all we want that we’re going to make it up out of the General Fund. General Fund’s worse than my checkbook. Least I know what I’m going to have in it next year. We don’t know about the General Fund.

You know, 36 states have some form of business personal property tax on machinery and heavy equipment and inventory according to the National Tax Foundation. But, you know, before the current majority took over in 2015, the Democrats had just lowered business taxes almost $400 million. Since then, we’ve decreased them another . . . over $200 million. Where are all the businesses? How many times do we have to pony up and get down on our knees in front of business to ask for jobs in West Virginia? Come on, you all have been through this with me. You’ve seen the same thing. Those tax cuts that happened prior to 2015, there was not one new private job created out of it.

You take out the oil and gas pipeline boom—which is about over—and we’ve lost employment. When we did those severance tax cuts, which we could have done great things with that money, not one new steam coal mine or coal miner job . . . . Sure, there’s been metallurgical coal, but it’s different, and we all know that.

If it’s such a good idea to lower these taxes, why don’t we just get rid of all the taxes? Why don’t we just get rid of them all and see how much business comes running across our border? Because you know what? It has nothing to do with the amount of taxes. As I’ve told you many times, all of the tax creation that I’ve been lucky to be a part of, nobody’s ever said our taxes were out of control. And just remember, prior to 2015, we had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. Sure, our unemployment’s low now because we’ve lost over 57,000 people since 2015. That’s the longest string of population losses in West Virginia history I’m told.

We had nearly $1 billion in a savings account, we had reduced taxes over $500 million, we have paid our OPEB liability—still the only state to do so as far as I know. We have moved our retirement funds from the fiftieth worst funded to the twentieth best. We had the seventeenth lowest tax state in the nation according to the National Tax Foundation again. We had one of the highest credit ratings in the country. We had been in the top 10 cheapest states to do business for the past decade. And we had the thirty-ninth lowest number of civil lawsuits in the country. Not bad. I’m not saying it’s gotten any worse but what I am saying is that continually cutting taxes irresponsibly is a loser’s proposition. Sure, it’s on somebody’s checklist, ALEC or the U.S. Chamber, just like the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Means nothing, costs us money, but yet, we’re going to check that box because we get down on our knees in front of business when they dangle a job out in front of us but they don’t have anything to do with bringing jobs into our state. We have to worry about an educated workforce, we have to worry about educating our children, we have to worry about getting our state healthy, we have to worry about finding places for business to establish and build in our state. That’s what will bring jobs to West Virginia, not lowering our taxes even lower and depriving our people of the services that’s driving them out of our state.

Let’s stop doing it. Thank you.
REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m going to weigh in for a little bit on this issue.

My Senior Senator from the Fifteenth left the room but, in his absence, I will be compelled to say, and am compelled to say, that we need, we need in West Virginia, to rebuild our manufacturing economic sector. It is absolutely critical to the future of this state.

The ad valorem tax on machinery, equipment, and inventory, as pointed out by the Senator from Putnam County, in West Virginia is out of sync. It’s out of sync with our surrounding states and it makes us anti-competitive. The Senator from Harrison County acknowledged as much. I think he acknowledged the problems with that tax.

Now, having said that, I will concede that I agree with the remarks by the Senator from Ohio County. Those ad valorem taxes are collected by local school districts and county commissions primarily, some municipalities, and it is critically important that this Legislature, if it’s going to propose a reduction in that tax, figure out a way to hold those political subdivisions harmless, keep them whole. I would not favor doing anything to the ad valorem tax on machinery, equipment, inventory, motor vehicles—we’ve talked about that, too—if we can’t find a way to protect county school boards, county commissions, municipalities who rely on that for their operations but, because it’s hard, doesn’t mean we can’t do it. Because it may be difficult, Mr. President, doesn’t mean we shouldn’t rise to the challenge and try to figure out a way to do it.

We have been blessed in West Virginia with natural resources by the Almighty . . . one of the consequences of our reliance on the extractive industries is the severance tax roller coaster. It places us at the mercy of the market.

The building of a manufacturing base, the rebuilding, because we had one, we had one in West Virginia . . . we had one of the best in the country—and others have talked about it. The Senator from Braxton talked about it not long ago on the floor of this Senate. We had glassworks, we had chemical works, we had a strong manufacturing base in this state. We need to create the climate where that can arise again while holding harmless and making sure that we don’t hurt or hamstring counties, county governments, school districts.

I believe within this body there is the talent and wisdom for all of us working together in bipartisan fashion to figure out, to figure out a way to do it. A way to do it that’s logical, that’s sensible, that doesn’t hurt our counties, municipalities, these local political subdivisions which provide a great service to the citizens of this state. I’m not willing to rule it out, Mr. President, we should. That’s what we’re here for. We’re here to look for the answers. And I believe that what we can do to bolster manufacturing in this state, bolster a climate that would allow a manufacturing economy to come back in this state will pay dividends for all West Virginia for generations to come.

Thank you.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
TOM TAKUBO

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I think what I’m hearing from all members of the Senate is that we pretty much agree, it’s just how we get there. I agree with my friends all around the Senate that . . . I think the people of West Virginia expect us to do something. When we go out and about, they all say that you’ve got to do something about jobs, you’ve got to do something about manufacturing, and there’s all kinds of ways to spin things—and I’m not saying it’s purely conjecture, some of it’s true, some of it’s not.

But . . . every law, every bill, I think there has to be a component of common sense to this and when I drive in any direction, east, west, north, south, and you look at the flat land, you look at the different things that those states have that give them a leg up on us, when you throw a extra
heavy tax on any manufacturer that comes in, why in the world would he choose to come here? I mean that’s just the common sense piece of it. And I think, every piece of legislation, you got to look at the common sense piece of it. If I’m a company and I’m going to have to not pay a tax in every state around us, but you do us, that’s a major inhibitor. That’s just a common sense piece of it. So, there’s all these other things that we can do.

Now, I agree that we can’t hurt our municipalities, we can’t do all of that. But we have to be creative. Earlier in the session so far, I’ve heard that health is a huge issue. I’m going to have . . . will propose a tax soon on increasing the tobacco tax. You know in 2015 we fought for this. And I know that’s unpopular with a lot of colleagues in this chamber, especially across the House, but the fact is every state that’s ever done this, you know, when you talk about companies, when you talk about business, health is a major issue. You know, manufacturing tax is one big thing, I can tell you another big checkbox that probably shies people away from West Virginia is the fact that how unhealthy we are and what their health insurance premiums are going to be when they come to this state and what they’re going to be paying out. Probably, truth be known, a bigger inhibitor than the manufacturing tax. So, how do you kill two birds with one stone? We increase the tobacco tax, and this is just an example. But we did do this in 2015. I think if you go back and replay the tapes, I’ve often mentioned the study from WVU that said we’d have a $244 million savings in the Medicaid line. We saw $300-$350, actually, is what it’s looking like.

Crank that up. Our kids are sick, they are vaping left and right, so one of the tools in the toolbox would be to crank that tax up. Make our state healthier but, at the same time, take that money and use it where it’s more beneficial, like maybe getting rid of taxes which is hurting our manufacturing, hurting our jobs, hurting our business climate.

So, I think we can all work together. I think we’re all on the same page, it’s just a matter of how we get there. So, every idea needs to be ponied up, and I would encourage that from each and every member.

Thank you, Mr. President.
with, those problems in those three distinct categories.

And I thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE
MICHAEL T. AZINGER
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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

SENATOR AZINGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m excited to hear from my friends on the other side of the aisle how we’ve all of a sudden become one of the most prosperous economic states in the Union. This is exciting news. But I think numbers would say otherwise. We are starting to do much better than we were, but one area that we’ve not been doing so great in is, frankly, manufacturing.

It is self-evident and shown to be true by empirical evidence that the states that are the most prosperous economically are the states that cut taxes and cut spending. Everybody knows if you tax something, you’re going to get less of it. If you want less of something, tax it.

This is an archaic tax . . . probably, as I’ve been told, the most prohibitive tax economically that we have in the State of West Virginia. Just to give an example, on inventory, if a company or corporation, manufacturer, or whoever wants to buy a new piece of equipment, and they spend $100,000 on that piece of equipment and, all of a sudden, the tax on that, all of a sudden goes way, way up according to what they paid on it and then lowers as it depreciates. So, if you have a piece of equipment that’s depreciated to almost nothing, you are disincentivized to purchase a new piece of equipment, Mr. President. This is a tax that just sucks capital out of manufacturers, out of businesses.

In my own county, DuPont, one of the greatest job creators there are in my county, and, of course, around the world, they spend several million dollars a year on this tax. I asked them, is that pocket change for you? No, they said, that is a prohibitive tax that’s $2 million that we could create jobs, build more infrastructure, or whatever. Another friend of mine, who just started a business in Wood County four or five years ago, at the end of every year, he goes around his business, he counts his inventory, Mr. President, and then he sends a check to the state, I understand the counties get this, too, but he sends this check for $30,000 that he could have either: (a) Put in his pocket; (b) given to employees; or (c) put back into his business.

We have warehouses surrounding the State of West Virginia where businesses have gone outside of the State of West Virginia. This is a no-brainer; this is not something difficult. We need to get rid of this tax in a bad way. West Virginia’s got to build its reputation to be a job-creating state. We do not have that reputation, Mr. President. Around this country, we still, even though things have been better the last five years, we’ve been losing population for 50 years. We still do not have a good reputation for business around the country and this will be a big deal in getting us in that direction.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Designating January 30, 2020, as Marshall University Day
(A Adoption of Senate Resolution 22)
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REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE
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Thursday, January 30, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I know that some of you all have worn green here today, but I will have to confess that the ones that haven’t worn green, the Senator from Wayne has outdone everybody, so, he absolutely whatever green . . . you can borrow green from him.

Let me talk about some of the accomplishments of Marshall University. First, let’s talk about the Research 2 University. That’s a big accomplishment that happened in 2019 that Marshall has been very much recognized—they’re only the second university in the State of West Virginia, but it puts them in the top six percent of universities in the country. That designation comes with a lot of ability to get grants and things from the federal government.
Also, I want to talk about, you know, in U.S. News & World Report, that Marshall was ranked and listed in the top tier of the nation’s universities for the first time. They also opened three new facilities this year, the School of Pharmacy, Fairfield Landing (a graduate student housing complex), and one that is also an alumnus of Marshall but an alumnus of my high school, C-K High School, Brad Smith, the business incubator. And Brad Smith’s contributions to society in general, but to Marshall University, have been huge and not only is he a great steward of West Virginia and Marshall University, he’s as good a person as he is a steward for this state and for the university. It is nearly a $400 million impact and 3,200 jobs contributed annually to West Virginia’s economy by Marshall University.

Let me stop and take, just a point of privilege, to say that there’s three or four centers that really need to be looked at that we have cut funding over the last number of years, and that we really need to look at trying to do something for them: The Autism Training Center, that is recognized nationally, internationally, for the best autism training center in arguably the world, and what they have done for autism and the students that are there are pretty phenomenal.

I would also like to talk about the Luke Lee Learning Center, you know, the intraocular . . . you know, for ears and hearing. It’s the new way of what children can learn and its impact is great.

And then I would like to talk about the Brownfield Assistance Center. If you look at, and just the transformation in Huntington right now, with ACF, with Flint Pigments, and all this. These are all former sites that have problems from an environmental standpoint. Throughout the whole state, you can go from Chester all the way down into Welch. This is an impact and the centers at WVU and Marshall need assistance and need extra funding because we start them out with $400,000, it’s now down to around $200,000 that they get per year.

And the final one I want to talk to you about is forensic science. This Forensic Science Center is recognized as the top one for the last 10 years for their master’s graduates. They’re going throughout, internationally, and since they have become a forensic science lab and a center that can actually do business in other states . . . . They’ve done business in all states but North Dakota. And they, right now, have contracts with approximately 10 states. This is where we’re taking the expertise of West Virginians and a university within the system of West Virginia and actually being able to use it as an economic development tool. The Forensic Science Center started out with, you know, $450,000 to help them get up to match federal grants. That’s gone down to, you know, in the $200,000 range. We really need to be supporting that because you look at what that’s done for just DNA in West Virginia and with the State Police.

So, obviously, I’m a proud graduate of Marshall University, and I appreciate the opportunity that we get to recognize them when they’re here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating January 30, 2020, as Marshall University Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 22)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
PATRICIA PUERTAS RUCKER

Thursday, January 30, 2020

SENATOR RUCKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I will be very brief. But it just came to my attention just a few days ago . . . you know, we’ve been working a lot on education reform and one of the many things that, you know, we haven’t got into but which I really want to have a discussion on, is our teacher prep program. And I get an analysis by the National Council on Teacher Quality that says that West Virginia’s actually doing really well when it comes to teacher prep in reading, which is a great thing and we should definitely highlight the things we’re doing well.

But what caught my attention, West Virginia’s programs have remained relatively unchanged since 2016, but Marshall University received special commendation in the report because they are one of 15 exemplary teacher preparation programs receiving an A+ designation. So, I wanted to acknowledge the great work that they’re doing.

Thank you, Mr. President.
Senator Maynard: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to thank the other Senator from Wayne for recognizing my jacket today.

But I want to stand up to thank Marshall University. There’s no doubt in my mind, I would not be here today serving on the Legislature, if it wasn’t for Marshall. You know, all my public speaking classes and group projects where I get together and have to wear a suit and tie to present before the classes, that’s all helped me to be able to serve in this position and all the late nights writing papers and pulling out my thesaurus, and trying to get a good word in my papers that I was writing helps me today, you know, kind of relate to everyone what I’m trying to say.

But I just want to thank Marshall and I support this resolution.

Senator Stollings: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this resolution. And I’m going to kind of slant my remarks toward the medicine end of the institution. I was a member of the second graduating class back in 1982, and I have seen many people before, well, not that many people before, but many people after that have gone on and done great things in the health care arena.

First of all, it was to try to get a primary care workforce in West Virginia. Check. It’s having an impact.

But also, there are people that have gone all over the world with Marshall School of Medicine ties that have excelled. The School of Medicine now is heavily involved in the substance use disorder, working with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and being extremely visionary in how we deal with, not only the substance use disorder, addiction, recovery, but also the adverse childhood experiences that has basically impacted our children in Southern West Virginia.

I would be remiss if I didn’t talk just briefly about one of the great mentors and professors at Marshall, and that’s Dr. John Walden, who unfortunately passed away just recently. He was a renaissance man who not only had a huge impact in his little community in Lincoln County, but with the School of Medicine family practice. And then he was an international medicine expert. So, he cast a very large shadow and, again, my condolences to everyone in his family, but also the entire Marshall medical group.

So, again, I’m proud to be a graduate, second graduating class. It’s prepped me well and I’m standing in strong support of this resolution.

Senator Woelfel: Thank you, Mr. President.

We started our day with a prayer today, which, I think for some of us, is the best part of the session. And I broke with protocol and I wrote down a few notes from that prayer. I wrote down some notes from the prayer, which I shouldn’t have done. So, Pastor Willis said this: He asked us, Mr. President, he said, “Let’s pray...”
that we sacrifice our personal preferences for the greater good.” That’s a beautiful prayer.

Now, I heard you this morning on Hoppy Kercheval, Mr. President, and I made notes then, too. Okay? Here’s what . . . and this is about the Intermediate Court of Appeals which I pray, I ask you to sacrifice your personal preferences on, and let’s vote for the greater good, and let’s abandon the effort for the Intermediate Court of Appeals because it’s not necessary.

Now, when you spoke on Hoppy Kercheval, you were articulate, you were clever, but you were not persuasive, all due respect. When I was elected, re-elected last year I guess it . . . year and a half ago, I got 60 percent of the vote. And in a state that’s 13 plus “R” to “D”, I was humbled by that. Now my Senior Senator will do better than that here when he runs this year. But I got a lot of Republicans that support me and contribute to my campaign. And I’m hearing from them right now, they’re saying to me: Woelfel, why are the Republicans adding to a bloated bureaucracy, Intermediate Court of Appeals, adding the layer of government, wasting away $8 to $10 million a year, why are the Republicans doing that?” I said, “I don’t know.”

Now, I’ve heard that, Mr. President, that you are going to make this a caucus vote, but I don’t believe you will. And I’ll tell you why I don’t believe you will . . . . Thank you, thank you. I don’t believe you’ll make it a caucus vote because you’re not going to hang your members out to dry when they don’t believe in increasing the bureaucracy of our government. You’re not going to hang them out to dry because they don’t want to waste taxpayer money. So, please, I ask you, let’s ease off on the Intermediate Court of Appeals and let’s spend that money for one of the many, many other good causes that we each know our state demands.

Thank you, Mr. President.

It just seems to me that there seems to be a theme here but, this body as a whole, there is lots of bills that circulate that I strongly believe in, there are bills that circulate that I strongly disagree with, but, I would just encourage all members that—and this is the time for remarks—but those bills should be defended in the committee process. They shouldn’t be defended on the floor. I may not like them but, as a member of this body, I have equal rights just like everyone else in this body to defend those things and coercing or trying to pressure things during remarks, I just don’t feel is the appropriate time and the place. You’re going to have those times during the committee process. You’re going to have those times, if that bill, if there’s enough members in the body that feels that those things should make it to the floor, that’s the time to have these discussions versus every, you know, day bringing up the same old thing.

The other thing I would say, and I’m only bringing this up because I think there’s a decorum that we as the upper body should maintain in terms of personally calling other individuals out, whether it be any of us in this chamber, but especially the Senate President. I will say first and foremost that no one has ever coerced our body, our caucus, and I would imagine nobody has asked your caucus to bear down on the vote. In fact, what I’ve heard in subcommittee members [sic], or in caucus meetings, etc., is vote your heart, vote your conscience. And, if I didn’t believe that every single one of us was doing that, I would not be a member of this body.

So, thank you, Mr. President.

Congratulating Lukas and Gabby Newcomer, of Noble Farms, Inc., for winning Conservation Farm of Year Award

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 24)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE JOHN R. PITSENBERGER

Friday, January 31, 2020

SENATOR PITSENBERGER: Thank you, Mr. President.
I would like to start out by saying the mission of the West Virginia Conservation Agency is to provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia’s soil, land, water, and related resources for the health, safety, and general welfare of the state’s citizens.

Each year, there is one West Virginia farm that receives the Conservation Farm of the Year honor and, after winning the county, district, and area levels, at this time, I would like to recognize 2019’s winners: Lukas and Gabby Newcomer of Noble Farms, Incorporated, located near Burlington, West Virginia, in Mineral County.

And I stand in support of this resolution.

**Congratulations Lukas and Gabby Newcomer, of Noble Farms, Inc., for winning Conservation Farm of Year Award**

*(Adoption of Senate Resolution 24)*

**Remarks of Honorable Randy E. Smith**

*Friday, January 31, 2020*

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I got to meet this young couple this morning and see the PowerPoint that he put on and with the way the agriculture and farming has been going in the last decade or so, it warms my heart to see that a young couple that carries on the tradition, not only carries on the tradition, but takes the technology and modern ideas to make their farm more profitable and more environmental friendly. They’re a wonderful couple and it just warms my heart and I was glad I got to attend this morning and meet them.

So, I support this resolution.

**Remarks of Honorable Mark R. Maynard**

*Friday, January 31, 2020*

SENATOR MAYNARD: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, was at that Conservation breakfast this morning and was very impressed with the PowerPoint presentation; and, what impressed me most was the way you are thinking outside the box with normal farming and some of the methods you’re using. And, you’re an inspiration to many, I’m sure.

And I support this resolution.

**Remarks of Honorable Dave Sypolt**

*Friday, January 31, 2020*

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ll be brief. I recall a presentation that I made a few years ago. Although I don’t have it in front of me right now, the tagline on that was that the . . . “the downfall and ultimate demise of nearly every nation in the history of the world has been due to the loss of tillable soil and the ability to feed themselves. And, I think that it stands testament right here that these gentlemen are here to help fight for that cause.

Thank you.
Congratulating Lukas and Gabby Newcomer, of Noble Farms, Inc., for winning Conservation Farm of Year Award

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 24)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN

Friday, January 31, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, I was a little upset when I first heard that my district didn’t have the Conservation Farm of the Year again this year. We have for the past few years and then I was fortunate enough to meet the family this morning and hear the presentation that Lukas gave. And it was very clear why you all won. You are most deserving. You are agricultural leaders for West Virginia moving forward. And we are very honored to recognize you here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Friday, January 31, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m honored to represent the district in which Mr. Newcomer’s farm, and his family, reside, the Fifteenth Senatorial District. We’re happy to wrest that title from Greenbrier County this year. I, too, got to hear the presentation this morning regarding the innovative measures that Lukas and his family have instituted on that farm that are preserving the soil, enhancing its quality, rotation of cattle.

And I’m very proud to join in urging the body to adopt this resolution and I ask for the “yeas” and “nays”.

Designating February 4, 2020, as WV Homeschool Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 28)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE PATRICIA PUERTAS RUCKER
SENATOR RUCKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today we celebrate Homeschooling Day at the Capitol. We have with us today a great group of parents and children that have chosen the path of homeschooling and I believe that they deserve acknowledgement to the proposed resolution before us.

There are many reasons why families choose to homeschool. But in each case, you can be sure that it is because the parents have made a commitment to their children. They have gotten involved in their education and have immersed themselves in it. They have gone all in. My husband and I made the choice with our family because our children had special needs that we felt were best met by us. Other parents have based their decision on other factors.

However, whatever the reason for the decision, it involves a certain degree of sacrifice involving both time and money. The costs, of course, involve expenditures above and beyond the taxes paid to support public education. Much time is invested in preparing lessons, grading tests and essays, as well as teaching the students. However, the benefits are worth it.

What many may not realize is the results achieved by homeschooling parents and their children is extraordinary. In fact, more than three quarters of home-schooled children perform above the median with regard to testing. The majority of home-schooled children end up going to college. What is even more extraordinary is that the results don’t appear to have any correlation with the level of education of the parent. What seems to matter most is the commitment made to the children. And more parents are making that commitment each year. Homeschooling, as a movement, is on the rise and growing.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask that we pass this resolution in acknowledgement and support of the homeschool group that is here today, a group representing thousands of West Virginians who have made the commitment to homeschool. And I request the “nays” and “yeas”.

Designating February 4, 2020, as WV Homeschool Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 28)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ERIC J. TARR

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution and just wanted to recognize how fortunate three students are here, that are here in the chamber today with us. Those students being Kate, Evan, and Audrey. The parents that home school these children are incredible and so I just wanted to kind of give some of the accolades, I guess, and have the Senate realize what level of professionals that we have that are educating these children.

In the back of the chamber here is Dr. Tony Erwin, and he’s a native of Hurricane, West Virginia, and owner of Putnam Chiropractic Center and CEO of Alpha Sports Academy, both located in Putnam County. He’s been a volunteer for a number of community organizations, including the YMCA Board of Directors, the Hurricane Little League Safety Director, Director of the West Virginia Racket Ball Association, and Hurricane-Winfield Youth Football Programs. And for the past 15 years, Dr. Erwin has volunteered as a sideline physician for the Hurricane High School football team. He works directly with Putnam County Board of Education in order to establish concussion protocols and management.

And with his wife, Annie, also a Hurricane native, she graduated with her masters in audiology and currently homeschools their three children that I just mentioned. She’s also a tutor for the local Classical Conversations homeschool program.

Kate is currently involved in tennis, piano, dance, and her church youth program. Evan is also active in sports activities, such as basketball, little league baseball, and is currently a member of the Knuckleheads 9U travel baseball team.

The Erwins are faithful members of the Redeemer Presbyterian in Teays Valley.
I can speak from experience, these are valued people in our community and their children are very, very lucky to have them as teachers. So, I welcome them to the chamber and rise in support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 4, 2020, as WV Alzheimer’s Association Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 29)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution and recognize the estimated 38,000 West Virginians, 65 and older, who are living with the Alzheimer’s disease. The Alzheimer’s Association also estimates that there is more than 106,000 West Virginians who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease.

Caring for the elderly is near and dear to my heart as an internist and geriatrician. As I pursued my education, at both WVU and Marshall, and at Wake Forest, I always knew that I wanted to return home and care for these patients in my hometown. In my medical practice, I not only see individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia, I see families living with this disease.

We must do all we can to support these families. We need more adult day care services and support groups, like the programs that are available at the Raleigh County Commission on Aging and the Wirt County Senior Citizens Center. Our institutions of higher education are helping these families. The Maier Institute for Excellence in Therapeutics for Elders with Dementia at Marshall is making important strides to improve care. With the leadership of Dr. Ali Rezai at the Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute at WVU . . . are doing pioneering work. Recently, Dr. Rezai and his team performed the first procedure in the world of a Phase II trial using focused ultrasound to treat a patient with early-stage Alzheimer’s by opening up the blood-brain barrier.

We must continue research to find effective treatment and a cure. In the meantime, our families need local resources and services to assist them in providing quality care for their loved ones. I want to make sure my colleagues know about available resources for our families across this state. Many communities are becoming “dementia friendly”. The Alzheimer’s Association website is a great resource for information about this disease. They also have a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week hotline with trained counselors. Caregivers and family members can call this number any time or night to ask a question or learn about available resources: 1-800-272-3900. The AARP has great information for caregivers on the website. And, of course, our own West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services has programs specifically for individuals and families living with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. I encourage families to reach out to their county senior center to learn more about these services.

Finally, brain health is important. Research is still evolving, but evidence is strong that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by making key lifestyle changes, including participating in regular physical activity, staying socially engaged, and maintaining good heart health.

I urge passage.

Designating February 4, 2020, as WV Alzheimer’s Association Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 29)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this very important resolution. You know, we spend a lifetime building relationships, and memories, and experiences and no disease is good, but this one
rob you at the end of everything you’ve worked an absolute lifetime to achieve.

I don’t know who all watched the Super Bowl, I suspect most of us have, but there was a commercial, you know, the Google Assist guys put one on there, and I don’t know if you missed that, but there was an elderly man and he was asking to remember certain things about his wife, and this was based on a true story, it was actually the 85-year-old grandfather of an employee that works at Google. And so, the commercial starts out with him just typing in the words “how not to forget”. And so, the commercial goes on and he asks Google to show him photos of his late wife, Loretta. It continues to remind him that she hated his mustache, that they loved going to Alaska, and that she always snorted when she laughed. All these things were then recited to him. And at the end, it was actually the true man’s voice when he says, “Help me remember that I’m the luckiest man in the world.”

So, for these very important reasons, for the fact that Alzheimer’s continues to be an increasing thing as we continue to grow older, but 10 percent of Alzheimer’s patients occurs early in life. So, it’s a horrible disease. I hope we continue to do great strides to combat it.

For these reasons, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Designating February 5, 2020, as Tucker County Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 30)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RANDY E. SMITH

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of the resolution.

It’s no secret here, I live in Tucker County. And I think you know how proud I am of Tucker County. They’ve kind of adopted me over the last five or six years, I’ve represented them for eight. And, this group of people here, I brag on them every year about how active they are. If they have something in the county they want done, they never come to me and say, hey, can you get me this, can you get me this; they come to me and say, can you help us with this, or you can help us with that? They always find a way to make things happen. And I like to call them go-getters because if they see something they want, they go and get it. And it makes my job a whole lot easier as their representative and, also, Senator Sypolt, who is their senator.

And, you know, down here at the capitol, even people that’s just in the capitol that I meet, and they’ll say, oh, you’re from Tucker County, we go to Canaan Valley and ski, or, you know, we love Blackwater Falls, or, you know, the Purple Fiddle, you know, a lot of you . . . and the same way with staff, you know. I’ve even allowed staff come up and kind of room with me on the weekends sometimes when they . . . because they love to come up there.

And, you know, if you love the outdoors, there’s no better place in the state to be than Tucker County. And you know what they’ve did to the old coal mining and timber towns of Thomas and Davis, which many of us have these communities in our district that has just died off and fell down, but they’ve rebuilt that whole area up there with their hard work and dedication and turned it into a huge tourist destination up there. And people have come from all over the country, and that’s no lie. I’ve got to go down around the loop to get up to where I live and you see vehicles parked there from Utah and Nevada, I mean it’s unbelievable how far people come to listen to the music at the Purple Fiddle and get an ice cream cone.

So . . . but I’m very proud of this group, the hard work they do and how they promote tourism in Tucker County. And they’re always easy to work with. We don’t always agree on everything, but we always agree on trying to do what’s best for Tucker County and I appreciate their friendship. And, I support this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 5, 2020, as Tucker County Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 30)
REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
DAVE SYPOLT

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, stand in support of this resolution and, quite frankly, I’m disappointed you didn’t call on me first because the Senator from Tucker didn’t leave much left for me to say. But that’s okay, I can maybe summarize what he’s took five minutes to explain and put it in just one sentence. We have had the Secretary of Commerce, we have had the Governor, we’ve had many people across the state touting tourism in our state and how well we’ve done. Now, I’ll tell you that Tucker County not only has some of the best outdoor recreational activities in West Virginia and probably, arguably, on the east coast, they know how to use them. They’ve taken those opportunities and they’ve leveraged them into a successful community and its proof positive that . . . . I think they’re a shining example of what our state could potentially have. And my hat’s off to them.

Thank you so much for being here today and thank you so much for making us all very proud.

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask that Senate Resolution 30 be approved.

Designating February 5, 2020, as Cancer Survivorship Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 31)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RON STOLLINGS

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution.

West Virginia will experience 12,440 new cases of cancer this year. And in 2019, 4,820 people died from cancer in West Virginia, and I can tell you several of them were really close friends of mine. Cancer will cost the United States economy an estimated $216 billion in medical costs and lost productivity.

We here on the floor play a key role in preventing cancer by passing policies to reduce tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and increase healthy eating and active living. We also can advance policies that will increase access to life-saving screenings, improve quality of life with increased access to palliative care, fund research, and expand access to care.

I can tell you that in this group right here are some fine people, some innovators, including a couple of students. And you know sometimes we talk about turning the “spigot off”, if you would, on bad behavior or bad . . . what will ultimately result in bad outcomes. So, these two students, Kelsey Acres of Scott High School and Haley Cervello from Sherman High School, did their own research and found that in the United States of America, there’s 20.8 percent of high school students who vape. In West Virginia, there’s 35.7 percent who vape, and in Boone County, 56.9 percent of high school students are vaping. In the ninth grade, 61 percent.

So, folks, we are not turning that spigot off. And, as we know, this vaping will lead to nicotine addiction and many other things. And if you look at this adverse childhood experiences thing that I left on here—and I hope you will—these children with adverse childhood experiences have many health issues, both mental and physical.

So, we can pull together and help do some things such as installing vape detectors in certain schools. And I would hope that Boone County might be one of the first ones to be installed as we look forward to other policies here.

Just as a side note, I think most of you all know that I would join these fine folks in that I am a cancer survivor of prostate cancer in year 2010. And it was because I practiced what I preached by getting my PSA screening (prostate specific imaging screening) and that I was fortunate enough to be picked up early and had successful surgery. And anytime you have tumor free margins, that’s a good thing. I had tumor free margins by one millimeter, same as a football field.

Anyway, we need to support these survivors, we need to turn the spigot off, and I urge adoption of the resolution.
Designating February 5, 2020, as Cancer Survivorship Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 31)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of the resolution.

You know, unfortunately, one of the things that docs have to do way too often is change somebody’s world by dropping the diagnosis of cancer. It’s always a tough situation and every time you look at the chart and you see what you’re getting ready to have to go in and tell somebody . . . we certainly do everything we can, and what I always tell my patients is I’m in it with you in the sense that I’m going to do everything I can for you. And that’s what we do on the medical side of things.

You know, I’d be remiss if I didn’t stand up and say we’ve all . . . seems like we have a passion to do something to help the health of West Virginia. When you talk about cancer diagnoses in the United States, the number one by far is lung cancer. In fact, if you add up the number two, three, four, and five cancers after that, in terms of cancer death—breast, colon, prostate, pancreatic—add all four of those together, doesn’t touch how many people die from lung cancer.

And so, I’ve been very aggressive, we’ve been very aggressive, to try to impact this. And so, one of the things we did as a body in bipartisan fashion a couple of years ago is we increased the tobacco tax. And, in the medical community, it’s been shown many times over that the only thing that impacts society in terms of dropping their smoking rates is increasing the tax. We did that and we saw exactly what was predicted. For the first time in decades, smoking rates have declined.

I suspect what we’re going to be seeing shortly that the cancer rates and lung cancer are starting to decline. It takes a couple of years for the impact to be seen. We’ve seen significant savings in our Medicaid line in terms of costs.

And so, there’s other bills that will be proposed shortly for another increase in the tobacco tax and, also, in the vape tax. We could be the most aggressive in the country. I think vape is going to be one of these things that we’re not going to see it, it’s going to be like asbestos, for another, you know, two, three decades, but the impacts I think are going to be pretty severe. And people say, well, vape is benign. As bad as cigarettes are, how many people do you see being hospitalized on ventilators in the first three to four years of taking up smoking? But we’re seeing that with vape injuries all across the country already. So, if that’s the impact that it’s causing already, imagine what that accumulative impact is going to be over a couple of decades. So, I would suggest, or I would hope, that the body would take a serious look at that bill when it comes up for us to consider and move our health a big step forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. MARONEY

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR MARONEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I wasn’t planning on getting up, but the two docs kind of stimulated me a bit.

Just real quick, as the Chairman of the Health Committee, we come across a fine line at times, in blurry lines between public health bills, or good public health bills, versus personal freedom. And the way I personally try to approach that on that committee, especially in cases like this, is, you know, I’m all about the personal freedom if you’re making these choices to affect yourself, but if your behaviors have the potential to affect somebody else, then it’s a good public health bill. And that’s kind of the way I hope this body approaches these issues.
and cancer is right in the forefront in some of these, because sometimes our behaviors do affect others, even with cancer.

So, I just wanted to bring that out.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 31)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES H. CLEMENTS

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I think I would be amiss if I didn’t stand to say that there are certain life-changing events, and there’s nothing will change the life of a family then a cancer diagnosis. It affects everybody... particularly hard on the spouse, the children, everybody.

And we, as citizens of West Virginia, need to understand that not only can we try to do what we can to reduce the presence of cancer... but I remember one thing, that Dr. Greg Merrick, a renowned prostate cancer physician in Wheeling, said, “You know the biggest problem we have with prostate cancer is men won’t go to the doctor.” And we find that true. We don’t want to go to the doctor, we ignore the signs. We see the sign on the side of the road, it says, “Road construction ahead, slow down”—of course, anymore, people don’t slow down. But we need to take a look and when you see those warning signs, when you see the sign that something’s wrong, go get it checked out. Because, I’m sure the doctors will tell you when you catch that early, it’s easy to treat and be taken care of.

But the big things that we need look at, is you need to help the families and the friends. That’s important. I’m emotional about this. I’ve been involved in it. I know.

So, I support this resolution to support the cancer survivors in this state.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Preserving the Separation of Powers Amendment

(Adoption of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 7)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate Joint Resolution 7 would, if adopted and ratified by the citizens of this state, add some new language to Article V, Section 1 of our West Virginia Constitution.

Our West Virginia Constitution, Mr. President, has 14 separate articles in it. Only one of those, Article V, contains but a single section. Article V, the operative part of Article V, Section 1, as it relates to this resolution, says as follows: The legislative, executive and judicial departments shall be separate and distinct, so that neither shall exercise the powers properly belonging to either of the others... . . .

It is the article and section in our Constitution that demands separate, co-equal branches of our state government. It requires amendment now, Mr. President, because the judicial branch, in disregard of Article V, Section 1 of our Constitution, invaded the sphere conferred upon the Legislature in the case of Workman v. Carmichael. And this joint resolution is designed to, and written to, correct the constitutional error and intrusion made by the temporarily assigned Supreme Court that sat in the case of Workman v. Carmichael.

Now, we have a few members of this body, Mr. President, who were not here during our impeachment proceedings that occurred in 2018. But in the case of Workman v. Carmichael, the temporarily assigned Supreme Court left its separate and distinct fear of governmental authority and responsibility and invaded the legislative sphere.

Article IV, Section 9 of our State Constitution provides that the House of
Delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment and the Senate the sole power to try impeachments. It’s an exclusive delegation of authority under the Constitution. That was disregarded. Was disregarded by the judicial branch of our government in 2018 when they, in derogation of the constitutional requirement of separation of powers, left the judicial lane and entered into the legislative lane and interceded in the proceedings occurring in the Legislature at the time.

In that case, the temporarily assigned Supreme Court of Appeals issued, purported to issue, a writ of prohibition against the West Virginia Senate from conducting a trial. The Senate was, at the time, sitting as a Court of Impeachment to try the Articles of Impeachment that had been adopted by the House of Delegates against several of the members of the State Supreme Court of Appeals. The writ of prohibition, like the writ of mandamus, but the writ of prohibition exists for a court to use to restrain a lower tribunal, lower court, tribunal exercising judicial or quasi-judicial powers from acting beyond its authority. The temporarily assigned Supreme Court in that case decided that it had authority to issue a writ of prohibition against the Legislature, against the Senate, of course, objected to that.

I will quote from the opinion a little bit. This is Footnote 13 of the decision of the temporarily assigned Supreme Court from Workman v. Carmichael, “One of the arguments made by the respondents . . .” —that was the West Virginia Senate— “. . . is that this court should not address the merits of the petitioner’s arguments because she has raised a similar challenge to the Articles of Impeachment in the proceeding pending before them that has not been ruled upon.”

And that was true. When Justice Workman filed her petition seeking mandamus or prohibition in the judicial branch of the government, she had, at the same time, filed a number of motions with the Senate sitting as a Court of Impeachment raising many, if not all, of the same objections. And they were not, by any means, frivolous objections. There were objections raised by Justice Workman to the proceedings that had occurred in the House of Delegates. There were objections based on vagueness as to the Articles of Impeachment that had been adopted by the House of Delegates, in particular Article XIV, which the members, who were here will remember, although it clearly sought to charge maladministration or neglect of duty, it didn’t even use those words.

The objections that Justice Workman had raised were not frivolous. But when the Senate was sued, you know, one of the things that we discussed was how should the Senate respond, how should the Senate respond? It was my view, and it was ultimately the view that was adopted in the responses that were filed by the West Virginia Senate to the petition to Justice Workman’s petition before the temporary Supreme Court, that the Senate could not, should not, could not take a position in court on any of those arguments for a couple of reasons, Mr. President. The first one being that the Senate was the Court of Impeachment under the Constitution, under Article IV, Section 9, the West Virginia Senate was the Court of Impeachment. And it would be for the Senate, ultimately, to determine and rule upon those arguments that had been raised by Justice Workman. And so, I felt, and I think many others did as well, that it would be improper for the Senate to take a position before the temporarily assigned Supreme Court on any of those issues because we hadn’t heard them. We were going to have to hear the arguments by both sides, by Justice Workman, her counsel, the House Managers, and make those determinations because . . . because the Judiciary, the temporarily assigned Supreme Court, had no jurisdiction or authority to hear the case in the first place.

The temporarily assigned Supreme Court—I’ll continue now with Footnote 13—said, “Ordinarily this Court would defer to a lower tribunal’s ruling on a matter before this Court will address it.” Let me read that again. “Ordinarily, this Court would defer to a lower tribunal’s ruling on a matter before this Court will address it.” Now, what struck me about that sentence, strikes me today, continues, is that temporarily assigned Supreme Court did not view itself as the designated entity at the head of a single branch of the government, it viewed itself as an entity over the entire government. It viewed the Senate as an inferior, or lower, to use their words, a lower tribunal. Mr. President, the West Virginia Legislature is not a lower tribunal. Under Article V it is a separate and distinct and co-equal branch of the government of West Virginia and as such, not subject to edicts, writs, rulings by the Judiciary.

Never before, Mr. President, in the history of the Republic, as far as anyone has ever been able to determine, has the Judiciary in any state, or for the federal government, taken the extraordinary step of invading the exclusive authority of the legislative branch of the government to conduct impeachment
proceedings. What the court did in this case, the temporarily assigned court in *Workman v. Carmichael*, is absolutely without precedent and without any foundation of legal opinion or basis.

That brings me back around to SIR 7. SIR 7 would add the following words to Article V, Section 1: The courts of this state have no authority by mandamus, prohibition, contempt, or otherwise to interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature.

I’ll read it again: The courts of this state have no authority by mandamus, prohibition, contempt, or otherwise to interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature.

That’s what separation of powers means. Now, is this just some crazy thing that Charlie Trump has made up and inserted, wants to insert in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution? It is not. Where do those words come from? Those words, Mr. President, come from a decision by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in a case that was decided only 10 years ago, just 10 years ago, with this Senate as a party, or its clerk. The case is the case of *State, ex rel. Holmes v. Clawges*.

Some here will remember Darrell Holmes was Clerk of the West Virginia Senate, Clawges is a reference to Judge Clawges. Russell Clawges was a judge in Mon. County, Monongalia County. And in that case, which is a 2010 case, just 2010, not so long ago, in that case in *Syllabus Point 3 of State ex rel. Holmes v. Clawges*, our Supreme Court held, “Under the separation of powers doctrine . . . “—Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of West Virginia—” . . . courts have no authority by mandamus, prohibition, contempt, or otherwise to interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature.” Those words are not words that I’ve created, sought to stick into Article V, Section 1, that is the holding of the West Virginia Supreme Court in the case of *State ex rel. Holmes v. Clawges*. It’s set forth as a syllabus point. Courts had no authority by mandamus, prohibition, contempt, or otherwise to interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature. That was the law of this state.

The separation of powers is fundamental. It is fundamental. And it’s important. It’s an important constitutional principle. Our Supreme Court, over many years, has upheld it, has recognized it. I’d like to quote, if I may, from a syllabus point in the case of *State ex rel. Barker v. Manchin*. It’s a 1981 case. There, the Supreme Court said, “Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of West Virginia, which prohibits any one department of our state government from exercising the powers of the others, is not merely a suggestion. It is part of the fundamental law of our state, and as such, it must be strictly construed and closely followed.” Now, that’s from 30 years ago.

Separation of powers has been in our Constitution since its adoption and ratification in 1872, the division of powers. So, if the law, since 2010, if the West Virginia Supreme Court’s final expression of the law and its meaning under *State ex rel. Holmes v. Clawges* is that under the separation of powers doctrine, Article I [sic], Section 1 of the Constitution of West Virginia, courts had no authority by mandamus, prohibition, contempt, or otherwise to interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature. If that’s the law, was the law, if that’s what Article V means, how did the temporarily assigned Supreme Court issue a writ of prohibition, or purport to issue a writ of prohibition, against the West Virginia Senate? Well, they knew of the law and they addressed it in *Syllabus Point 3 of Workman v. Carmichael*, and they overruled it. They overruled it.

The temporarily assigned Supreme Court said in *Syllabus Point 3 of Workman v. Carmichael*: To the extent that *Syllabus Point 3 of State ex rel. Holmes v. Clawges* may be interpreted as prohibiting this Court from exercising its constitutional authority to issue an extraordinary writ against the Legislature when the law requires, it is disapproved. It’s constitutional authority to assert itself over co-equal branches of the government.

This, I would submit, Mr. President, is the grossest invasion and intrusion by one branch of the government into another’s exclusive sphere and domain that one could imagine: To interfere with the proceedings of the Legislature while they’re underway. Now, let me clarify, some have asked me if I’m worried that this, as it’s written, would in some fashion impair the court’s ability, the Judiciary’s ability, to review, to be the final arbiter and reviewer of the constitutionality of acts of the Legislature. And I do not. And I will say here on the record, as we develop what may be one day legislative intent if this is adopted and ratified, that there’s no intention within this to interfere, or impair in any way, with the power that the Judiciary has enjoyed since *Marbury v. Madison*, to be the final say, to have the final say on whether an act
of the Legislature comports with the Constitution, conflicts with the Constitution, violates the Constitution. That’s not the intent of this and it is not, in my opinion, what it does. What it does and what it will do if it’s adopted and ratified, it will restore the rule of law that the court may not interfere with the proceedings of either house of the Legislature as they are occurring; not to deprive the court of a power to review acts of the Legislature after they’ve occurred, particularly, for constitutionality or for construction if there are statutory conflicts, or other things, but to interject itself and interfere with the proceedings of the Legislature as they are occurring, Mr. President. The power to do that is a pathway to judicial tyranny. And I would submit the decision in Workman v. Carmichael is nothing less, nothing less than precisely that.

So, I hope, you know, I hope this is not considered to be any sort of partisan undertaking. It is about structure of government, proper structure and functioning of the government. I’m circumspect enough to know that the party that’s in the majority now will one day be in the minority in this building in both houses and vice versa and that will cycle back over time and this has nothing to do with that. This is about protecting what the Constitution provides will be the exclusive sphere of the Legislature in keeping the Judiciary where it belongs within the authority conferred by the Constitution to the Judiciary.

Now, Mr. President, I will be happy to try to answer any questions, but, otherwise, I urge the adoption of this SJR and I hope it gets a strong vote of support within this Senate.

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Would the Chairman yield?

MR. PRESIDENT: Chairman yield?

Chairman does yield.

SENATOR TRUMP: Absolutely.

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you.

You certainly answered some of the questions, whether or not we would somehow pass a bill that somehow was proven unconstitutional. We’re not doing anything with that process?

SENATOR TRUMP: No, this is not intended to do that.

The court ultimately has to be, I agree full heartedly with Marbury v. Madison and all of its progeny, the court has to be the final arbiter of whether an act of the Legislature does or does not comply with the Constitution. And the court enjoys, and would continue to enjoy, even if this is adopted and ratified, the power to strike down an act of the Legislature if it finds that it is inconsistent with the Constitution.

What this is designed to do is, while the Legislature is in session, the court can’t interfere with its proceedings. Let me give you an example: Say the House of Delegates sent to the Senate a bill that says there will be no newspapers published in these 10 counties. No. No more. You can’t publish a newspaper in 10 counties. Now, we would all agree, patently unconstitutional, under the federal Constitution, under the West Virginia Constitution. Can the court, before the Senate would act on such a bill, issue a writ of prohibition and say this bill as it’s come to us from the House is unconstitutional, you are prohibited Senate from taking any action upon it whatsoever. That’s what this resolution would prevent. The court has no authority to do that, nor has it ever, nor should it. Now, if the Senate, if both houses would pass the bill that said that, and the Governor would sign it into law or allow it to become law, then that act of the Legislature, prohibiting the publication of newspapers in 10 counties, would certainly be challenged and reviewed by the court and could be stricken down as unconstitutional.

All this is designed to do is to allow the Legislature to fulfill the duties it has under the
Constitution without interference by the judicial branch of the government.

SENATOR STOLLINGS: What if, again, we would pass a constitutional bill but the process by which we passed it was flawed in some way? Again, as long as it was after the session was over, or what if we were in one of one of those crazy extended sessions that we have, and there needed to be a remedy soon?

SENATOR TRUMP: No. I think the court has authority to review the adherence to processes, particularly constitutional processes, as part of its consideration of the question of whether an act is constitutional.

So, an example of that would be: We pass a bill, we vote and pass a bill in the Senate all in one day from first reading to third reading with less than 80 percent of the members having voted to suspend the constitutional rule. I think upon a challenge of that law, the court could look and say the Legislature did not read the bill on three several days as the Constitution requires and, therefore, it is unconstitutional. It’s an unconstitutional enactment. Just as court has, over the years, analyzed our bills for such things as adherence to the object that a bill embrace a single object.

But to your point, what the court cannot do is issue a writ of prohibition while we’re doing it, while the Legislature is proceeding, to stop us from taking further steps.

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Yeah. Again, one of the issues that people that were here remembered with the House impeachment of the Supreme Court, there didn’t seem to be a final vote. That was certainly an issue that was brought up . . . which I guess was one of the reasons then that the Supreme Court, or the new or . . . you mentioned the type of Supreme Court, it was made up of different people, had an issue with that because the House failed to apparently vote the final vote to bring it over here.

SENATOR TRUMP: Yeah, I think that’s right and I think there were, at least with respect to Justice Workman, her petition to the temporarily assigned Supreme Court and motions that had been filed by her counsel here with the West Virginia Senate sitting as the Court of Impeachment, raised those issues. I think there was an issue about whether or not the House had followed closely enough a resolution that it had adopted at the outset about the procedures that it would follow. All reasonable, nonfrivolous questions to be raised. My contention was, and is, that those were questions properly raised and to be decided by the Senate sitting as the Court of Impeachment.

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you.

Preserving the Separation of Powers Amendment

(Adoption of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Joint Resolution 7)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL A. WOELFEL AND HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

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SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Mr. President.

Will the Chair continue to yield?


SENATOR TRUMP: Certainly.

SENATOR WOELFEL: So, my understanding, Senator, is that if this is put on the ballot and then it is made a part of our Constitution by the people, that the Supreme Court would not have any authority to issue a writ of prohibition against the Senate, when the Senate sat as a Court of Impeachment? That’s one example of when they would be enjoined from that. Right?

SENATOR TRUMP: That’s correct. Senate or the House. When the House is sitting as, you know, in consideration of the adoption of Articles of Impeachment or any other proper legislative business. Business that’s delegated by the Constitution exclusively to the legislative branch of the government.

SENATOR WOELFEL: Okay.
So, last year, you’ll remember that we had a prayer in the House and it was a Muslim prayer and it was . . . one of the members decided not to stand for that as a way of protest. Do you remember that?

SENATOR TRUMP: No, but I will take your word that it happened. I was unaware of that.

SENATOR WOELFEL: So, let’s assume that we have a Muslim elected to our West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. And let’s assume that that kind of, that kind of misbehavior occurs in the House to the point where they get 51 votes to impeach that Muslim . . . because he’s a Muslim. And that we come over here and we impanel our Court of Impeachment. You’re telling me, if I’m understanding correctly, that the Supreme Court would be prohibited from enjoining that exercise and it would have to play out here as a Senate trial, right?

SENATOR TRUMP: Yes.

SENATOR WOELFEL: And doesn’t that give you pause at all that there’s no oversight for that kind of egregious discriminatory behavior to play out here?

SENATOR TRUMP: The Constitution says the Senate shall have the sole power to try impeachments and, so, I am not concerned at all. I believe the Senate would reject overwhelmingly any such, you know, scandalous or ridiculous impeachment.

The Senate, as my friend from Cabell will remember, the Senate did hold one trial on one of the justices and the acquittal was overwhelming. It was 33 to 1. I should say, also, that I think if this had been allowed to play out in the Senate, the impeachment case involving Justice Workman, the result would have been exactly the same as was the result in the case of Justice Elizabeth Walker.

You know, I think if we’re going to be honest about this and candid about it, learn from our mistakes, I think the House overreached in impeaching Justice Workman and Justice Walker. You know now, the other justices who resigned, we don’t . . . . You know, those two did not resign. I think the House overreached and made a mistake. And I think the Senate made a mistake. I’m willing to talk about that.

You know, the Senator from Cabell will remember, on September 11, 2018, the first day that the Senate sat as a Court of Impeachment, I think the House Managers realized that they had overreached. At least as to those two justices, Justice Elizabeth Walker and Justice Margaret Workman. And they, and the lawyers for those two justices, presented to the Senate an option, a resolution, essentially an agreement, a stipulation, they would stipulate to excessive spending, the Articles of Impeachment would not be tried, they would not be removed from office, they would accept resolutions of censure. The Senate rejected that and we should not have. It was a mistake to reject it, in my opinion. I know not everyone agrees with me on that.

I can say this, you know, we look back over the two years with hindsight now, the carnage, and I do believe it is carnage, to Article V of our Constitution rendered by the decision in Workman v. Carmichael would have all been avoided had the Senate accepted the resolution that had been agreed upon by the House Managers and those two justices. If it was a mistake by the Senate, it doesn’t excuse, in my mind, what happened in Workman v. Carmichael, which was an even greater mistake. It’s like a series of one mistake after another.

But, I trusted, and do trust, the Senate to fulfill its constitutional duties in accordance with the Constitution, in our constitutional oaths, and the separate oath that we, as members of the Senate, had taken to sit as a Court of Impeachment.

SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO
AND
HONORABLE
CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

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SENATOR ROMANO: Will my friend from Morgan continue to yield?
MR. PRESIDENT: Senator continue to yield?

SENATOR TRUMP: Certainly.

MR. PRESIDENT: Senator does yield.

SENATOR ROMANO: Senator, I can’t tell you how much I appreciate your passion for this issue. You know, you and I disagree on it because I think that part of the court’s decision that found unconstitutional our invasion of the budget of the Supreme Court at that time was appropriate. I don’t think they should have been involved in the Rules of the Senate but, you’ll agree with me, that this amendment, should it pass and be ratified, will be interpreted like every other amendment to the Constitution, every other provision of the Constitution?

SENATOR TRUMP: Yes.

SENATOR ROMANO: And it’ll be interpreted by courts, not by us?

SENATOR TRUMP: Yes.

SENATOR ROMANO: And, upon the decision . . . and you don’t have any . . . I just want to make sure because you use the word temporary Supreme Court, it was a duly impaneled court, I mean, you agree with that, right? They did it correctly?

SENATOR TRUMP: Yeah. There had to be a temporary court assigned to hear the case brought by Justice Workman because the case involved Justice Workman . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Exactly.

SENATOR TRUMP: . . . and, potentially, other justices who were at the time serving, yeah, there had to be an alternate mechanism to impanel a court to hear it.

SENATOR ROMANO: Right, I just wanted to make sure you had no objection to that. And that decision was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court?

SENATOR TRUMP: Well, you know . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: It was appealed, right?

SENATOR TRUMP: There was an appeal. You know, I never thought that there was really any kind of substantial federal question that the U. S. Supreme Court could look at, or, you know, I guess the appeal was based on the guarantee clause of the federal Constitution. But this is fundamentally, the case was fundamentally a question of the state Constitution and the state Supreme Court is the final authority on that, not the United States Supreme Court.

SENATOR ROMANO: And it’s funny because they took that case for gerrymandering at the same time, and I thought that if they thought there was a real question, they would have taken this case because it’s got to affect every state in the Union. But they didn’t take it. And, as we’ve discussed, my concerns are the checks and balances. I love the Constitution. I think it’s a magical document, I really do. And I’m concerned, you know, that this Legislature, at least since I’ve been here, is pretty quick to drop an amendment on the floor and see if it’ll pass. And that’s part of my concern with this one. Answer me one more question, Senator.

SENATOR ROMANO: Is there any provision like this in the U. S. Constitution?

SENATOR TRUMP: Not that I’m aware of. But, I would say that the reason that there is not or there’s never been an effort to put one in, is because until the temporarily assigned Supreme Court in Workman v. Carmichael veered so far out of the proper judicial sphere, it had never occurred in the United States of America before.

SENATOR ROMANO: I find that a little hard to believe but I appreciate your answer, sir.

SENATOR TRUMP: No, it’s true. And I would be delighted to have anybody show me a case where any court has upheld the Judiciary’s invasion of a legislative impeachment proceeding that was underway by writ of prohibition, or mandamus, or otherwise. I would submit to you that every case, and believe me, there have been plenty of attempts, people get impeached, they file suits and try to get the Judiciary to intercede and, universally, the courts have said no, this is a legislative function under, in our case, the West Virginia Constitution . . . at the federal level, under the United States Constitution.

SENATOR ROMANO: And I don’t know, I haven’t looked. I can’t imagine there’s been that many impeachments. We’re on our third one, I
think, right now for the President of the United States.

But I did want to get to this one point. There’s always been tension between the different branches of government, and this wouldn’t be the first time the Legislature thought the Judiciary had overreached in one of its decisions, either at the federal level or in West Virginia. You agree?

SENATOR TRUMP: That’s right. The proper functioning of our government, of any government for free people, of government where the people are sovereign, depends on, as you just said, a system of checks and balances that are designed for the different branches of the government to keep the government in check. We are out of balance now. The decision in *Workman v. Carmichael* has placed us out of balance. As I read that decision, it places, it places the court above the other branches of government.

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you.

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

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SENATOR TRUMP: Yeah, very briefly, Mr. President. Thank you.

I should say, I will say, I hope, at least in the context of impeachment, nobody ever has to look at this, or think about it, or consider it ever again. I hope that for all eternity ahead of us that no future Legislature of West Virginia has to deal with the impeachment of any official of this state government. Human beings, being what they are though, it can happen again.

But I want to point out this is not limited just to impeachments. I have back in my office somewhere, I don’t think it ever got filed as a suit, Mr. President, but I have back in my office a complaint that had been drafted by a lawyer on behalf of a person whom the Senate decided not to confirm for an appointment by the Governor. And I won’t mention names, but it was a couple of years ago. The Senate refused to, you know, confirm one of the Governor’s nominees. And the response was the threat of a lawsuit. And the complaint was drafted, I don’t think ever filed, but the complaint was drafted. That would be within the ambit of this as well. The Judiciary has no authority to order the Senate to confirm somebody nominated by the Governor. That’s a legislative power conferred exclusively to this house of the Legislature.

I wouldn’t sponsor this, Mr. President, if I didn’t think it was necessary. I agree with my friend from Harrison County, we should be very careful and limited in amendments to the Legislature. The Constitution is an instrument that has been tried over the decades and the centuries, and we shouldn’t try to interfere with it because of one particular case. And I think that is the mandate of our government, our constitution, our democracy. And I would recommend a “no” vote on this resolution.
Constitution. It should serve as a rock, stability upon which we hang all of our work, and under the authority of which we do all of our work. And only in circumstances where a principle of the Constitution has been violated by the judicial branch, the separation of powers, do we need to take action. And that is our circumstance here and so that’s why I’ve sponsored this resolution, why it is called in the title, the “Restoring the Separation of Powers Amendment”. Because I think the judicial branch, in the work of the temporarily assigned Supreme Court, has violated and undermined the principle of separation of powers.

I urge the adoption.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, we spend a lot of time in this body talking about our education issues and how we need to do better, and the kids, and so on. But, today, we’re fortunate enough to have a page that has scored a 36 on the ACT, that’s a 100, you can’t do any better. And she has decided that she would like to be a surgeon. She wants to go to school at West Virginia University and stay in West Virginia.

These are the kind of things that I think are something really special. And if the Senate would give an applaud to our page from Braxton County, Lauren Keplinger. Lauren, stand up.

Thank you.

Designating February 6, 2020, as Veterans Visibility Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 32)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Thursday, February 6, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today is, what I think, one of the most important days we have in the Legislature. Behind us, we have a lot of veterans from this state—not just behind us, but sitting in the chamber, as well. This is a day, Mr. President, when we can recognize the sacrifices of our state’s veterans.

West Virginians have always answered the call, Mr. President. We are the state of Chuck Yeager, Jessica Lynch, Woody Williams, Frank Buckles, Timothy Bolyard, and the men and women that stand behind us.

Our state’s proud military heritage goes back to the Civil War, Mr. President. People like my great-great-great-grandfather, Harrison Wass, who was from Ritchie County, who served in the Union Army, all the way up to our current conflicts with people like Bailey McKinney, who is here this week as an intern for the Senator from Boone and serves in the West Virginia Air National Guard.

We have asked, as a nation, many of these men and women to serve in conflicts that they didn’t ask for but, yet, a conflict that we asked them to serve in and a conflict that they did serve in, proudly. And many of these men and women came home with scars that you can’t see and that they have carried with them for their service on behalf of the nation.

Mr. President, one of the biggest things that I think that we can all do, and bring forward when we talk about veterans, is that we have 22 veterans a day that tragically take their own life. And, while veterans and active duty members take up about one percent of our nation’s population, it makes up about 19 percent of all suicides and think about that for a second. And these are men and women who carry scars and injuries with them for what they have done on all of our behalf and what they continue to do on all of our behalf.

When I came home from Afghanistan, Mr. President, one of the things that I struggled with was people thanking me for my service because I didn’t think that it was something that I should have been thanked for because it was something that I did willingly, and something that I had volunteered to do, something that many people volunteer to do. But, I think that is someone’s
way of really finding a way to thank someone for what they did because, perhaps, they wished that they had played a bigger role, or disappointed that they couldn’t. And so I struggled with that for a little bit, but then I decided that really the best way is to say you’re welcome. Because it does mean something very much to us. But it means something very much to everyone else that we’d served, that you all took up the mantle, that you wore the flag into battle. And so I think that by saying you’re welcome really is a sign of respect to people who care about what we did. And many people are reluctant to talk about their experiences, they’re reluctant to talk about what they did. But you’ll find that if you just ask, if you engage a little bit, you might not get into specifics, but then we’ll talk about what they did, the job they had in the military, what they did in their service. Find out what’s next for them because, while being a veteran is an important part of who we all are, it’s not just what we’ve done, or what we will do. We all came home or all got out of the service with a sense of purpose to make the community that we live in better. So, I think that’s the question to ask, what’s next for you, what do you want to do next? And I think, Mr. President, you’ll find that many want to continue that service, despite the fact that they’re not wearing a uniform.

So, I want to thank you all for being here today and for what you’ve done for the state of West Virginia, and for our nation.

I urge passage.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Thursday, February 6, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution.

In addition to all the eloquent things that our Senator has said regarding their service, what I see is their service to the communities after they’re home. And the folks that I see here, through military funerals, through everything from as basic as food baskets for the hungry and the poor, to being mentors for our students to make them grow up and want to do what’s right. So, these citizens, these veterans, have absolutely carried on a mantle to improve our little communities throughout all of West Virginia.

One of the things that I’ve found lately as a physician is that there is a very difficult process of gaining veterans’ benefits. So, I think we’re leaving millions of dollars from the federal government that should be right here in these veterans and their families and their survivors hands. Largely because we are not investing enough in these veterans’ service officers. I listened to our Finance Committee report and there’s just not enough money to hire as many to keep the turnover, to pay them enough to keep them from turning over, and once you get a seasoned veteran service officer, they really know how the system works and they can bring back this federal dollars that is deserved to be here. And also to . . . and these dollars are spent in all our little communities throughout the State of West Virginia.

So, I think we need to, as a Legislature, to invest in whatever it takes to make sure that there’s a robust VSO system in West Virginia, so that we can take full advantage and it would improve all aspects of our lives.

So, again, I urge passage of the resolution.

Designating February 6, 2020, as Veterans Visibility Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 32)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN

Thursday, February 6, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’d like to rise and share my thanks this morning. I’d like to just share, very briefly, a word of scripture. Galatians 6: Bear one
another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

I rise to say thank you because I feel it is incumbent upon myself and upon this body to bear your burdens because you have borne our burdens. And I’m a pastor who serves an aging congregation and some of my mature members are veterans, mostly men, and they have burdens that can’t necessarily be met in traditional ways. And so some of those folks have specifically reached out and asked me, they’ve said, you know what would help? It would help if we had a veterans nursing facility in our part of the state, in Southern West Virginia.

And so, I know this body has worked on that for a while and I think it’s incumbent upon us to continue to work to find a solution to that problem and find that funding so that we can bear one another’s burdens just as we do so here today with tremendous humility and gratitude in our hearts. So, thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 7, 2020, as Dental Hygienists Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 34)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Friday, February 7, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution.

As many of you all know, these oral health care professionals actively promote good oral health and prevention of oral disease.

This body has passed over the past five to eight years, bills that would allow them to better do that by practicing in schools and without direct supervision. As preventative specialists, dental hygienists contribute to the oral health of West Virginia residents and provide essential service contributing to their total health.

There are some 1,412 active dental hygienists in West Virginia. These hygienists have given their time and effort to provide oral health care to individuals of need, such as children, senior citizens, individuals with low income, and individuals with disabilities.

I can tell you also that they are for the bill that the Majority Leader has put forth and several of us have signed onto to provide oral health care to adults in the Medicaid population for up to $1,000 a year. This is important for the future of our great state.

So, please join me in welcoming students from BridgeValley Community and Technical College, West Liberty University, and West Virginia University in promoting good oral health. And, I urge passage of the resolution.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Friday, February 7, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Members, I just rise to . . . I want to talk about infrastructure, both highways and our infrastructure of water, sewer, broadband, and such as that. I was reminded today in my drive here from Huntington just how important infrastructure is. If you look at the bridge that is shut down right now, at least the east bound on I-64, in driving that every day, I crossed it, evidently, when it was bad and didn’t know it. But, thank God, we had a DOH employee that saw that there was a problem and, if you have seen the pictures, there’s actually . . . you can see the river from . . . you know, standing on the bridge. But this reminds me of why it is important that we have invested in infrastructure, particularly highways.

But I also want to caution you that we do look at our districts and say we really need . . . my district, you know, needs more funding or this, that, and the other. But I want to tell you that we still are only part way on our step forward. We have to invest more in our maintenance throughout the whole state. If you remember, you’re still getting calls . . . . I still get calls today about potholes and problems on our secondary roads. Well, this is a major highway that we’re
having problems with. Thank goodness it’s on the schedule to be replaced.

But we have got to invest, not only in our highways, but we’ve got to invest in our wastewater, water, and broadband. And being a member of the Broadband Council, I want to tell you that next week, the State of West Virginia is going to be recognized for their work in broadband. The Pew Charitable Trusts is coming out with a study next Tuesday that highlights the work of this body, and the body across in the House, and how much we’ve done, and particularly, with the Broadband Council. And we have a bill that’s going to be introduced here soon, it’s coming up, that we worked on from the Broadband Council standpoint. Now, I’m a nonvoting, ex-officio member, the same as the Senior Senator from the Sixth. But we actually have gotten a middle-mile proposal that First Energy and Appalachian Power are a part of. The Public Service Commission has been reviewing it, will come out . . . . This is going to really help us from an infrastructure standpoint.

First, I want to applaud the people that have been working on this broadband. We’ve made a lot of progress but, as you’ll find out, we’re in the top 10 states in the country in where we’ve advanced things. We still have a bill coming over, and we’ve got to complete what we’re doing on highways. The Governor claimed that there’s no value to the right-of-ways of highways and we should allow broadband to be able to be laid or put in the right-of-way of the highways. And I want to tell you that I think we’ve got to codify that. And the importance of codifying that is the fact that it’s of a high importance if you’re going to be in business, if you’re an individual, if you’re in education, if you’re in health care. In the future, broadband and access to broadband is important.

And this is an important bill, and the DOH portion of this is vitally important. We have a bill that’s going to come over from the House and we have to make sure that we insert the legislation to codify and raise the flag of what the Governor has said, that it is going to be that we will be allowed to put broadband along the highways. In this state, we’re geographically challenged because of our terrain. And, if we don’t have the right-of-ways of the highways to be able to expand broadband for our citizens, we have no chance of competing in the twenty-first century.

Thank you.

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

On your senators’ desks, I wanted to just kind of add a little something extra. We had those students here from the First2 Network. They received a $7 million national foundation grant to really improve the STEM education in our high schools and colleges. And so, they’re just trying to find their way, they’re just getting started. So, I put a couple of little pieces of information on your desks.

One of the things I pointed out to them, there was nothing for anyone to contact them, and that was just an oversight. So, on the one page that doesn’t have the graphs on it, there is the contact information to one of those professors, and I think she’s at Fairmont State.

You know, when I was talking to my daughter this week, it was kind of ironic because she had decided she wanted to talk about what she wanted to be when she grew up, she’s 13. And, you know, talking different things, but one thing she talked about being a chemistry or biology major. She said, “Well, Dad, I can’t do that.” And that floored me because I’ve tried to empower my girls to run the world, much less be afraid to go into a science.

So, when these guys came along this week, if you noticed up in the gallery, most of them are females. Now that was just coincidental, there’s males and females with this. But, I would really encourage anybody, if you have interested high schoolers or early college students, one of the facts that they brought out when I met with them yesterday evening was that 70 percent of students, especially female students, that go onto college for a STEM-related education drop out or change their majors. So, they’re really trying to encourage those girls and boys. But to stay focused, to mentor them, to tutor them along, show them that it can be done.

And so, they have a camp this summer. And so, this list of the person who’s the coordinator at the bottom of that, if you have any constituents or students in your districts that may
be interested, you can contact them, they’ll get you more information, help those kids get attached. It’s all covered, but it’s to try to develop and . . . passion and also an encouragement that they can do these things. And so, I’d like to pass that along.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Monday, February 10, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

It’s with sadness that I bring some news about the passing of our good friend, Raamie Barker. Folks that’s been here a while have remembered him very well. He was . . . 19 years with former Governor, when he was President of the Senate, Earl Ray Tomblin.

He was a student of the legislative process and the political process. He’s a definition of a true public servant. He’s a former reporter, editor, teacher, mentor, confidant, and a real legend around the capitol. He worked with both sides of the aisle for the betterment of the people. He’s worked as constituency services for so many people over the past many years. As a capstone, he served as the mayor of his beloved Chapmanville.

He’s survived by his lovely wife of 49 years, Lillian; his children, former delegate Josh Barker, daughters, Ashlee and Courtenay, and four grandchildren. I’d say of late, his favorite title was “Grandfather”.

So, we will be mourning the great loss of Raamie Barker.

And also, just to mention, on the Shelton-Smith Addition there in Chapmanville, last week we buried another great man, former delegate Ted Ellis. They lived a house or two away from each other, so I’m sure they had a lot of nice conversations over the years.

So, if you don’t mind, I’d just ask for a moment of silence for the family of Raamie Barker.

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Congratulating Gary Young, WV Outstanding Tree Farmer for 2020

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 35)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ERIC J. TARR

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I have the great honor today of recognizing Mr. Gary Young, who was also recognized by the Forestry Division for his excellence in tree farming. He has an 898-acre tree farm with his wife, Penny Young, down in Putnam County. And I get to overlook that incredible forest from, actually, from where I live. And it’s one of the majestic pieces of things that you’ll see in West Virginia. When you look at the forests in West Virginia, it’s something we’re recognized for. And some people come here, they travel from all over the country to get to see our forests.

And it’s from people like we’re recognizing today that keep that majesty fort going for us. The things that they do, one, is they promote good growth, improve the overall quality of the property, and generate income from possible sale of forest products.

I know Gary’s passion is probably part of the reason he’s been recognized for this because, if you pull him aside, this is where the conversation goes—I don’t care what you start with—and it’s about the forest and about timber products in West Virginia. One of the things that they’re recognized for is that he’s been managing stands for wildlife habitat, clean water, controlling invasive species, and sharing a conservation ethic with public and other landowners while promoting the education of young people in sound practices of forest management.

I would like to congratulate both Gary and Penny upon being selected as the winner of West Virginia’s Outstanding Tree Farmer Award for 2020. And he’s here today with Larry Six and Barry Crouch of the Forestry Division and the Forestry Association’s Tree Committee, as well, Tree Farm Committee.
And, one other thing I would add to this, is just I’ve got to know Gary for a long time and he’s one of the people that we can be really proud of for commercial development and being respectful with that development with regards to our natural resources here in West Virginia. So, it’s a great honor to recognize him and it’s a great honor to know that you’re a neighbor that gets recognized by the Forestry Division for all of your labors.

So, Mr. President, I would enthusiastically encourage adoption of this resolution.

Recognizing 75th birthday of Smokey Bear
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 36)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DAVE SYPOLT

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

Here we are, 75 years just like the blink of an eye, pretty incredible.

You notice that the resolution is about Smokey Bear, but most people know this icon is Smokey the Bear, and I’ll talk about that in just a minute. Interestingly enough, Smokey Bear had its origins back in the World War II era where the empire of Japan was using, or had contemplated using, wildfires as a way of distracting the American people from the war effort in an act of terrorism. So really, in a lot of ways, this was an early swipe at Homeland Security.

In 1942, there were fires ignited off the west coast of the United States, shells, which were launched from submarines, and also I learned that later on during the war, there were fire bombs which were ballooned across the United States and dropped into forested areas to promote the burning of forest fires. A few people died from those also.

So, in order to combat that, the United States Forest Service organized the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Program. They had the assistance of the War Advertising Council and the Association of State Foresters to rally the Americans to convince them that being more careful with fire would help America win the war. They had slogans like: “Forest Fires Aid the Enemy” and “Our Carelessness, Their Secret Weapon”. Those icons were spread across the country during the war. And then after the war, things turned more to a civil side where, “Care Will Prevent 9 out of 10 Forest Fires”. In 1944, “Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires” was their next slogan.

In 1950, in the Capitan Gap Fire in New Mexico, there was an orphan cub bear which was discovered who had crawled up inside of a hollowed-out tree in order to save himself from the fire. Although his legs and paws were burned severely, he was able to survive. And, at first, he was called “Hot Foot Teddy” but then later, I guess two and two came together and that’s where the actual living Smokey the Bear came from. He lived for many years beyond that.

In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote the popular anthem Smokey Bear. But because of the way the rhythm of the song went, they had to put the “the” in there, “Smokey the Bear”, and that’s where, you know, we talk about Smokey the Bear right now.

Just a little side note, Jack Rollins is a native of West Virginia. He was a native of Keyser, West Virginia, actually, more noted for “Frosty the Snowman” and “Peter Cottontail”, but he also was a co-author of “Smokey the Bear”.

So, Mr. President, I would like to tell you that Smokey the Bear has been an icon in America folklore and preservation and forest preservation now for many, many decades. It would be hard to replace that.

And I would certainly urge adoption of Senate Resolution 36 in honoring of Smokey Bear’s seventh-fifth birthday.

As a side note before we recess, I would like to also to bring to your attention that the Senate was opened today by prayer of the Chaplain which is under a new program along with the Honor Guard. New programs of the Division of Forestry and they are available for the public to request them to come and open and close meetings.

Mr. President, I urge adoption of Senate Resolution 36.
Recognizing 75th birthday of Smokey Bear

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 36)

Remarks of Honorable Ron Stollings

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Senator Stollings: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this resolution.

You know, I come from an area of this state that there’s a lot of intentional forest fires, there’s timber theft, and these folks that work in the Division of Forestry are fantastic, hard-working people. And I’m also aware of some of their secret weapons, good ole’ hound dog or two that can track these people down and have actually caught people miles and miles away from where the fires were intentionally set. So, I know they take good care of those dogs.

And, again, just a great asset to, again, our natural resource, our timber natural resource, and our forests, and I can’t say enough good things about them, how hard they work, the dangers they’re in, you know, how they get back into a hilltop somewhere and set a firebreak to keep that rest of the mountain from burning.

So, I urge adoption.

Remarks of Honorable Craig Blair

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Senator Blair: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m going to weave three different things in together here today. And I’m going to try to be very, very quick about doing this as well.

I’ve served eight years in the House and then, when I finish this year, eight years in the Senate. I used to be a big believer in term limits, and I’ve come to a conclusion on something, and that is that the voters actually take care of the term limits itself with that. I look around this chamber and see how many people, how many faces has changed that represent . . . and it’s a conclusion that comes hard for me for this matter because you want to have new people in but, you know, we got the Senator from Marion, the Senator from Kanawha that won’t be coming back to carry institutional knowledge that I have learned things from over the years.

And that brings me to the next part of this, is that today’s Day 35. I’m certain those two gentlemen will agree that we’re getting ready to move into the window of the legislative session where tempers flare, emotions get up a little bit. We’ve talked about this all in the past and if you’re relatively new to here, to this process, it’s easy to get caught up and to misunderstand what takes place. And that includes the people in the gallery, the people that watch us on live stream, even the press can misinterpret what goes on between us. And it’s important that we recognize that upon ourselves as we move in and we start doing these bills and it gets frustrating for some and there’s jubilation for others, but we’re here doing the work of the people.

That leads me to the final point that I wanted to make. As I walked into this chamber today, and I think everybody knows full well that Senior Senator from the Sixteenth and I have been adversaries many, many times on many issues. But when we walked in, or when I walked in, he came up and presented me with this prayer . . . I want to call it a scarf but you called it something else, and every knit that was in this has a prayer associated with that. And it’s a demonstration—first of all, I can take all the prayers I can get, Mr. President—but it comes from members of his church and he gave that to me and it’s a demonstration to all of us that we can get after each other on issues, that’s okay, that’s what we’re here to do. But, we’re all brothers and sisters looking out for the 1.8 million people in the State of West Virginia, here to represent . . . and, I’m so proud of being a member of this body. And, Senator, to the members of your church who did this for me, thank you very much.

And I just thought that this was a good way to weave all three of those topics in together, be able to say thankful, but have that reminder that as we move forward here in the following 25 days of this session, there’s going to be times that we don’t look very good publicly, but I can tell you right now, behind the scenes, we are good, we’re good to each other. And we care...
about each other and it’s been demonstrated by virtually every member of this body and staff as I’ve gone through this ordeal of mine myself.

So, thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to make that statement.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Again, I just want to talk briefly about black lung, occupational pneumoconiosis. We have some former miners up here that have trouble getting around this big capitol here and going up and down those steps due to their terrible lung function.

Black lung, of course, is a restrictive airway disease. And the more I see in my office, the less they’re really able to get the benefits that they deserve . . . . I’m seeing more and more black lung and I’m sure the Junior Senator from the Seventeenth will back me up on that.

Whether we’re taking more of the rock than just the coal, but anyway these miners have stiff lungs, and a lot of the times we’re measuring whether they get a benefit or not, a test that doesn’t test for stiff lungs very much, it tests for obstructive airway disease more so. And then taking away the x-ray as evidence of black lung has also gone against their ability to have the black lung [sic] that they deserve. And folks, these are folks that have worked hard, have propped up our economy for years and years, provided electricity for the great progress over the past many decades.

The other thing is, if you want to do economic development, if they get those benefits that they deserve, guess where they’re going to spend them. They’re going to spend them right here, right in our hometowns.

So, I think we need to look at these bills. I think we need to look about Senate Bill 632 (Clarifying time limitation for filing occupational pneumoconiosis claim does not limit claimant in obtaining evaluation), clarifying the time limitation for filing. We need to look at a few . . . . the presumptive fact that if they’ve been in the coal mines a certain period of time, they have black lung, and then bringing back the x-ray as evidence for black lung.

And so, again, I appreciate them coming up. I appreciate them talking and raising awareness in their communities. And I think we need to step up to the plate as well, Mr. President.

Thank you.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

We have a birthday to celebrate today. Today is February twelfth. Today is Mr. Lincoln’s birthday, Mr. President. We should never miss remembering and honoring and thinking about our sixteenth president on his birthday. And luckily, we’re always in session when that happens it seems.

It’s popular now for people to talk about how divided our country is today. We see pundits say it all the time on the national news, the country’s so divided. When has it ever been so divided? And, I would suggest, Mr. President, the country is not nearly as divided today as it has been in the past. We do not have—knock hard on wood as I say it—we do not have Americans taking arms against each other, preparing to ignite a conflict in which millions of people will die . . . . every one of them, every one of them, an American. We think about that. The numbers are staggering, if you think about it. My little county of Morgan has 18,000 people in it. Everybody, 18,000 people. And in one day, less than 30 miles from there, along the Antietam Creek, Mr. President, there were 23,000 casualties in one day of the American Civil War. Now, that’s a country divided. You know, we fight, we argue, people watch, but I tell people, you know we argue, yes, we argue, we fight, we debate, but we do it as brothers and sisters who love one another, love our state, love our country, even our intramural fights that we have here today. And no one thinks about or talks about taking arms against each other.

When Mr. Lincoln was elected in 1860, at that time the inauguration of the President occurred in March,
not January as we do it now, but it was March. And so, between the time of his election and his inauguration, Mr. President, seven states had already seceded from the Union, seven southern states had already left the Union. The country had already divided. More occurred later after Fort Sumter, but that was after Lincoln’s inauguration.

But, you know, I love the President, President Lincoln’s speeches, his first inaugural address, his second inaugural address, his address at Gettysburg. When he was inaugurated the first time, on March 4, 1861, his address was designed as an appeal for the nation not to divide and go into full blown war and conflict. And I won’t read the whole first inaugural address, but I would like to read, if you’ll indulge, Mr. President, Mr. Lincoln’s closing words:

“ . . . . Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulty.

“In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The Government will not assail you. You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors. You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the Government, while I [shall] have the most solemn one to ‘preserve, protect, and defend it.’

“I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

So, Mr. President, as we think about Mr. Lincoln, whom we honor, we on this side of the chamber, particularly, as, you know, a father of the Republican party, whom we all in West Virginia honor as an author of our statehood. But as we think about him, and the burdens he bore for all of us a century and a half ago, let us think about his words calling us to harmony, to union and let us all here, over the course of the last four weeks of this session, try ourselves to be touched by the better angels of our nature.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing contributions of AARP
President Rich Stonestreet
to WV and its people

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 38)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution.

You know, there are many groups that come to the capitol during the legislative session to explain the position of their interests, but none more important than the AARP. West Virginia has a very high population of senior citizens and a face we’ve all come to recognize in the halls of this building for many years is that of Rich Stonestreet, the honoree in this resolution.

He has been a tireless advocate for West Virginia seniors throughout the course of many years and, as a result of his efforts, brought important awareness to the members of the Senate, the House of Delegates, and to state government as a whole, regarding the needs and interests of our senior citizens, whom we all value and cherish.

Mr. President, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Designating February 13, 2020, as Tiny Hearts Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 39)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RON STOLLINGS

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.
It’s a great honor to recognize our pediatricians here today that take care of our youngest, frequently, our most vulnerable population.

The mission of the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain the optimal health and well-being of all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults by uniting and educating pediatricians and facilitating effective partnerships between pediatricians and other child experts and advocates.

The prevention of major threats to children’s health including the management of chronic diseases, obesity, injury, communicable diseases, and other childhood problems cannot be managed solely in the pediatric office. So, the 2020 Advocacy Priorities for the West Virginia chapter are to improve access to care including care for vulnerable population such as those in our foster care system and kinship care system, addressing the adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress, maintaining strong immunization laws, obesity prevention and treatment, promoting tobacco cessation, addressing the opioid epidemic and its impact on children, and firearm injury prevention.

So, it’s with a great honor that I recognize, or we recognize, these wonderful pediatricians, educators, medical students, residents, who are truly wearing the “white” hats, that are taking care of our kids, and set forth a healthy future for West Virginia.

I urge adoption.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL T. AZINGER

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR AZINGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

Last week, we had an address to the nation by the President of the United States that I thought was worthy of commenting on because of its transcendence. It was superb in my opinion. And I wrote down some thoughts shortly after watching that I wanted to share with the members of the Senate and whoever else wants to listen.

Mr. President, there are moments in history, in the history of great nations, that by virtue of their stubborn transcendence demand to be commented upon, if for no other reason that they may be etched in our frail memories and passed on to posterity.

Mr. President, the speech to the nation last week by our President of the United States was one such moment. It was a moment that history, try though it may, will be unable to ignore or to erase. Our President grabbed us gently by our collective shoulders in the midst of turmoil and tumultuousness in our culture and said, “Listen, America, pay attention America, consider America, I’m about to tell you the things that matter most.”

First, our President said, “Remember America, remember our history. Our history has made us who we are. Remember those first principles, those constitutional precepts that formed a republic founded on self-government first rooted in God and his word that gave birth to our representative republic.”

But then, our President went on. He told us of a booming economy and how that booming economy is lifting those in despair. Those that are presently living a life of unproductiveness to lives of meaning and purpose. There are more Americans now, Mr. President, employed than any other time in history. Since the election of President Trump, over 400,000 manufacturing jobs have come to America. Unemployment is at a 49-year low. Median household income is at the highest level ever recorded. Black, Hispanic, and Asian unemployment is at the lowest ever. Last quarter, GDP in our nation was 4.2 percent. That’s not too bad. But not to mention—and this is where it affects lives in a real, real way—seven million fewer Americans are on food stamps, 10 million fewer Americans on welfare. That’s transformational, Mr. President. Those are numbers that under the surface have great meaning. Those numbers mean, Mr. President, many lives transformed.

Our President went on and mentioned that life is precious, born and unborn. That America is rooted and preserved in the principles of religious freedom and religious conscience. He said, and I quote, “We don’t tear down crosses, we don’t punish prayer, we don’t ban symbols of faith, we don’t muzzle preachers and pastors. In America, . . . ” he said, “ . . . we celebrate faith, we cherish religion, we lift our voices in prayer, and we raise our sites to the glory of God.”
Mr. President, our great President mentioned last week that we must always hold sacred the soldier sacrifice and the sacrifice of those he loves.

He mentioned that we have a right to bear arms, enshrined for posterity in the Second Amendment. That this is a natural right of self-protection, in the protection of ourselves against tyranny.

He mentioned, Mr. President, that God has made us the greatest nation in the world, a nation of unmatched beauty, a nation forged in a liberty that is the envy of the world.

I was proud to be an American last week, Mr. President, after the speech by our President. And I stand here today to say blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the Good Book says. Today, though undeservedly, we do, I strongly believe, stand blessed by God Almighty.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RANDY E. SMITH

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Everybody can relax, I’m okay.

I just want to take this opportunity to apologize to the body. Yesterday, I got pretty fired up. You guys know I’m a pretty passionate person, especially when it comes to roads. I don’t apologize for my procedure because it was all within the Rules of the Senate. I don’t apologize for that and if I had to do it over, I’d do it again because I feel that passionate about the roads issue. Like I said, I’m a very passionate person especially with roads and broadband because I feel we need both to move this state forward and, Mr. President, you know that as well as anybody because I got you fired over broadband.

So, you know, when I believe in something, I fight for it. But some of my actions to some of the members . . . afterwards, it wasn’t on the floor, I was discouraged, I was angry, and I shouldn’t have let my emotions get the best of me. And I apologize for that because I’m better than that. I’ve always been taught to respect people and I try to do that. But, sometimes when you’re so passionate about something, things get . . . roads, you know . . .

My friends across the aisle did a press release on the roads before I did this (run the bill out of committee) . . . and I thought you guys would be with me, most of you. But I apologize for that. I’m not mad at anybody, that was your decision, you know, to do the press release about no bills moving and I thought I was doing a good thing but, evidently, my passion is not the same as everyone else’s in this body. And I’m okay with that. I know you know it’s not as big an issue with everyone as it is with me, but I feel that it’s a huge issue in this state and I was just trying to do any means necessary to get something rolling. I mean, you know, it’s polled high, second worst problem we have in this state behind our drug problem. But that still doesn’t, you know, excuse the way I acted afterwards, and I just wanted to apologize to the members if I offended any of you . . . no hard feelings. I mean, you know, everyone here has a passion, a different passion. Mine just happens to be roads but that doesn’t give me the right to, you know, to degrade anyone because you’re not as passionate about it as what I am or you don’t feel it’s as big a problem as what I am or whatever. But, I just wanted to just tell the members if I offended you, I apologize and I’ll try not to let that happen again.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I certainly can identify with the Senator from Tucker. We all get very passionate and . . . . I think we do feel the same way about roads. There’s no question about it that our side is very compassionate about the roads, as yours.

And, you know, we have a large highway system in West Virginia. And, if we would try to pave every road that the state owns, it would
be almost impossible to do. The price would be, you know, astronomical. So, you know, we’re trying to do the best we can, we’re trying to do the best we can in this body here to bring resources to build roads.

I think the most important thing is this Senate has a decorum. You know, we respect the body, we respect all the members in here and there is a procedure that we do follow. And I think if we negate from going through the regular regimen of how bills are introduced and try to circumvent, you know, the process, I think we’re doing ourselves a great disfavor.

So, I think, you know, the reluctance certainly on my part was that I respect the procedures that we have here and I think, you know, we continue to argue that we want to see things introduced the correct way, we want issues discussed between both sides, and we want . . . you know, to do the best we can. But we have to have an orderly process.

So, I think those of us that voted . . . . You know, it wasn’t a roads issue, it was a procedure issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Thursday, February 13, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

This past week . . . we were invited from a Senate standpoint . . . I got invited to the Pew Charitable Trust broadband discussion and, due to issues beyond my control, I was not able to go this week.

However, I want to talk about a couple of things that were said at the . . . and I think it’s important to note that West Virginia is one of the leaders in the country in what we’ve done. You know, it talks about Colorado and it talks about West Virginia that have issues associated with terrain and, more broadly, population density that have required creative solution from state officials to ensure that their most remote residents are connected.

And this is a quote from Kelly Workman, if any of you all know that have been on the Broadband Council, she is the person that works for the Broadband Council with the Development Office. And she says, “Our Legislature has taken a very methodical and logical approach to addressing the barriers that we can address.” And she says, “We can’t do much about our mountains, because we love our mountains, but we take the steps to improve our middle mile infrastructure.” She also noted that West Virginia is among a handful of states that have adopted a dig once policy that requires the installation of fiber conduit for internet cables when improvements or expansions are made on roadways and other existing infrastructure project. It is a strategy designed to strengthen broadband infrastructure while minimizing costs and disruption to state residents.

Now, I bring that up because we’ve made a lot of progress, there’s still progress we still need to make. We still have an issue of trying to get to the last mile and everybody talks about 5G. And I’ve heard 5G up to here in all the commercials you see. But, let me just explain to you that the critical issue is getting fiber to the furthest point that you can before you even deploy any wireless connection. So, whether we’re talking, you know, in Wayne County, in any remote area of Wayne County, that’s the county I live in and the Senior Senator from the Sixth, or Cabell County that’s Barkers Ridge, or we’re talking about Spruce Knob, or wherever, you still have to get fiber to the furthest point.

And to my point, what I’m trying to say is the Broadband Council passed and we’ve had the two major energy companies in the state, First Energy and Appalachian Power, bring forth to us proposals and we have a proposal that First Energy’s bringing, we’ve already approved the one that Appalachian Power has brought. And that is one portion of the solution and the middle mile side of this, this is going to be unique, they have done it in Virginia, and I think it’s going to be very, very good. The first pilot project that they’re going to be doing is in Logan and Mingo County. And I’m really going to be interested to see how that works.

But I want to stress to you that we’ve got a lot of work to be done, we’ve got to look at E-Rate . . . what Pew Charitable Trust has agreed, and they’re going to be coming to this state in a month or so to sit down and talk about how do we use E-Rate to the best ability to actually build fiber, not to enhance the incumbent providers to provide service to our schools at the same rates.
And I’m going to go back to the county that I live in. The county I live in pays the highest E-Rate of any county in this state. We’ve got two incumbent providers that don’t want to work together, that just charge the highest rate, and it’s really tough to get to our schools. You know, we’re geographically challenged in some of these things, and we really have to look at E-Rate at a different way than we’ve looked in the past.

And I bring this up because it’s going to be a heavy lift. It’s going to be something that we’re going to have to think outside of the box. It includes public ed, higher ed, and many of the different things that we think are sacred cows out there. We’ve got to address this, and we’ve got to address it in such a fashion that is a comprehensive solution to the most rural, remote areas of our state.

Thank you.

Recognizing WV Gold Star Mothers for dedication and commitment to veterans and families

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 40)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE GLENN D. JEFFRIES

Friday, February 14, 2020

SENATOR JEFFRIES: Thank you, Mr. President.

When the United States entered World War I, there was a 23-year-old by the name of George Vaughn Seibold of Washington, D.C., and he volunteered. George’s dream was to fly in airplanes. The U.S. Signal Corps, which was the air wing of the United States Army, was being formed so George was sent to Canada for training. He was then deployed to England to serve in the British Royal Flyer Corps. He soon left for combat duty in France.

George was a good son who regularly sent letters to his home, to his mother Grace Darling Seibold. To occupy her mind and hands, Mrs. Seibold began visiting service men in local hospitals. Then suddenly the letters from George stopped. Mrs. Seibold continued to visit the hospitalized veterans praying that she would find her son among the injured. The Seibold family received confirmation of their son’s death on November 4, 1918, through a family member in Paris. George’s body was never recovered. Mrs. Seibold devoted her time to the injured veterans and to supporting other mothers whose sons had died in service to our country.

The mothers who cared for hospitalized veterans, many of whom were far from their families, the mothers’ organization was eventually named after the gold star that the families hung in their windows in honor of deceased veterans. On June 4, 1928, 25 mothers gathered in Washington, D.C., to establish the American Gold Star Mothers.

The West Virginia Gold Star Mothers organization was established in the fall of 2012. Their goals are serving veterans and their families, aiding wounded warriors, honoring the memory of the fallen, promoting service to our country, teaching lessons of patriotism, inspiring respect of our country, and supporting all Gold Star Mothers and their families.

The West Virginia Gold Star Mothers do amazing volunteer work for our veterans. They operate a medical foster program to keep the veterans in homes instead of nursing homes; they help veterans in need of pay for living expenses; they provide Gold Star family assistance, including emergency travel funds and help with living expenses and medical care; they provide supplies for homeless veterans through the Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center here in Charleston; they provide honoring and remembering flags to West Virginia cities, parks, and cemeteries; they fundraise to support Wreaths Across America; they place 2,500 wreaths on graves of West Virginia veterans; they have planted groves of memorial trees in Canaan Valley, Beech Fork, and Burlington; they organized a motorcycle ride to raise funds to sustain Camp Dawson’s Gold Star Family Retreat, the Woody Williams Foundation, and the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers.

By volunteering, West Virginia Gold Star Mothers honor the sacrifice of the beloved children. They serve so that their sons and daughters are never forgotten.

Mr. President, with us today, we have the Gold Star Mothers, here dressed in their whites, which is a symbol of purity, of their sacrifice. With them is Shirley White, Emma Johnson, Belinda Jividen, Rose Shilling, Teresa Brown,
Terry Cunningham, Vickie Maddox, and Barbara Ulbrich. They are here today escorted by the West Virginia Air National Guard.

Mr. President, it’s an honor and a blessing for me to be a part of this today. And, Mr. President, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Recognizing WV Gold Star Mothers for dedication and commitment to veterans and families

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 40)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Friday, February 14, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

It would have been a little over eight years ago the day that I left for Afghanistan and the thing that I remember most vividly about that day is seeing my mom stand outside the house as I pulled away from our house to leave for about a ten-month deployment. And the one thing that I remember most vividly about the day that I came home was seeing my mom standing outside of our home holding my little dog, Winston, and what a relief it must have been for her that day. The thing that I felt the most concern about while I was deployed was, if something would have happened to me, how my mother would have dealt with it and how it would have impacted her. What we see behind us is the true cost of war, the true impact of serving our nation, and the families that are left behind, and the mothers of sons who have not come home, like so many of us were so fortunate to, and I think that’s something that we all need to be cognizant of is that we . . . .

On Veterans Visibility Day, we had the veterans here who were fortunate enough to come home and play a part in our state. But what we have with us today, to all the members here, are those who are here still with us in West Virginia when their loved ones have made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation.

And so, as I can see my mom standing there the day that I left, and the day that I came home, there are a lot of moms around this country, too many in my mind, who didn’t have that same homecoming. And so I think that it is all that we can do to honor those who are still here with us and who honor the ones who came home, the work that they do for the ones who came home, who carry with them the burdens, both physically and mentally, of war.

The Senior Senator from the Eighth’s comments in bringing this resolution forward I think is just a small part of what we can do, Mr. President. And so, I urge adoption of the resolution.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Friday, February 14, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you.

Most of us realize that the laws of our country and state are based upon the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament passage found in Exodus 20. Some, however, may not be aware that the first four of those Ten Commandments are summarized in the New Testament in Matthew 22 as an instruction to love God supremely, as the First Great Commandment. Then the last six of the Ten Commandments are also summarized as the Second Great Commandment, namely “Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself.”

Love may be defined as seeking the highest good of the object of that love. Love, therefore, when we love something or someone, we seek its highest good at all times. I love my wife, therefore, I unselfishly seek her highest good. The same goes with my children and grandchildren.

This being February 14, Valentine’s Day, I believe it to be appropriate to remind this body that everything we do as servant legislators is to be motivated by that Second Commandment, love thy neighbor as thyself. As we work and wrangle through the legislative process, we are to be motivated by love for the people of our great state, seek to make wise decisions for their present and future benefit, and not repeat any detrimental mistakes of the past. I urge the Governor and his staff, all state employees, the 134 legislators, and our support staff to rise to
the occasion for which we have been called, and that is to love one another to the best of our ability and fulfill the Second Great Commandment by keeping the highest good of West Virginians in mind as we proceed through the remaining three weeks of this session.

As a pastor, I would be remiss if I didn’t remind people to not ignore the First and Great Commandment, to love God supremely, also. Life is way too short and eternity is way too long to neglect these truths. Therefore, I want to publicly, and without hesitation, go on record and communicate to everyone in this capitol and to those scattered across our great state that I love each and every one of you and wish upon all of us the ability to experience nothing but God's best blessings.

I thank you for allowing me to share the thoughts of my heart today on Valentine’s Day.

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Requesting study on impact of future electromagnetic pulse catastrophe

*(Adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 25)*

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**REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL T. AZINGER**

*Monday, February 17, 2020*

SENATOR AZINGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I will try to be quick here, I know there’s a long list of things going on today. I was asked by my father, who’s a delegate in the House to introduce this resolution and, so, for fear of being grounded for the weekend, I did what my dad told me to do. And this is though, in all seriousness, a serious issue.

We’ve talked about this for several years, I’m sure you folks have probably heard of the dangers of an electromagnetic pulse burst. The author that he saw on TV that piqued his interest on this was a man named Gordon Chen, wrote a book called *Blackout Wars*. The danger is real and clear and present according to the author. This could happen, not necessarily, not just by a nuclear warhead—which is the biggest threat—but could also happen by a . . . in the realm of nature with the 150-year storm that would take place seven to eight miles above our country and the consequences would be devastating. We just missed this several years ago, a storm like this.

The worst scenario would be a nuclear bomb from a country like Iran or China, North Korea, Russia, that would be sent into the atmosphere off of our shores, explode, and it would take out our electric grid and the consequences could be as dire as essentially taking us to instantly becoming a third world country. We would have . . . it would take out all of the electric. It would take computers out, etc. We would have no electricity, no water, or communications, gasoline, automobiles, food supply. Food supply for example, in New York City, they have a three-day food supply in New York City.

So, all this resolution calls for is a study by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to look at protecting our electric grid, four states are already doing this: Maine, Virginia, Florida, and Arizona.

Mr. President, I urge adoption.

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Designating February 17, 2020, as Pancreatic Cancer Day

*(Adoption of Senate Resolution 41)*

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**REMARKS OF HONORABLE RANDY E. SMITH**

*Monday, February 17, 2020*

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand in support of this resolution.

In 2020, an estimated 50,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, which equates to 158 people every single day.

Pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and is currently the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and is projected to become the second leading cause within the next decade. Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest
cancers with a five-year survival rate of just 10 percent. When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally at later stages and 73 percent of cancer patients die within the first year of being diagnosed, but 91 percent of pancreatic cancers will die within the first five years. Approximately 310 deaths will occur just in West Virginia in 2020. This is the same disease which claimed the life of former West Virginia Governor, William Marland; actor, Patrick Swayze; Superbowl MVP, Harvey Martin; and the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, just to name a few. One of the less than 20 percent of patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer who was able to have the Whipple surgery is our own John Homburg, who is currently a bill drafter for the West Virginia Legislature and retired as the Director of Legislative Services in 2014.

Pancreatic Cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related deaths across the world. While overall cancer death rates are declining, the pancreatic cancer death rate in patients has been increasing. The number of new pancreatic cancer incidences is projected to increase by more than 55 percent by 2030.

Mr. President, this is a cruel, cruel disease, as any cancer is, but this one here, what prevents . . . is the early detection rate of this. There’s organizations here that promote the early detections, you know, getting to the doctor, getting it diagnosed in the early stages so you have a somewhat better chance of surviving this horrible disease.

So, for these reasons, I urge support of the resolution.

Designating February 17, 2020, as Pancreatic Cancer Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 41)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President. I will also rise in support of this resolution.

We, as physicians, understand just what a terrible disease this is. It’s seldom diagnosed in time to have a Stage 1 or Stage 2 diagnosis. By the time we get it diagnosed, it’s more of a Stage 4. And it’s a terrible, terrible disease. The treatment is not good.

And I’ll tell you another little scenario, of those 310 folks, couple of them are my dear friends that have already expired. One of the things that’s most frustrating as a physician is trying to stage these cancers because the difference between a Stage 1 cancer and a Stage 4, literally, is life and death.

Now, so you’ve just been told you have a mass on your pancreas. I, as a physician then, have to find out the next step. Is it just in the head of the pancreas, the tail of the pancreas? So, you have to order these tests: CT scans, PET scans, etc. It’s called staging. Now you’ve just been diagnosed with something, and two and three weeks later you still haven’t gotten the approval to get that next step, that next test, so that we know what our next step is, whether we can refer you to a surgeon, whether we can . . . have to just refer you for chemotherapy, or even palliation, or even hospice.

So, I went ahead and put in a Senate Bill 56 (Prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancer). It says basically for the purpose of staging cancer, and if you follow the NCEE guidelines, you don’t have to have a prior authorization. It would help these people a lot better, I mean, you know, again two weeks, three weeks to decide what the next step is. We need to pay attention to things like this and care about our patients with this terrible diagnosis.

I urge adoption.

Commemorating centennial of ratification of 19th Amendment to the US Constitution

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 42)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DONNA J. BOLEY

Monday, February 17, 2020
SENATOR BOLEY: The woman’s suffrage movement began in 1848 when a woman’s rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. The Seneca Falls meeting was not the first in support of women’s rights. But suffragettes later viewed it as the meeting that launched the suffrage movement. For the next 50 years, women’s suffrage supporters worked to educate the public about the validity of women’s suffrage.

Under the leadership of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Staunton, and other women rights pioneers, suffragettes circulated petitions and lobbied Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women.

At the turn of the century, women reformers in the club movement, and in the settlement house movement, wanted to pass legislation. However, many politicians were unwilling to listen to a disenfranchised group. Thus, over the time, women began to realize that in order to achieve reform, they needed to win the right to vote. For these reasons, at the turn of the century, the women’s suffrage movement became a mass movement.

The twentieth century leadership of the suffrage movement passed to two organizations: The first, the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), under the leadership of Carrie Chapman Catt, was a moderate organization. The NAWSA undertook campaigns to enfranchise women in individual states and simultaneously out-lobbied President Wilson in Congress to pass a woman’s suffrage constitutional amendment. In the 1910s, NAWSA’s membership numbered in the millions.

The second group, the National Woman’s Party (NWP), under the leadership of Alice Paul, was a more militant organization. The NWP undertook radical actions, including picketing the White House, in order to convince Wilson and Congress to pass a woman’s suffrage amendment.

In 1920, due to the combined efforts of the NAWSA and the NWP, the Nineteenth Amendment enfranchising women was finally ratified. This victory is considered the most significant achievement of women in the progressive era. It was the single largest extension of democratic voting rights in our nation’s history . . . and it was achieved peacefully through democratic processes.

I support the resolution.

Commemorating centennial of ratification of 19th Amendment to the US Constitution

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 42)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE SUE CLINE

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR CLINE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to add a little bit to support this resolution.

In July of 1848, 200 women suffrages organized by Elizabeth Cady Staunton and Lucretia Mott met in Seneca Falls, New York, to discuss women’s rights. After approving measures asserting the rights of women to educational and employment opportunities, they passed a resolution that declared it is the duty of women of this country to secure themselves, their sacred right to the elective franchise for proclaiming women’s right to vote. They were ridiculed and some of the women withdrew. However, the resolution marked the beginning of the women’s suffrage movement in America.

Today, women make up 51 percent of the vote. This is a great accomplishment since we have only been voting for 100 years. The first national convention was held in 1850 and then repeated annually providing an important focus on growing women’s suffrage movement. The Nineteenth Amendment is in our Constitution. After more than 70 years of struggling, in 1869 the National Women’s Association was founded by Susan B. Anthony. Although it was many more years of struggling before they got the right to vote, which was ratified on August 26, 1920, I stand so proud to support this resolution.

Recognizing President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln on President’s Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 43)
SENATOR AZINGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just wanted to take just a few minutes here and emphasize the importance of two of our greatest presidents, maybe our two greatest presidents. And . . . this being President’s Day, which according to history.com, became known as President’s Day in 1971 when it was moved as part of the 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which was “an attempt to create more three-day weekends.” So, in my opinion, that’s counterproductive to creating great Americans when you kind of meld two great characters in American history and forget them on a Monday called generically President’s Day.

My friend from Morgan always gives an eloquent and informative speech on Lincoln. I’m not going to tread into that sacred territory. I will say though that Lincoln was a great admirer of Washington. One such quote, Lincoln said, “Washington is the mightiest name of earth — long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name, no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it.”

Following George Washington’s death in 1799, his February twenty-second birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. Washington, D.C., contains a memorial to the General called the Washington Monument. At 555 feet high, it is the tallest structure in D.C. The aluminum capstone on top of the monument reads, “Laus Deo” (Praise be to God).

Born February 22, 1732, at Popes Creek, Virginia, Washington lacked formal education. He taught surveying, received a license from the College of William & Mary in 1745 at the age of 17. He married the widow Martha Custis in 1752 and had two stepchildren, never having biological children of his own, thus being able to be called the father of our country. He was a vast landowner, which included many lands in West Virginia. He had 70,000 acres over seven states, and some of those acreages were in Wood County, Berkeley, Morgan, Jefferson, and others.

Children need heroes, Mr. President. Our boys need men to emulate, to copy, to look up to. Songwriter Rich Mullins spoke of the effect of biblical stories in a song that said stories like that make a boy grow bold, stories like that make a man walk straight.

Allow me, Mr. President, to tell a quick story. One such story, perhaps my favorite of the inimitable George Washington . . . during the end of the war, almost to its close, there was a movement amongst the generals and the soldiers and the leadership of Washington’s army to perhaps take the army and make it go rogue. They were mad because they had not received pensions, they had not received backpay, they had not gotten supplies that they needed, and they felt that they were not being listened to by Congress in Philadelphia . . . and they were mad at Washington because they felt like he wasn’t doing his job in getting them their pensions and backpay, and so on.

The war was almost to a close, Washington called the generals and talked to the generals and said, “Have a big meeting, and have the meeting at a large log hall called ‘The Temple’, could hold several hundred men. Washington said I will not be there, you hold the meeting and tell me what happens, and we’ll talk after that.” They had the meeting, it was packed and jammed with several hundred people and Washington changed his mind and, on horseback, attended the meeting by himself without entourage. He walked onto the stage, looked at the several hundred men who were angry and upset and he spoke with them and pleaded with them, and talked with them, to no avail. He had brought along a letter from a delegate named Jones who was essentially supporting his cause, the letter was handwritten, hard to read, and it was dim and somewhat dark inside of the meeting place, and Washington grabs for his glasses and was fumbling for his glasses, and was putting them on and he was embarrassed in front of his men for them to see that he struggled just to put his spectacles on, and they, frankly, had never even seen him in spectacles and didn’t even know he wore them. And he said to the men, “Gentlemen, you must pardon me, I have grown gray in your service, and now find myself going blind as well.” And that one statement touched the men so deeply, the man they had followed in battle, the man who was the bravest warrior on the battlefield they had ever seen, the man who had never turned his back on them, they were touched to the quick, and men began weeping, men began crying, men began hugging each other.

Washington finished the letter, put his
spectacles in his pocket, got on horseback, and rode away alone. And the coup d’etat dissolved.

King George, after the war, could not believe what he had heard about Washington when he heard that he had plans to retire like Cincinnatus, and go back to Mount Vernon and live a life of ease and comfort, not become King of America, which he could have done. He could have been king the rest of his life, and a man of great power. When he heard that, King George said, if the General does that, he will be the greatest man in the world.

And so, he was, Mr. President, he was the greatest man in the world. That’s why I wanted to offer this resolution because the children of West Virginia, and the children of America, especially our young boys, need to learn about great men like Lincoln and like Washington.

Mr. President, I urge its adoption.

Thank you.

Urging Major League Baseball rescind ill-advised proposal that threatens future of professional baseball in WV

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 44)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

As a lot of you know, about six months ago, Major League Baseball announced a plan to eliminate 42 Minor League teams, including four West Virginia teams: The West Virginia Black Bears in Morgantown, the West Virginia Power here in Charleston, the Bluefield Blue Jays, and the Princeton Rays. In addition, the elimination or contraction of the Minor League teams would include the Hagerstown Suns, which is a baseball team that our Eastern Panhandle folks, I’m sure, attend every once in a while.

This would be catastrophic for each of these areas in the State of West Virginia. I can only speak intelligently about the impact the West Virginia Power—formerly known as the Charleston Alley Cats, the Charleston Wheelers, and the Charleston Charlies—I can only speak intelligently of this team and organization because its these teams and organizations that I’ve grown up with here in the Kanawha Valley. Presently, the West Virginia Power has nearly a $3 million annual impact on the local economy. The West Virginia Power employs 140 employees; and the West Virginia Power contributes more than $200,000 a year to local businesses and organizations. More importantly, the West Virginia Power and its baseball team provide entertainment and a quality of life here in Charleston that, if you’re a baseball fan, you can’t get enough of. But, if you’re not a baseball fan, it creates a center for the community to come to. And I’ll give you a couple examples: The West Virginia Power Park is where the “Boo Bash” is held every year for Halloween; the West Virginia Power Park is also where CAMC (Charleston Area Medical Center) holds its annual clinic; the high school baseball championships are played at Charleston Power Park; and a WVU-Marshall baseball game is played there.

Baseball is very important economically, but also important to the fabric of our nation, and our history and our sports. I, myself, take my boys—eight and six—to about 10 to 15 games a year during the summer and you can’t beat the entertainment value, especially when you compare it to the movie theater prices that you have to pay. For example, I go on “Dollar Night” and “Family Night”, and those are just great evenings to take your kids to the baseball park.

I can’t for the life of me understand why Major League Baseball would undertake such a proposal or plan. I think it’s shortsighted in that there are fewer people in that the NBA and the NFL run circles around Major League Baseball when it comes to young viewership, and people being interested in baseball. This is a shortsighted plan because there are few, but for these rural teams, most people would not be able to go see a baseball game. Most people can’t make the trip to Cincinnati or Pittsburgh to watch it.

And so, I urge adoption of this resolution to let Major League Baseball know how important Minor League Baseball is to Charleston and West Virginia and I ask for the “yeas” and “nays”.

Thank you, Mr. President.
Urging Major League Baseball rescind ill-advised proposal that threatens future of professional baseball in WV

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 44)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT D. BEACH

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, you know, years ago, if any of you remember Saturday Night Live episodes, there used to be a segment that they did, probably every Saturday evening, and the comment by the key character was “baseball has been very, very, very good to me.” And that’s what it’s been for Monongalia County.

Many of you in this room remember when we passed our TIFF District back in, I believe, 2014 or 2013. The anchor to that project was the baseball park. And it hinged on the fact that WVU and a professional team were going to come into town and that’s where they would reside. It has been very good, very, very good for economic activity in Monongalia County. But I think it’s been very, very good, as my gentleman from here in Kanawha has mentioned, for families as a whole. Both the WVU games and the Black Bear games are almost sell-out games, if not, sold out year round. I, myself, have been to many a games with my children as well. And it’s a good, pleasant atmosphere for the community.

And it has broadened our view of baseball in Monongalia County. While we’ve always had a WVU baseball team, it was always kind of like, yeah, we know it’s there, but now it’s very successful. And, as a matter of fact, the Black Bears recently won the title in their division. So, in just a short time, they’ve made a name for themselves.

So, I, too, I agree that this is a very shortsighted look at what’s going on in baseball across the United States. And I, too, would urge the adoption of the gentleman’s amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT D. BEACH

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, earlier today I was going to make a motion to discharge the committee on regards to the Katherine Johnson Act, which is the Gender Pay Equality Act. Instead, I chose to just chat with you for a few minutes if I may.

I think it’s important that we remember today, the 100 years ago it took the women to get the right to vote. But there’s still struggle in regards to equal pay across the State of West Virginia, across our great country. But here in West Virginia, just let me throw a couple of numbers out there: The pay gap here in West Virginia is 26 percent. Fifty percent of the population is making 26 percent less than the man here in the State of West Virginia. I should point out a few counties across this state that are significant numbers: Braxton County, which the pay gap is 50 percent in that county alone; 31 percent in Putnam; 46 percent in Lincoln. Counties that are doing better: Fifteen percent in Monroe, I’m not sure why Monroe’s so much better, but they are. But the county that really impresses me is the fact that Doddridge, of all the counties across the State of West Virginia, they are a plus six, a plus six, they are not a negative, a plus six in what they’re paying women across their county. So, those are just not numbers. There’s a face that goes with that.

So, let me just go through a couple of things here why we should be considering equal pay legislation here in this session. We dabbled with it last year. Committee on the Judiciary brought the bill forward and we had it here on the floor just briefly. But let me just go through a couple of things here that we should keep in mind as we’re moving forward, because there still is time, the bill resides in the Committee on Workforce and it would be greatly appreciated if Workforce would take this issue up before time is expelled here, expended here in this session.

But women are the sole and co-breadwinner in approximately two thirds of American
families. So, when the woman brings home less than they have a right to earn, it hurts women and their families and the economy as a whole. Women also have less money to pay off educational debt which contributes to the fact that they’re a whole two thirds of approximately $920 billion in debt out of a $1.46 trillion of student debt. The debt they hold is also made worse by the fact that women overall receive less educational assistance income than men. This disappropriate debt burden can force women to put off saving for retirement, for buying a house, or starting a business, or even putting their next child through college.

When underpaid throughout their careers, women are more likely to face financial insecurity in retirement, making women’s retirement years more precarious. The pay gap also acts as a drag on Americans’ economic growth. According to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research Analysis, by 2016 data, paying women equally would add more than $512 billion to the national income.

Closing that gender gap is important, not just for West Virginia, but the entire country. I think, you know, that we’re always saying, and I mentioned these numbers earlier, we’re always saying thank God for Alabama or thank God for Louisiana. Well, you know what? Alabama, in 2018, passed the exact same piece of legislation we have enrolled here in this body. And now we’re behind Alabama and we’re behind many other states because many other states have gone on to adopt some piece of legislation. As a matter of fact, let’s see, I thought I had a little stat here. Well, I’ll end it right there. But I do encourage the chairman to take this piece of legislation, bring it before the committee, let’s vet it, let’s talk about it, and let’s pass it on to Judiciary while we still have time.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE WILLIAM J. IHLENFELD II

Monday, February 17, 2020

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Sometimes people choose their profession for the wrong reasons. And we’ve talked about this topic a little bit today, talking about what we can do to protect children from those who have engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with others and they’re registered as sex offenders, and we just addressed that bill a few moments ago.

I stand to talk about a bill that’s coming our way from the House, House Bill 4378 (Relating to disciplining teachers). This is a bill that passed out of the House 98 to nothing, and it will, if it becomes law, mandate that educators who groom students for sexual abuse lose their licenses to teach.

I also have a bill that just hit the system, Senate Bill 809 (Relating to persons ineligible for employment in public schools), that is of a similar concept. It’s an opportunity for us to continue to do what we can do as a Legislature to protect our children. This is an issue that happens far too often in our state—and most educators don’t engage in this kind of behavior, but there are enough that we need to do something as a Legislature to make sure we protect our children.

There was some great reporting done recently about a teacher in Monongalia County who had inappropriate contact with a student and then went out to Arizona and was able to get a job out there . . . and the folks in Arizona didn’t know what had happened here. And so, we need to take steps to make sure that someone can’t do that and then just go to another county or another state and become employed as a teacher. We need to make sure we do everything we can to prevent teachers from grooming students, so that when they walk across that stage at the age of 18, teachers don’t engage in inappropriate relationships with students. It’s happened. Many of you know about it in your communities. I’ve seen it in my community. And we have a chance as a Legislature to do something about it. I think we’ve got a duty to do something about it.

So, I would encourage all of you who sit on the Education Committee to give serious consideration to House Bill 4378 and also Senate Bill 809, something I introduced which is of a similar nature.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing Clay County High School “We the People” team for winning sixth consecutive WV state championship
SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

This is something that I’m indeed honored to talk about. You know, we talk about our education in West Virginia, and some of the things that we wish we could do better in, but we’ve got a high school in Clay County, West Virginia, under the direction of teacher Phil Dobbins, that has created a dynasty. They are the six-times state champions of Clay County “We the People” team for winning . . . citizens and Constitution competition. These kids work almost year-round getting prepared for this. The “We the People” Program cumulates [sic] with a simulated congressional hearing during the students and they testify before a panel of judges acting as members of Congress. So, we think we know the Constitution, I’d say these kids could probably educate us all on the Constitution — and, Jake, you might want to listen to this—but anyway, it’s something that we, you know, we need to really be proud of.

This school was devastated in 2016 with the flood and it bounced right back. The folks in Clay are a real resilient bunch and they’re a proud folk, and they should be. They represent what really West Virginians are all about. They take what they have and they do good things with it. But to think about a school the size of Clay County being the six consecutive state champions is something that we all should be proud about.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Thursday, February 20, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, today I’m going to hit a little bit different side of this, the needle exchange issue that I’ve been addressing for the past couple of days. Hopefully, you’ve took the time to at least look through some of the slides that are outside the Finance chamber there with the projector that shows very recent pictures going through Huntington as a result of their health department’s needle exchange program.

When I first started looking into this, I met with a lot of law enforcement asking, because there’s not research about what happens to a
community outside of the participants that are actually participating in a needle exchange, what happens around it? Because, what I was seeing told me that, essentially, everything except the drug was being provided by some of these needle exchanges that they need to do the drug. And it made sense to me that if you’re going to do that, that you put a concentration of people who are seeking drugs in an area, you’re going to see an increase in distribution of drugs in that area and you’re going to see an increase in crime associated with it.

In those meetings, I met with State Police, I met with sheriff’s departments, and I met with city policemen. And I want to share with you some of the responses that I’ve got from those. One, when this bill was supposed to have been in front of committee this past Tuesday, and we didn’t get to have these discussions in committee to vet it all out, one of those people who was going to come to speak was Sheriff Rutherford. Sheriff Rutherford is the Sheriff of Kanawha County and had experience with Charleston’s needle exchange which eventually got shut down from their local health department. Now, there’s another one here in Charleston that operates very similarly to the bill that would have been if the subcommittee would have came in for, or the . . . excuse me, not subcommittee, the committee substitute bill would have came in for. Health Right operates that. And their needle exchange ratio is around 99 percent. It’s 96 to 99 percent—the testing rate’s way up there, too. That number’s included in the numbers I gave you which brings the health department’s numbers up, which were pitiful.

So, what Sheriff Rutherford said is that when the needle exchange program started in Charleston, 32 states, they were getting off buses in Charleston to access that needle exchange. And the vagrancy went up. The crime went up. The drug trade went up. And I asked him, I said, “What changed since?” And here’s what I did not expect, I said, “Since it was eliminated, what have you noticed?” He said, well, the people are still here because when you have what he referred to, and almost every officer that I spoke to referred to as drug tourism, it’s not the tourism we’re wanting, but it’s the tourism we’re getting right now. Drug tourism, when they come and get off the buses for these programs that our taxpayer dollars—that you pay and I pay and your family pays—provide, they stay here. He’s still dealing with the same people that came in for that exchange program throughout the county, Kanawha County. He was willing to come in and testify to that in front of committee.

Now, State Police, when I spoke to them, they have to clear pretty high up the chain before they’ll speak in front of committee so they couldn’t speak in front of committee or give official opinion. But I can tell you, it did not vary from what I just said.

And then, I had . . . the very first bill that was introduced, when I first mentioned it, effectively outlawed needle exchanges, which was the position I took. And then after looking into some of the ones that had a real high return rate and had decent results for the participants in the exchange for providing treatment and helping to control disease, before that, when they were about to be outlawed, I got a letter from, an email, from an officer in Huntington. I’ve redacted his name off this email and the reason I’ve done that is because I don’t want to get any city officer in trouble with their mayor.

“Dear Sir:

I would like to commend you for your legislation against the needle exchange programs. I have seen firsthand, as a resident of Huntington, how badly this program has failed and negatively impacted Huntington. There are a few families in West Virginia that have not been directly impacted by this addiction crisis, but the needle exchange has not achieved its stated goal of preventing the spread of disease as we have seen in Cabell County with hepatitis and HIV outbreaks that have endangered the entire population of these counties. Whereas prior to these exchanges, there were very, very few cases of either disease.”

You heard me quote yesterday a surgeon from Cabell Huntington Hospital who’s a professor at Marshall Medical School, say yesterday that the CDC recognized the Huntington as the highest outbreak area for Hep C. This officer’s also saying that same thing. Also, remember, that the testing for that was below 10 percent.

“In addition, we have seen a large increase in out-of-state addicts that have flocked to Huntington area, specifically because of the ease of obtaining free needles and cheap, accessible drugs from dealers who have readymade clientele when they inevitably are kicked out of the many recovery houses when they fail a urine test. As a result, Huntington now has a large transient population that places a burden upon law enforcement, social services, the courts, and the medical community as a whole. In my opinion, this is not sustainable for Huntington or
West Virginia as a whole and can only lead to worse and worse problems for our state and depletion of our limited resources financially and, most importantly, our quality of life for our people.

"Thank you for your insight and understanding of this very complex problem and I hope you find success this session, so that all West Virginia communities may be free of the scourge of this failed program and the people who have pushed it."

You’ll see in that slideshow that’s up on the wall outside the Finance Committee . . . that somebody covered up yesterday, I guess they didn’t want to shed the light on some of the roach issues that needs to have the light shed on it here in West Virginia. So, I made sure that it’s out there and visible for you again to make sure can go see that slideshow. One of the slides in there is a hand holding about a large Mason jar worth of dirty syringes picked up in Huntington in two hours by a police officer who repeated, almost verbatim (different officer), what I just read to you.

So, there can still be bills originated. I’ve heard speaking of it right now. I’m going to tell you what the committee substitute that was supposed to have been in that committee does. It would require that anybody accessing one of these exchanges have a state-issued ID by the State of West Virginia. So, we don’t have 32 states coming in and leaving the vagrancy. Issue only needles with a serial number identifying each needle as unique, and identifying the number of needles dispensed, also, clearly identifying the dispensary. These are not items that aren’t already done. There at Health Right does about all of these with these really high return rates. You match a photo ID of the individual receiving the needle to the needle dispensed and keep a record. Issue only one needle received from an individual—so, a one-to-one exchange, not come dump off sharps containers and count them as needles that were exchanged for a clean needle, but a one-to-one exchange. Which some of the ones that are claiming these really high return rates, I’ve found, that lifted, again, the numbers I’ve told you . . . that’s the way they’re doing it. Require that the person receiving any needle be personally present with their ID, because what also is happened is they’re sending other people. Sometimes it’s the dealers sending somebody . . . they have needles with their product. Offer treatment at every visit to the needle exchange, including, but not limited to: Counseling; birth control; detox; rehab placement; test for HIV and hepatitis every three months with participation in the needle exchange; provide a mechanism for participants to get assistance into treatment 24/7, not just during business hours when the exchange happens; keep a record of needles issued and the number of needles received from each individual for seven years; have available a quick response team on call, sufficient to cover costs of recovery of discarded needles, and retrieve needles within one hour of the call within the county of the needle exchange location; and finally, be subject to a penalty of $5,000 per day with a $25,000 per year max for noncompliance with the above, to actually give this some legitimacy.

This is a problem this Legislature is not fixing and its real. And it’s something, it’s a low-hanging fruit that we can do for the people of West Virginia and it will positively affect this drug crisis.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL A. WOELFEL

Thursday, February 20, 2020

SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Mr. President.

This might take a minute or two. So, my office is about 200 yards from this needle exchange. I go to church, I don’t know, three blocks away from there. I have never seen a needle.

You go ahead, Mr. President, maybe I should be laughed at. If I got up here and told a bunch of lies like somebody else has, other people might do, maybe I should be scoffed at. Let me get to the point.

I’ve decided that I’m going to get up every day and I’m going to speak about conflicts, one of your pre-eminent members of your caucus whose no longer in the Senate and I, over the last four years, have compiled quite a list of self-promoting bills that have been brought forth in this body. And we compared notes from our caucuses, and I’ve got a list of bills, bill numbers and sponsors, that I’m going to get up every day and talk about for people that want to promote
their own financial interest in this body. So that will be my plan the rest of the way.

And I’ll tell you something else, when I first got here, I was impressed, and remain impressed, with the decorum, civility, and respect that we show one another. And earlier today, we had a former member of the Senate here, and, when that happens, I look at the person that we honor, that we clap for, we stand for, and I say you know that person sat here and they worked hard and they had their frustration that we all have, but I don’t care what political party they are, I turn around and I stand up, and I respect them, because it’s a matter of civility and respect and decorum. Now, that didn’t happen earlier today. And I think it’s disrespectful to you, Mr. President, and the body, when someone stays in their seat and one of our former colleagues is here. That offended me.

I look at my Judiciary Chair who has the most civility of anybody, and patience of anybody, I’ve ever met. Now, he may disagree with something one of us says in committee, but you can never know it because he’s got the respect. He respects the process. It’s one of the reasons I enjoy coming here every day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Thursday, February 20, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to give a few facts that need to be discussed. There’s no secret that this state has an opioid and a drug problem. It’s everywhere. Huntington just happened to be the epicenter in a lot of cases, but we’ve addressed that. In 2015, the Cabell-Huntington Health Department started the Cabell-Huntington Harm Reduction Program. And these are facts.

I don’t know any bill or anything that we do when we start out, it is the same when we finish. Look at the process here. So, they’ve made changes all the way through, and, specifically, related to the Charleston issue, they reduced and restricted, they made many of the types of things that you say that it can only be by West Virginia residents that can get needle exchange. I don’t know anybody that likes the needle side of this. There’s no one that does, but they’re addressing it. And, let me just say that they’re addressing it from the local side of this, from the local perspective. And that’s what needs to be done. This needs to be done on a local, we know more about Huntington, and we know more about Cabell and Wayne County, than someone in another county does.

Now, we also say that Dr. Adams, the Surgeon General, was coming to speak recently and had to cancel, but he made some comments on this and let me tell you his story. He’s appointed by President Trump as a Surgeon General. He previously was the Commissioner of Health in Indiana. Scott County, Indiana, had the largest HIV outbreak in America. He had to find a way to be able to come up and get a solution to that. Guess what he did? He found harm reduction and the needle exchange and he implemented, he had to implement it with no rules in place from the state level, and he did it so effectively that the President put him in as the Surgeon General to try to address this. He’s actually published Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General’s Spotlight on Opioids.

And I’m going to finish just by saying that this is his comment, “Dr. Adams has pledged to lead with science and facilitate locally led solution to the nation’s most difficult health problems.”

Thank you.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHANDLER SWOPE

Recognizing 125th Anniversary of Bluefield State College

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 48)

Friday, February 21, 2020

SENATOR SWOPE: Thank you, Mr. President.
It’s not only a great honor, it’s a great pleasure to rise in support of this resolution.

I can see Bluefield State College from my office window. It’s hard to imagine it’s been in existence for 125 years. There was a Senate Bill 122 (A bill to establish a high grade school at Bluefield, Mercer county, for the colored youth of the State) introduced in 1895 to charter what was named the Bluefield Colored School for Education of Students of Color.

In the 125 years since, it’s graduated many thousands of graduates—I’ve hired quite a few of them myself. They run at least a dozen degree programs and one of their crowning accomplishments is they have twice won an international robotics competition against some of the best schools in the world. The name has been changed a couple of times. It later became Bluefield Teachers College, and then Bluefield State College. It’s been a backbone of not only education, but the economy in our area for 125 years.

And I strongly urge support of the resolution.

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Recognizing 125th Anniversary of Bluefield State College
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REMARKS OF HONORABLE
MARK R. MAYNARD
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Friday, February 21, 2020

SENATOR MAYNARD: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution.

I had an in-depth tour of their technical portion of their college and the machinery and technology that they have there is, I would think, second to none and provides many great opportunities for the students of West Virginia. And I love supporting the college any way I can.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 21, 2020, as WV State University Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 49)
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REMARKS OF HONORABLE
GLENN D. JEFFRIES
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Friday, February 21, 2020

SENATOR JEFFRIES: Thank you, Mr. President.

West Virginia State University is nationally recognized for its quality education and outstanding teaching. It was founded as an historical black college by the state Legislature on March 17, 1891, opening as West Virginia Colored Institute. West Virginia State University is one of two land grant colleges in our state. Military education became an important part of the school in 1899. West Virginia State has graduated more than 900 Second Lieutenants and 15 Generals. In 1929, it became known as West Virginia State College.

Over the next decades, West Virginia State was recognized as one of the leading public institutions of higher education for African-Americans. It was in 1954 when the United States Supreme Court handed down a historical decision on school segregation and West Virginia State College became integrated. That process was recognized as a model for the country.

Today, West Virginia State University offers 72 academic programs, 23 bachelor degrees, 7 master degrees, and 7 fully online programs. West Virginia State Extension Service works in 38 counties with 20,000 people each year. It operates a statewide Healthy Grand-Families Program, which provides resources to grandparents raising their children’s children.

As a regional research institute, West Virginia State University contributes greatly to our economy, efforts in agriculture, environmental, biomedical, and business economic research, winning more than $17 million in funding. For each dollar that the state invests in the university, it returns $16 in economic activity, with an estimated output of $254 million each year.
West Virginia State has alumni around the world, including the Tuskegee Airman, Colonel Spanky Roberts; NBA legend, Earl Lloyd; Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, Katherine Johnson, who inspired the award-winning film, *Hidden Figures*.

The university is a member of the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference with 11 men’s and women’s athletic teams competing for conference championships.

And, Mr. President, on a personal note, I would like to thank President Jenkins for his time that he has spent with me, and an advocate, Tracy White, for working with the college to put together a program for students that have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The university would be a great environment for the students to earn a marketable college certificate which could help them develop greater independence.

President Jenkins always asks, “What is our next step?” This perfectly describes West Virginia State University community. They are always looking for the next innovative way to grow the institution, to strengthen its commitment to our state, and to provide value for students and its faculty.

Mr. President, I urge passage of the resolution.

Thank you.

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**REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II**

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

**Senator Lindsay:** Thank you, Mr. President.

There’s not much more I can say that the Senior Senator from the Eighth hasn’t already eloquently articulated. But I will say this, it’s our honor to represent West Virginia State University in our district.

Two, their schools and education and academics are expanding. They just added a school of nursing, which I believe will be online next year to address our health care needs in the area.

And their impact is so great that when I was speaking to one of the pages yesterday, who was from Nellis in Boone County—I always ask the pages where they want to go to college—and he said, “Well, I want to go to West Virginia State University.” And I said, “Why?” And he goes, “Because there’s no other place I’d rather be.” So, obviously, they are doing their work.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

Thank you.

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**REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN**

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

**Senator Baldwin:** Thank you, Mr. President.

We received some sad news today. And that’s that Katherine Johnson, a daughter of White Sulphur Springs in Greenbrier County, died today. And she was 101 years old. I think many folks know Katherine Johnson from the movie *Hidden Figures* that came out a couple of years ago.

Katherine Johnson was a mathematician. She was a pioneer at NASA. She was a winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award given to a civilian in the United States of America. She was a proud graduate of West Virginia State University, and later West Virginia University. She was a woman whose handwritten computations were more trusted in NASA than those done by microprocessors in her day.

Katherine Johnson was a West Virginia legend. So, I would ask that the Senate please join me in taking a moment of silence in her honor and memory today.

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Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property

(Passage of Eng. Senate Bill 837)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate Bill 837 (Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property) is a bill that contains findings. These are set out that the Legislature is attempting to invigorate the state’s economy. One of the tools for this is a tax structure that promotes business development. The findings also set out that the findings is a meaning to reallocate revenue to ensure growth, but continue crucial funding is the intent of the Legislature.

The bill also defines a number of terms. These center on taxes which will be phased out in the bill. The definition of motor vehicles include all passenger vehicles, including farm equipment and ATVs.

Three taxes will be phased out over a six-year period should this bill and the constitutional amendment, that would be SJR 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment), would pass. These include the manufacturing of equipment and machinery, and the inventory tax—I can’t stress this one enough—the tax on automobiles, and the tax on retail inventory. The phase out is done equally over six years, but does provide that any newly purchased equipment, automobiles, or inventory would be exempt from the taxation.

Over the course of the summer and the fall, there was a number of meetings for the stakeholders held, Mr. President. Throughout these meetings the constant refrain was a dedicated replacement revenue source. And this bill provides that. It creates a special revenue account requiring funds to be dedicated for the purposes of keeping the counties and municipalities whole. The account contains language that also allows for investment of any of the remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year. This is modeled after the Rainy Day Fund.

The bill also provides that the levying bodies will receive replacement funds at the highest assessed value of the five years preceding the enactment of this bill. Their distribution will be in the amount proportionate to what they would have received from the existing taxes—and I don’t know whether I’ll get to that, I’m not going to get to that now, but I’m certain that somebody will either ask a question pertaining to it or I’ll do it whenever I close. But . . . I’m going to pause here for just a second . . . .

In 2018, there was $91,089,000 for that year with all the collective 55 counties. In reality, it would be—the way we’re funding them, we picked the high out of those five years—it’d be almost, it’s just, less than half a million dollars short of a hundred million dollars. We went through and used the high out of those five years for each county. So, if there’s a county that’s got declining revenues for whatever reasons, this is something that that county should want.

There’s also protections built in for the counties’ basic foundation for the public school funding and existing future bond and excess levies—and I guess that’s another thing that I need to stress, when I talk about these numbers, excess levies are included in on this. We’ve accounted for that, Mr. President.

Two funding sources are also included in the bill. An increase in both the sales and use tax from six percent to six and a half percent, and increases on tobacco and vaping products. Cigarettes would be taxed at $2 per pack of 20 in a pack. Noncigarette tobacco products would be taxed at 50 percent of the wholesale price. This is an increase from the current 12 percent. Vaping products would also be taxed at $1 per milliliter, a change from the 7.5 cents per milliliter—pause, we’re getting a correction here right now; I thought that was wrong, forgive me. The vaping will be taxed at 50 percent of the wholesale tax. We had an amendment in Finance that pertained to this and what we thought we were doing worked out to where it generated . . . either $17 million it would have generated or nothing because it was would have been 10 times higher than anybody else in the country. And we came back and the Senator from Kanawha next to me, we made an amendment on second reading and addressed that . . . and that’s how we ended up with that being wrong, so excuse me.

There are also provisions that all newly generated revenue be dedicated to the special revenue account for the replacement of levying
bodies. An amendment adopted in the Committee of Finance dedicates $2 million to the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation and Nicotine Treatment. That amendment was again passed up in Finance and it was an amendment that was brought forward by the Senator from Boone.

The taxes would also be effective on April 1, 2021. Again, contingent upon the voters voting on if we would pass the accompanying constitutional amendment, SJR 9, and it would make it to the ballot in November . . . and our Constitution sets it up in such a way that, if we’re going to do a constitutional amendment, it has to be done either by a special election, which would cost money, or the general election. Those are the two choices given us. And so, this is set up so that it would be, if it would pass this body, the constitutional amendment, and with this statute, it would be set up so that the voters got to decide what’s going on and if we would pass this and the constitutional amendment, it’d be null and void, if the voters decided that they didn’t want it.

The Tax Commissioner also would be given rule-making authority to make the entire process workable.

Mr. President, this is not going to be easy. Not for a minute do I come forward and say that this is perfect. But it is the foundation with probably two or three layers of block on that foundation up that we’ve been working on to get there. Will there be changes that probably need to be made into the future? Yes. And, it’s very simple, again, the taxation part of it would not take place until April 1, 2021, to begin, Mr. President. We will actually be back in session beginning in February—we’re delayed a year next year because it’s a gubernatorial year and our Constitution mandates that we wait—but it makes it so that this body can come back in and address concerns that may have arisen . . . and that’s saying that we don’t come into a special session to be able to do that as well. That’s one of the beauties of this is, is that when we’ve got that six-year phase-in, that it allows us the flexibility to be able to manipulate what we’re doing here to get it across the finish line.

And, again, Mr. President, I can’t stress this enough. This is not the intent of myself or this body and the people that vote for it, to put the counties, or our school system, or our municipalities at any disadvantage whatsoever.

Mr. President, I’m going to close by saying I urge passage, but I’ll also entertain any question that I possibly can, and I would like to reserve the right to close.

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Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property

(Passage of Eng. Senate Bill 837)

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO
AND
HONORABLE
CRAIG BLAIR

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Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, sir.

I always want to give somebody else a chance to go first. Will the gentleman please yield? Chairman?


SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Chairman. I’ve not seen this bill before other than to read it on the system. And I just had a few questions. What is the total amount of the personal property tax cut that’s required by this bill?

SENATOR BLAIR: The personal property tax cut?

SENATOR ROMANO: Yeah. All of it. All of . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: All of it total is right around $300 million. And, if I may, I’ll break it out for you. And we used high numbers, too. We didn’t use conservative numbers. Well, I call them conservative because we set them at the higher number. But $150 million for automobiles. I’ve heard numbers as low as $135 to $140, but we used the number of $150 million.

SENATOR ROMANO: Mmm hmm.
SENATOR BLAIR: Then, the retail inventory, we used the number of $50 million even though the Tax Department told us that it was $40 million. And then also, for the personal property tax on equipment and machinery, that was $100 million and, as I stated to you just earlier, in 2018, it was $91,089,541 in all 55 counties. And let me stress one more thing, Senator, and that is, is that the excess levies were built into these numbers.

SENATOR ROMANO: Just a couple more questions, you got through a couple of mine. Do you know what the breakdown is between counties, municipalities, and the state out of those numbers?

SENATOR BLAIR: I don’t have . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Or how much of that $300 million is going to be taken away from county budgets, how much of that $300 million is going to be taken away from municipal budgets, and how much from state?

SENATOR BLAIR: Let me answer it this way. When we were having the meetings that I was talking about, stakeholder meetings to come in, the municipalities really didn’t show too much interest. It’s predominately counties that this would affect. [inaudible]

SENATOR ROMANO: My municipalities did, but that’s okay.

SENATOR BLAIR: But what I’m getting at is the municipalities basically didn’t give much input on it because they had very little impact on them.

SENATOR ROMANO: Do we have that breakdown though?

SENATOR BLAIR: No, I just got done telling you that . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: I didn’t hear you, I’m sorry.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . I do not have that breakdown. I’m sorry.

SENATOR ROMANO: Okay, so we don’t know that. What percentage of the $300 million is going to businesses? Do we know that?

SENATOR BLAIR: Say that again.

SENATOR ROMANO: What percentage of the $300 million, because some percentage of the motor vehicle tax is going to businesses, and some percentage of . . . well, I’d say all of the equipment and inventory tax is going for businesses, but what is the percentage breakdown of the $300 million total going to businesses and going to individuals?

SENATOR BLAIR: I can’t answer that question. And the reason for it is, is we were not able to separate out automobiles that are owned by businesses versus automobiles owned by individuals.

SENATOR ROMANO: I’ve heard it’s two-thirds to individuals, a third to businesses. Is that . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: If I . . . let me give you a fuller number on it then. There’s 1.8 million people in the State of West Virginia, there’s 1.6 million licensed vehicles in West Virginia that are registered in the state. I would go . . . if it was me personally, use the number of between 20 and 30 percent would be businesses, because, you know, you factor in dump trucks and stuff like that, too.

SENATOR ROMANO: So that means about $100 million of this $300 million is going to individuals and about $200 million of it’s going to businesses based on that breakdown. Is that right? Did you calculate that?

SENATOR BLAIR: I’m going to have to ask you to get the mic up a little closer.

SENATOR ROMANO: Sure, I’m so . . . that might have been a little too close.

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah, it might have been, but it helped me because I couldn’t . . . you were fading away on me.

SENATOR ROMANO: Sure. So, if a third of the motor vehicle tax is for businesses, and 100 percent of the equipment inventory tax cut is for businesses, my calculation is that about $200 million of the $300 million tax elimination that would be, you know, the result of this bill, about $200 million of it goes to businesses, and the other $100 million, which is the two thirds of the motor vehicle tax, would go to individuals? Is that right? I mean I’m just basing on your numbers?
SENIOR BLAIR: If you look at it as individuals that, for instance, like myself, I’m a small business owner . . . .

SENIOR ROMANO: Well, you’d be in that . . . . that would be the 30 percent small business owner, vehicle registered to small business owner would be for business.

SENIOR BLAIR: Right, they’d be in that 30 percent.

SENIOR ROMANO: Right.

SENIOR BLAIR: I think your numbers are a little bit high on that. I would drop it down probably about $20 million on that and then you’d probably be in the ballpark. Correct?

SENIOR ROMANO: And I’m a little concerned we don’t have, you know, 100 percent, you know, we’re not 100 percent accurate in the numbers but, regardless of that, do we know out of the approximately $200 million—$180, $200 million that’s going to the businesses—how much of that is going to out-state businesses? Do we know that?

SENIOR BLAIR: Well, I can tell you this much and that is, is that 80 percent of the businesses in the State of West Virginia are small businesses in this state so . . . . it doesn’t mean . . . . I don’t think that has much bearing on that because these companies that may be out of state are coming into West Virginia providing West Virginians jobs. To start with job opportunities and actually paying taxes in the State of West Virginia, whether it be the corporate net, whether it be any other type of tax that is associated with that. These businesses would still be paying tax so, whether they’re an in state or out of state, is pretty much irrelevant because they are actually creating jobs, taxable jobs for our people that are in the State of West Virginia.

SENIOR ROMANO: And I’m a little concerned we don’t have, you know, 100 percent, you know, we’re not 100 percent accurate in the numbers but, regardless of that, do we know out of the approximately $200 million—$180, $200 million that’s going to the businesses—how much of that is going to out-state businesses? Do we know that?

SENIOR BLAIR: There’s not a shot that there’s $200 million of tax cuts going to out-of-state businesses.

SENIOR ROMANO: No, I said 70 percent of the $200 million. Because if 70 percent of the taxes are being paid, that we’re about to eliminate, are being paid by out-of-state businesses, that money’s going out of state.

SENIOR BLAIR: I do not believe that that number is accurate.

SENIOR ROMANO: Which number do you not believe?

SENIOR BLAIR: The 70 percent.

SENIOR ROMANO: You don’t think that 70 percent of those industrial taxes are being paid by out-of-state companies in West Virginia.

SENIOR BLAIR: Wait a minute, wait a minute, you said industrial. Okay. I missed something. I was factoring in all business in the state when I said that I didn’t trust that number.

SENIOR ROMANO: And again, I’m not challenging . . . .

SENIOR BLAIR: Industrial . . . .

SENIOR ROMANO: I don’t know what the right answer is, but the number I’m hearing is that 70 percent of the industrial taxes are going to out-of-state businesses.

SENIOR BLAIR: Well, you know how numbers can be manipulated and this is a prime example of that, when we’re not looking at the overall picture, but we’re taking one segment,
and industrial is different from commercial and all of that, and so that makes it hard for me to be able to answer that question in that manner because I don’t have that data.

But again . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Let me be a little clearer . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, let me finish.

SENATOR ROMANO: Go ahead, I’m sorry. I’m so sorry.

SENATOR BLAIR: Let me finish, sir.

And that is, is that regardless of whether they’re in state or out of state, they’re investing in the State of West Virginia and I don’t believe that you’re implying this, but—and I hope you’re not implying this—that we’re opposed to out-of-state investment in the State of West Virginia. Because if we didn’t have out-of-state investment in the State of West Virginia, I can assure you that in my area, the Proctor & Gamble, the Macy’s, of all that, Clorox, who’s coming now . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: I wasn’t implying that.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . we wouldn’t have jobs.

SENATOR ROMANO: Being somebody like you, I’ve fought to get investment in from out of state my entire adult life it seems like. I assure you that I’m not implying that we don’t want their investment.

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah, in fact we want them to be profitable.

SENATOR ROMANO: But I am implying that we have no control over that money in that tax cut. You give a tax break to West Virginia businesses, it’s going to stay in the state. You give a tax break to out-of-state businesses, we don’t know where it’s going. It could go back to their, you know, to a facility they have somewhere across the country, I mean it could go anywhere. That’s fine.

I appreciate that and I agree with you, we want out-of-state investment from businesses. I’m not sure this is the right way to get there, but I certainly agree with you on that.

So, am I correct that the total tax increase is $200 million? Is that right? Approximately?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes, it is.

SENATOR ROMANO: Okay. And where are we going to make up the other $100 million?

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, here’s the way that we didn’t do.

We make it up by the way it’s phased in. Okay, as I said earlier, that on April 1, 2021, is when the tax is implemented. And what we did was is that . . . let’s say the voters decided that they were going to vote “yes” on this, then we gave a full quarter before we . . . and actually it’s a little bit longer than that because it’s November . . . I don’t know what election day is, but the first Tuesday in November, so you gave, let’s say, just short of two months in this year and then three months next year. So, it’s just short of five months from being able to implement that and then . . . so it goes in on April 1, 2021. And the tax begins to get collected whether it’s the half a percent sales tax, or whether it’s the tobacco and vaping tax.

Now, what happens is, is that goes into a fund, and the reason it goes into a fund is, is that (thank you) of . . . . In 2021, the revenues collected would be $51,125,000, and then in 2022, it’d be $204,500,000. And what happens is, is that’s in that lock box, and as we phase it in what we do is we build up enough savings on this that we’re able to, when the counties’ numbers start going down, that we’re able to get the money back into the counties, to keep the counties whole . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: You’re building a cushion. I understand . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah.

SENATOR ROMANO: . . . you’re going to build a cushion and then you’re going to back it. What happens when . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: You spend a little bit up front and then you save it on the back end.

SENATOR ROMANO: What happens when the cushion runs out?

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, the cushion runs out in 2030. Okay. And keep in mind now, we have not factored in any revenue growth at all, and the revenue growth that we have averages.
3.45 percent a year. Okay. And that’s over the last—I think I’ve got the graph here on my desk—over the last 20, 25 years, something like that. It’s a steady incline up. Okay. So that’s one aspect of it.

Another aspect that we did not use, is, let’s say that what we’re doing here is going to have a return on investment, if you just use the number one and a half percent, that clearly gets us much further out than the year 2030. And the number that I’ve been paying close attention to is 2034. We talked about it a little bit on the floor yesterday, and the reason for it—or not yesterday, but the other day—2034 is when, if we stay the course on our pension liabilities and what we’ve been putting into, that gets freed up out of our revenue streams. And I’m working on getting those numbers, but that’s well over $300 million. So, you see what I’m getting at here. That $300 million gets extracted out of that because then our pensions will be some of the best in the nation and, if we stay the course and everybody else keeps going the direction they’re going on pensions, we’ll probably be the best in the nation.

SENATOR ROMANO: How did you factor in the projected budget deficit, so they’re going to be occurring in the very near future, the $200, $300 million budget deficits, how are we going to take care of those and still protect this money?

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, first of all, those are projections. Okay?

SENATOR ROMANO: Well, what you’re talking about’s projections, too. I mean, it could go either way. Just answer this, what are we going to do if suddenly if we find ourselves in a hole like we did in 2015, 2016, and 2017? Is this money protected? Is this backfill money? Can a future Legislature jump into this money to help balance the budget?

SENATOR BLAIR: It’s protected as much as protected can be by this body. And [inaudible].

SENATOR BLAIR: It’s protected as much as protected can be by this body. And [inaudible].

SENATOR ROMANO: And it can’t be protected [inaudible]. I’m sorry.

SENATOR BLAIR: No, please let me finish.

SENATOR ROMANO: I didn’t mean to interrupt you, go ahead.

SENATOR BLAIR: Okay. Because doing a constitutional amendment and making it so it’s constitutionally mandated might be a little bit above my paygrade but we had many, many discussions about that and what it does is it opens up the ability for lawsuits and all kinds of stuff that the Judiciary Chairman over here would probably be better able to answer that. But what we did was we did the work around by putting it into an interest-bearing account that is guaranteed, if we pass this, to be able to backfill the counties to make sure that they stay whole. And there’s a commitment to doing that.

We’ve shown commitments in the past, one of them I’ve just got done demonstrating is the pensions. When we were paying into the pensions, when we had a $400 million shortfall in the state just a few short years ago, and everything, we kept our payment into those pensions rather than pulling back from that.

SENATOR ROMANO: But that’s a bond, we have to, isn’t it? We have to make those payments, don’t we?

SENATOR BLAIR: We could have pushed it out. That could have been pushed out, and that money could have been utilized.

SENATOR ROMANO: After we financed.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . [inaudible] but it would have pushed out the out years. We maintained the course. What I’m trying to demonstrate to you, Senator, is that we have a history, regardless of who’s in charge, when we commit to something, we commit to it. It’s sort of [inaudible].

SENATOR ROMANO: Well, I agree with that. But, let me just ask you, certainly a future Legislature could vote by majority vote to deplete this cushion should they need it to balance the budget, you agree with that don’t you?

SENATOR BLAIR: They could actually go in, if they chose to.

SENATOR ROMANO: Sure.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . and get into it. May I add one last thing, too?

And they could also accelerate or decelerate the 20 percent that we’re doing over the six-year period. It could be accelerated or decelerated.
Again, that’s something I said at the end of my remarks is, is that the beauty of doing this is, is it grants future legislatures the flexibility. Let’s say that we have a year like we had last year, we could accelerate this, of . . . instead of being 20 percent a year, 25, 33, those opportunities would be available to future legislatures, if, if the voters approve this in November.

SENATOR ROMANO: Sure. Sure.

SENATOR BLAIR: The voters would have to have that faith in us to be able to do that.

SENATOR ROMANO: You know, and my concern is a lot of what we’ve been doing this year is draining, you know, funds that have cash in them to help balance this year’s budget. I’m just a little concerned we’re going to bite off more than we can chew. But let me ask you this, you recognize that our sales tax is amongst the highest of all of our surrounding states, correct?

SENATOR BLAIR: Our sales tax is the highest?

SENATOR ROMANO: It’s amongst the highest. Because we have a lot of cities—and I got the figures right here, I was just looking at it. We . . . our average sales tax in this state is 6.39 percent; Virginia is 5.65; PA is 6.34; Maryland is 6.0; Kentucky is 6.0; Ohio, I didn’t get to Ohio for some reason. Ohio is a little higher right now, it’s 7.17. But when we add this .5 percent we will be very close to Ohio. We’re going to have among the highest sales tax of all of our surrounding states, correct?

SENATOR BLAIR: Our sales tax is the highest?

SENATOR ROMANO: Yes, it is. And the fact is, is there’s nobody more acutely aware of the sales tax and the competition from out of state or our surrounding states, for our competitive environment. We must keep in mind that about 54 percent of our population live on border counties and they can actually go either direction because of that.

One of the things that we’ve actually noticed is the fact that since we’ve implemented the municipal home rule to where they add the one percent, and that’s how you ended up with . . . what’d you say, 6.38 percent for West Virginia?

SENATOR ROMANO: What it is now, it’s 6.39 now . . . .
that. And we will be able to provide projections and we’ve got between the end of this session and November if it would all pass through this chamber and the Constitution amendment, SJR 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment), and then the House of Delegates takes it up, and then the Governor signs SB 837—SJR 9, he doesn’t have any control over that—then we’ve got all of that time period for both for and against for the public to become very acutely aware of what’s going to happen from this. And they will also be acutely aware that the Legislature could change up things, modify things. In fact, I anticipate that we’re going to see something that we missed, I don’t know what it may be, that we’ll have to come back and address. But we have to take these steps forward if we’re going to be able to get ourselves in line because just as you were talking about the sales tax, then if you look at our surrounding states that has the personal property tax on inventory and equipment and machinery, we are clearly an outlier on that.

SENATOR ROMANO: Well, you know what’s also in here is our ranking as to state business climate, and we’re better than all of our surrounding states. We have a better business tax climate by far than any of our surrounding states. But let me ask you this, I’m glad you . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: That wasn’t a question, but may I respond to that?

SENATOR ROMANO: I didn’t ask you but go ahead.

SENATOR BLAIR: Give me the number, 14 percent I think is what you said the other day on the floor.

SENATOR ROMANO: I’m sorry, say that again.

SENATOR BLAIR: You said 14 percent the other day on the floor. Correct?

SENATOR ROMANO: Fourteen percent, I don’t remember that. Fourteen percent of what?

SENATOR BLAIR: Excuse me. We’re ranked number 14.

SENATOR ROMANO: No, no, no. We were fifteenth in 2015 when the majority took over, we’re now nineteenth, we’ve moved up a little bit. But we’re the nineteenth best business tax climate.

SENATOR BLAIR: I pulled up on Tax Foundation cause that’s what you referenced to when you were speaking to that . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Yeah, I got it right here, here’s Tax Foundation.

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, I’ve got it on my phone, and it told me that it was twenty-third, but the real number that we should be paying attention to on this, Senator, is that we’re ranked forty-third of when it comes to manufacturing. And that’s . . . . Therein lies where the problem is, Senator, that we’ve got a lot of service industry jobs in this state, but we’ve been hemorrhaging manufacturing jobs while every state surrounding us has been expanding their manufacturing. And with the President of the United States and the work that he’s doing, he’s repatriating jobs back and we’re not setting the stage for us to be able to take advantage of that for our people.

SENATOR ROMANO: I’ll repeat what I said the other day: What we lack is a trained workforce, a healthy population, and flat land. But we’re ranked . . . we have the eighteenth best business, excuse me, the eighteenth best property taxes and we’re the nineteenth best overall, this is as of the 2019 state business tax climate index. PA is the thirty-fourth, Ohio is forty-second, we have Maryland here on the other page, if I can swing my fingers around . . . .

MR. PRESIDENT: I’m just making sure we’re recognized for questions and responses.

SENATOR ROMANO: Right. I’m just responding to his question, I thought. Maryland is fortieth and, I’m missing somebody here, Kentucky is twenty-third, so we’re better than all of those in business tax climate. But I did want to ask you one last question . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: That probably factors in real estate taxes, too.

SENATOR ROMANO: It did say property taxes.

MR. PRESIDENT: Questions and answers.

SENATOR ROMANO: But, you’re welcome to look at it, sir.

I’m trying to understand this bill, in particular. But I do appreciate the fact that you said that if we don’t have a way to pay it, that we
shouldn’t pass, allow the constitutional amendment to go forward. But, with regard to the tax increase, the tax increase of sales and tobacco tax, those fall mainly on our individual citizens, correct? The business community is not contributing, whether they’re out of state or in state, they’re not contributing to this shortfall of $100 million that we’re going to replace with this cushion fund that we’re going to build up, do you agree?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes, I agree. And the reason that we used that tax is the fact that it is a revenue generator, and it also saves revenue. It has the potential to save $300 plus million . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Sure.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . out of the Medicaid that all West Virginia taxpayers pay. And the fact of the matter is, Senator, I smoke, and I will go any day and go forward with this bill because it’s a win . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: I hear you.

SENATOR BLAIR: . . . for even the smokers of West Virginia.

SENATOR ROMANO: I’m glad somebody’s got . . . . I remember when the penny got thrown, it’s kind of the same thing.

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, I may need one after I’m done.

SENATOR ROMANO: My final question though to that end though, we’re going to give individual taxpayers a $100 million tax break, but we’re going to increase their taxes by $200 million. How do you . . . that’s a net tax increase of a $100 million. How do we sell that to the public that that’s a tax decrease?

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, let’s get something straight. And Mark Muchow coming up to our Finance Committee, and he was absolutely right. Business doesn’t pay tax. You can sit here and talk all you want to, but every tax a business pays is passed on ultimately to the consumer. The consumer pays 100 percent of all of that, the rest of it, it’s a pass through. Mark spoke to our Finance Committee on that and the fact is is that just is Economics 101 that most understand. I do. It’s a pass through. So, when you talk about that . . . .

SENATOR ROMANO: Well, you talk about economic factors there, demand, supply and all that, but go ahead. I appreciate what you’re saying.

I don’t think it ends up all being consumer. Certainly, it doesn’t all end up West Virginia consumers that pay for goods that are manufactured in this state or sold out of state. I mean everybody . . . it gets spread around a lot more. But, again, I was just asking with regard to the taxes that are being generated, the new taxes that are being created, $200 million, and they’re mostly individual taxes, and the tax cut for those same individuals is $100 million, make it a $100 million tax increase on our individual citizens. I don’t see any way around that.

SENATOR BLAIR: I don’t agree with you on that.

SENATOR ROMANO: Okay.

SENATOR BLAIR: Of . . . and the reason for it is, is that these very businesses that you’re talking about that would be getting this tax break are also the very businesses that are creating jobs and 80 percent of them are small mom and pop businesses that your friends, my friends, and all that, they benefit from that and they’re able to actually have the potential to hire more people, stay in business.

SENATOR ROMANO: Yeah, I haven’t heard any of them shut down because of personal business property tax, but maybe I missed that . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: No, no . . . .
SENATOR ROMANO: . . . in the headlines.

SENATOR BLAIR: But what happens is is that you don’t reinvest into your business, you fall behind the times, and then competition comes in with new products or better products, better services and the next thing you know, you’ve lost that job creator that was actually good for the community because you had the competition to keep the prices lower.

SENATOR ROMANO: So, you and I just disagree. I think economic activity is the greatest job creator we have. But I will point out, Senator, I appreciate your answers.

I will suggest to you that we need to look at the private entities took over these hospitals, loaded up on their debt, sucked a bunch of money out them, and then bankrupted them. I don’t think personal business property had anything to do with that. But thank you, sir.

SENATOR BLAIR: You’re welcome, thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II AND HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Monday, February 24, 2020

I don’t sit on Finance, but I just want to be sure of what I’m voting on. And I think I’ve got this based upon your back and forth with the Senator from Harrison. But, SB 837 (Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property) increases the sales tax by 0.5 percent?

SENATOR BLAIR: Half a percent. Correct.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Half percent.

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And the bill mandates that. Correct?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Okay.

SENATOR BLAIR: It’s in the bill. The people will mandate it if they vote for it by SJR 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment). If SJR 9 is not passed out of this building or if it is and it’s on the ballot and the people vote it down, no, the half a percent sales tax does not happen.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I understand that but a vote for this bill today mandates it should SJR 9 get on the ballot and pass?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Correct.

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right. Thank you.

SENATOR BLAIR: You’re welcome.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHANDLER SWOPE

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SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Just for clarification, will the Chairman yield?

MR. PRESIDENT: Senator continue to yield?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah.


SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.
SENATOR SWOPE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this bill as I did in committee the other day.

In all that argument that cutting taxes hurts West Virginia companies just doesn’t make sense to me. And part of the tax decrease may go to companies from out of state . . . I thought the whole plan was to bring companies from out of state into the state. So, the people who are getting the benefit of the tax cuts are people who are doing business in this state or will come here to do business in this state.

I don’t know anybody here who doesn’t campaign on jobs, jobs, jobs, that’s what we need. Okay. How do you grow jobs? You don’t grow jobs by increasing taxes and running people out of the state. You grow jobs by decreasing taxes to bring them into the state.

And to me, it’s . . . I’m not smart as a lot of people here, but I just do simple arithmetic, but I’ve run businesses for many years. And when I’m trying to make a business decision of where to locate or whether to buy equipment of whatever, I don’t look at chicken lickin [sic] might be right and the sky might fall. I look at how much do I have to risk versus how much will I get back.

Well, we’ve got very credible information from Commerce and every economic development director in the state. The whole four years I’ve been here, I’ve heard nothing but every time we lose a business coming here—or, not every time but most of the time—it’s because of that business and inventory tax. It’s the most onerous tax—and they’ve used that term over and over and over again—the most onerous tax that we have. So, if we’re looking for an area that will drive business towards West Virginia, you cherry pick the first thing that’s been keeping people out and try to fix that. And I think that’s what this bill does.

I didn’t quite follow the Senator from Hampshire’s [sic] argument that if you cut taxes $300 million and you add back $200 million, that’s somehow a tax increase. But to me, two from three leaves one . . . decrease. That’s the arithmetic that I do.

So, I think we have found here an opportunity to probably have the biggest effect on our future GDP growth than any other thing that I’ve seen since I’ve been here the last four years.

So, if you just look at the basic 90,000-foot view, cutting taxes is going to help grow business. The answer’s yes. Who’s it going to help? Everybody. Who’s it going to hurt? Nobody. Because the counties and boards of education are the ones pushing back because they’re afraid of making a change and in reality when you look at the numbers we just heard, they’re going to get 10 percent more than they’ve been getting for the last five years. Who wouldn’t call a 10 percent raise a good thing? And it’s been presented as if that’s a bad thing.

So, when you look up at all the good things and all the bad things, I can’t really find any bad things about it. The projections on the Special Revenue Fund are that we’re good and safe. Totally safe with no interest income, no business growth income for a full 10 years. How many things can you get a 10-year guarantee of? Maybe . . . a little harsh by calling it a guarantee, but the projections are that good. When I was trying to decide whether to buy machinery or not, if I could get a 10 percent return on it, I’d take it. I don’t know what kind of businesses make a lot more than that. The counties are going to get a 10 percent raise. Wages are bound to go up. I just can’t find anything that would cause me to want to pass up this opportunity to do something that could be the biggest game changer we’ve had in the last few years.

Thank you, Mr. President.
I want to start by qualifying that I am very much a pro-business person. I have been very supportive of pro-business initiatives in the past. And let’s talk about those in the past for a few minutes.

And again, ladies and gentlemen, this is not a “D” or an “R” issue, this is not an “us” versus “them” issue. Let’s just look at some basic facts: From 2006 to 2015, sweeping business tax cuts were implemented in the State of West Virginia to the tune of about $250 million per year annually. Those were business franchise cuts and corporate income tax cuts. Those were done under Democrat leadership. Got a news flash though—didn’t go so well. The net job increase for that decade was miniscule. Miniscule. Nothing. Business told us—I being one, possibly—do this and they’ll come. They didn’t come. What did come was catastrophic cuts to higher ed and more hardship upon average everyday West Virginians. That’s what came in that 10-year cycle.

Our Finance Chairman—who I think is a fine man—gives us this monthly recap of our finances. And we got one for January and I can’t wait to get the one for February. And it shows that we are not meeting our current expectations, much less these far-fetched projections going forward. We’re not meeting our current obligation. And I quote here, “Since consumers sales and service tax, based on our current trend, this current trend puts the state not on track for meeting the yearly C & S tax collection rate. On severance, that golden goose we used last year to raise revenue estimates, not once, but twice—the golden goose, he ain’t got many eggs left, people. The goose is about out of eggs on that front—severance, year-to-date, $38 million below estimate not including $10 million we cut out for April when we revised the number down and also revised the number down in January. So, given the current trend, severance taxes are not on track to meet yearly estimates. Now, this is not down the road in 2034. This is today, in West Virginia, in 2020. We’re not making and collecting what we need to collect.

So, now we want to take another swing and give business another tax break. Well, I’ll be honest with you, if we had the money, I’d be all for this, wholeheartedly, no questions asked. But to give them this tax break, we’re going to dangle the carrot out there, the shiny object of that being the car tax—and I love cars, this would benefit me greatly if we implement the car tax. Personally, it would help me a lot because I have been a fool and bought way too many cars. I’ll be the first to admit that, but what does it do for the average West Virginian? Little to nothing and let’s examine why. We’re going to take our money out of the right pocket and transfer it and put it into the left pocket. But at the end of that process, there’s not going to be as much money in the left pocket as there was when we started in the right pocket. So, who’s going to have to pay? Those that can afford to pay the least in the form of this sales tax increase.

I spent all weekend wrestling with this because one time I wanted to vote one way, one time I wanted to vote the other. And I tried to educate myself because I want to make the best educated decisions I can make for the people I represent.

I found three states, Mr. President, that are currently looking at expanding their sales tax. That being the state of Iowa, Idaho, and Texas. But guess what they’re going to use that revenue from the escalation of sales tax for? Water quality, school construction, and to reduce personal property valuations on their residence. All of them noble causes. All of them noble challenges. And all noble reasons. But the governors of those three states all had one fear in raising that sales tax, they were concerned of who it would hurt the most, which is those which have the least. The retirees, the lower income earners, and those on fixed income. It’s a disproportional trade-off what we’re doing.

Now, I applaud those in the majority that are trying to incite new business. All I’m saying is, if you rush this, we run the catastrophic risk—you all are trying to forecast down the road to 2034, look where we were in this chamber last year when we had more money than we could spend, and we spent it. We didn’t save any of it. We spent it all, and now we’re scrambling trying to find money just to balance our budget this year. Thank you, John Perdue, for your $20 million gift that made us have money last month to come out in the positive.

All I’m saying, Mr. President, is maybe this thing should be studied and studied thoroughly,
vetted and vetted thoroughly, and then come back and take something to the voters. But to do the smoke and mirror, dangle the carrot, give me the shiny object of the car tax to give another round of business taxes, is not the answer.

I urge a “no” vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property

(Passage of Eng. Senate Bill 837)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ERIC J. TARR

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this bill mainly because I like tax cuts. And if three minus two is one, this is a tax cut. And it’s also solving some problems. When my friend mentioned Texas and . . . that’s a good place to look. Because Texas has the fastest rate of gross domestic product growth in the country. And where that growth comes from is manufacturing, consumer spending.

This bill purports to solve several problems that we have in West Virginia. One of them is that we have flat revenue. And flat revenue is because of flat GDP. And if you’re going to grow GDP, look at people who have done it. We don’t need to reinvent the wheel. Texas is one of them. Fact that they’re looking to use sales tax to further that growth tells me that we’re not too far off the right track.

So, there’s a few things that I think that I’ve heard concerns about this that I want to make sure that people understand what’s real. One, is that there’s $300 million in tax cuts here. That’s real. And that 87, if you look at the most recent statistics, 87 percent of the businesses in West Virginia are small businesses. So, what’s a small business? I guarantee that some of you know a small business that the owners are probably the employees—maybe they have one or two, three or four. Those are people that invest here, live here, and work here in West Virginia. They’re individuals.

And we can vilify business all we want but the reality is we want more of it, we want more of it, and we want more of it, and we want our West Virginians to be able to open their own.

So, if you’re going to do a pro forma and looked at where you put a business—I don’t care if you’re going to locate . . . pick the state, pick the county, pick the city, pick the country if you’re big enough to pick countries—you go and you look at everything that adds up and then where do you set it then? And we’ve heard that workforce is an issue. It absolutely is an issue. That’s part of the things you look at. You also look at how much you’re going to be penalized for the investment that you make overall.

Well, in West Virginia we tax manufacturers—let’s just get to the manufacturing part first where there’s $100 million tax cut—in West Virginia, the net tax on manufacturers is 15.9 percent. In Ohio, that net tax now is 5.1 percent. In Pennsylvania, it’s 4.2 percent. With this reduction in tax that comes into these small businesses by which, by and large, in West Virginia are small businesses that are getting this tax cut, we only get down to 8 percent on that net tax. So, even with getting into $100 million tax cut, we’re still above our closest competitors for jobs and for businesses.

Now, look on the other side, not just competitors for coming in, the people that are already doing here. Those small businesses that are your neighbors, those people that are making products, those people that are hiring your friends, maybe hiring you, they have to be able to compete against states that have a quarter of what we’re taxing people, or a third. So, if they want to sell West Virginia products, they have to be able to compete and we’ve been taxing them out of existence.

And one of the ways that you can really see if we’re taxing them out of existence is go look at county revenues which is another part this bill works on. If you go look at county revenues, just about through any county in the state, you’ll see a roller coaster riding downhill. It’s what it looks like for the majority of the counties. Look and see how many jail bills can’t be met. Look and see how many of them are scrambling to figure out how they’re going to pay their bills.

There’s opportunity here to fix that. This bill sets out a path to fix it—and I’ve put a paper on
your desks here, you can . . . this one here, if you’ve had a chance to look at it . . . county by county. This is just on manufacturing equipment inventory alone. The number I want you to first pay attention to before you start looking at the counties in your district, is all the way to the bottom right. Highlighted light green and the number is $45,105,305. That’s how much more the counties in West Virginia would have had in their coffers to spend had this been enacted in 2015. Had these tax cuts been available with the Special Revenue Account set to backfill counties, just on this tax alone, and the car side of it, and the retail inventory will be proportionate to that when you look at these revenues and how they do. So, those counties that have been on that roller coaster downhill level out. And, not only do they level out, they level out at the highest assessed value they’ve had in the past . . . since 2015. Not their highest collected value.

So, if you’re looking at your county and your county on there has . . . let’s say $9 million in assessment, they’ve probably collected maybe $7 of that. So, this assessment you have on here is just if they collected 100 percent of what was assessed. That’s what that number would be. But they don’t collect 100 percent of what’s assessed. So, it’s actually more that is backfilled in these counties than that $45 million.

This saves counties in West Virginia. It fixes a real problem. A real problem we’ve been trying to figure out and get our hands around for a long time.

The other thing it does is that Texas—since we’re referencing Texas, and I’m so glad somebody brought that up—do you know what the second thing is that really drives the GDP in Texas? Consumer spending.

Consumer spending happens when you get more dollars in your pocket and that dollar’s more powerful. So, how does that work? If we’re going to eliminate the tax on your car, your truck, the trailer that you may have on your property, your four-wheeler, increase tax that you pay on your four-wheel drive if you’ve got a four-wheel drive and you’re working the land, those taxes on individuals gets eliminated. That’s more dollars in their pocket.

Then, you eliminate the retail inventory tax, the things that we go buy. And so, now, more dollars in your pocket that can buy more stuff. That’s how you drive consumer spending.

The things that we look ahead for on this are very, very, very conservative. Conservative in that growth is not calculated into this. Growth is undeniable with this plan. And one of the reasons I know it’s undeniable is looking back in the years between 2008 and 2016 when we had some of the worst job creating economic plans this country’s seen in a long, long time under the Obama administration. And job creation was miniscule all across the country. Job creation has gone on a rocket up across the country right now. One of the things we heard is that 60,000 manufacturers left this country and now they’re being repatriated. We’ve got about 12,000 of them back.

If we want to get on that track to where manufacturing is welcomed, productive, and competitive in West Virginia, and our citizens benefit from it, and our counties benefit from it, a “yes” vote on this bill is extremely easy. This is a tax cut, plain and simple.

And so, I urge a vote “yes”.

Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property

(Passage of Eng. Senate Bill 837)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
STEPHEN BALDWIN
AND
HONORABLE
ERIC J. TARR

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, sir.

You know, since we’re talking about Texas now and you brought up Texas, let’s step back from that just a little more generally and talk about business personal property taxes. Have you done a count to see how many other states have business personal property taxes?

SENATOR TARR: I didn’t look to see how many, but I’ve looked at the next state. So, one of the things you look at Texas because Texas is a much larger state, obviously. And a big part of Texas has a national border, not necessarily states bordering that they compete with.
Whereas, so the next state that you look at is the next fastest rate of GDP growth is Utah which is a lot more comparable to what we have. And if you look at how they did it, they did it with manufacturing and consumer spending.

SENATOR BALDWIN: Okay, but say, you’re not sure how many other states . . . .

SENATOR TARR: I don’t.

SENATOR BALDWIN: Okay. What about Texas? Does Texas have a business personal property tax?

SENATOR TARR: I don’t know if they have a business personal property tax.

SENATOR BALDWIN: They do have a business personal property tax. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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(Passage of Eng. Senate Bill 837)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE WILLIAM J. IHLENFELD II AND HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Will the Senior Senator from the Fifteenth yield?

MR. PRESIDENT: Senator yields. Senator, you do have privileges to stay seated if you prefer. Okay.

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, and I’ll sit down if I need to, but . . . .

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Thank you, appreciate you answering a few questions here.

Back to the conversation between you and the Senator from Harrison County, and I was in Finance. Do you have the specific numbers on how much revenue would be generated from the vaping tax? I know it changed from one number to another and . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: Bear with me.

It’s $2 million for the first year. Two million dollars, excuse me.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: So that would have effectively be offset by the $2 million that will be put into prevention and education?

SENATOR BLAIR: You could say that, yes.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: In regard to the revenue reallocation fund that’s being set up, in the charts that we were provided, it looks like you hope to have at least a portion of that account filled up in fiscal year 2021. Do you have a specific number that you hope to have as the fund balance by July 1, 2021?

SENATOR BLAIR: You said July 1, 2021?

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Yes.

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, I don’t think we would have had that in the chart to start with and the reason for it is that we would have only been collecting—actually it was $22 million—we would have only been collecting from April 1 to June 30. So, and I think it was $22 million. I’ve been shuffling paperwork over here and . . . . You want to ask another question and I’ll have him look and I’ll come back to that when . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: If this plan were to be adopted and this bill and the companion bill were to be approved here today, when would checks start to be cut to the various counties?

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Forgive me, I wasn’t paying attention to your question because I was trying to figure out whether I was . . . . I was wrong on that number. It’s not $22 million. It’s $51 million. Just a little bit over $51 million.
SENATOR IHLENFELD: As of July 1, 2021?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yes.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: And when will money start to go out of that account?

SENATOR BLAIR: I couldn’t hear you.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: At what point in time will money start to flow out of that account?

SENATOR BLAIR: The money would start to flow out in 2023 and if you want... if I may, let me work those numbers for you.

In 2023, we would allocate out $49 million and the fund balance would actually be almost half a billion dollars. In 2024, $98 million would go out.

I slipped a line there, so forgive me. Let me back up. Scratch everything I just said.

2023, we would put out $49 million that would be reallocated out to the counties and the fund balance at that point in time would be just over $400 million. In 2024, we would allocate out $98 million and we’d be just short of $500 million in the fund. In 2025, $147 million would be allocated out to the counties and the fund balance would be $544 million. And it starts turning the other direction on fiscal year 2027 where... and that’s with full implementation.

Note the year before full implementation of $245 million going out to the counties, then it goes down to $479 million. The fund balance starts to drop. And then at the end of fiscal year 2030, and that’s $294 million going out to the counties, the fund balance would drop down to $139 million. Now, that’s with... there’s no... remember we got an interest-bearing account on that, there is no consideration given for revenues generated for that. Just took that out of the equation, that way we could use rawer [sic] numbers and, if we got money left over, there was extra money in that, then that just extends us out.

Everything I did on this, I tried to be very, very conservative on it. So, I’d rather err on the side of caution and fiscal conservancy so that we can keep our commitment to keeping the counties whole like we’re attempting to do here and make sure that we have the fiscal means to do it. But that’s one of the reasons why we set up the mechanism to where the money would go into a special account and then it would be invested just like the Investment Management Board and have, hopefully, the potential to see six and a half, seven and a half percent return on that money and that would extend us out further the years.

And, I know I get... whenever I get outside the bill, Mr. President, you have to forgive me, but it’s important that whenever I got to talking about the pensions, you can’t turn your back and not look at the numbers and what’s coming in and out and trying to anticipate that. And that’s what I’ve tried to do. I’m not an expert by any means but I know this much, I don’t want to put the state in a position to where we were three years ago, where we were $400 million in the hole. In fact, ultimately, the goal is to get us out of that position, get us off of the energy roller coaster.

I have went well beyond your question on that, so forgive me, I didn’t mean to.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: No, I appreciate the answer. And is it... we heard in Finance from your staff that when you look out two more years to 2032, the testimony was that the fund balance would be $80 million in the red.

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah, in 2032, the fund balance would end up with $100 million in the red. Correct.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Hundred million by 2032?

SENATOR BLAIR: Mmm hmm.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: In the negative?

SENATOR BLAIR: Yeah, and that actually accounts... Okay, you said $80 and I said $100... he just gave me a clarification on that, thank you... and remember the $2 million that we’re transferring each year, that’s what throws my numbers from your numbers off on that. I’ve got more, after the amendment from the Senator from Boone, that changed our numbers on that. So...

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Either way, we’re going to have a pretty substantial negative balance in 2032 according to this analysis.

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, according to this. But now this is looking way out and keep in mind that we’ve factored in zero growth... If we got
...there’s an expectation that you’re going to get some growth of this out of this effort because the business franchise and the corporate net and all the other work that we’ve been doing on this has showed a little bit of return on that investment in the areas where we have growth. If we don’t have growth, we haven’t seen investment like we wish we would on that. But if you see a one and a half percent return on that, these numbers change. If we see return of, or inflation having any bearings on it, that will change these numbers as well. But looking at it from the static picture of that . . . . And also, we factored in, this is important, the decline. We know that if you increase the tobacco tax that there will actually be a decline in revenues. And we went in and looked at the historical numbers and declined them in the same manner so that we’re anticipating each year there’s going to be a drop down on that.

So, we’ve tried to be accurate with our numbers, as accurate as we possibly can be, but I think there’s still a potential that when we’re talking well over a decade out, we’re talking numbers, we’re not talking reality. Things can change. And I’ll give you one example of that and the Senator from Logan was talking here a while ago about where we were $400 million in the hole and then the next year we didn’t have a projected surplus in that we were going to have $300 or $400 or $500 million to spare. That was not on the books. That’s because of the energy roller coaster that we live on in this state and it’s another reason why we had the Rainy Day or the Revenue Shortfall Fund. And just to clarify one thing on that, too, we put the third largest contribution into the Rainy Day Fund last year than we ever put into the state. So, it was a little bit misleading when the Senator from Logan was talking about that. And I don’t think it was intentional, I don’t mean it that way, but we didn’t spend all of it is what I’m getting at. We were very fiscally conservative and I’m talking about this body and the other end of the building as well by putting that into the Rainy Day Fund.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: In . . . .

SENATOR BLAIR: Sorry, Mr. President.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Mr. Chairman, the chart you provided us, all of us on Finance, I think everyone probably had access to it, it’s the chart that shows property tax collections by county and it helps us to see how it is that you’re calculating the average county collections and you have a column for the highest collections I think to help show us how our counties are going to be kept whole under this plan. Does this formula in order to continue to send money out to the counties, does it factor in future growth in particular counties? For example, if a large manufacturer were to put a natural gas processing plant in Brooke County, or there were to be a cracker plant or a storage hub, or some major manufacturing facility, if it were to be placed in one of these counties and, under our current system, that county would have a huge windfall and they would have that additional revenue in part to be utilized to pay for additional fire and police and the additional services that are necessary when you have big development.

The reason I ask that is because I’ve been contacted by all of my county representatives and one particular county is afraid because they have really worked hard on the economic development front to go out and recruit businesses, and they’ve got a few things in the pipeline, and they don’t know what’s coming, but they’ve got some great hopes and I think they’re reasonably optimistic that something good’s going to happen. How is it that a county that has something really good happen in five years going to fully capture the kind of revenue that they would have under our existing plan?

SENATOR BLAIR: Well, that’s a great question. And first of all, when we’re talking about economic development . . . . and let’s call these businesses that you’re talking about whales. Okay. The large business, let’s call them whales. And we want to land them in the State of West Virginia, whether it’s a cracker plant or any large business. Almost always the State of West Virginia, along with these economic development authorities, the counties and all, go in and work deals. And many, many, many times they work deals that where the state owns the equipment and pays the tax, or doesn’t pay the tax and it’s salvage valued. There’s all these manipulations to be able to bring them in. I’m hoping to do that. Now, that’s another thing I think that this works very well at is being able, especially the petro-chemical for the Ohio Valley down through there. That’s going to be a missed opportunity if we don’t get something in place to be able to seize these opportunities. I don’t think that your counties have to worry too much about this because, once again, we have declining growth in most of our counties. Not all of them but . . . .

What this is if you have that business that will locate there, then jobs will come there, retail will come there, the real estate property taxes will start to rise instead of decline. There’s a lot of
things that come into play on that that help take us off that roller coaster on that.

And, on this chart that you’re talking about, we’ve got more counties that are decliners than what we do counties that are increasers . . . that are rising up. And so, we’re making it so that we keep these counties whole, especially the decliners, so that they’ll end up with a flat line going out. And we picked . . . five-year look back, and picked the high year out of that five-year look back.

And let me back up here to your question, too. I’m from a growth county, Berkeley County. And I have no fear, whatsoever, if we got rid of the personal property tax, there’s going to be explosion of business, manufacturing type of business along Interstate 81 corridor. When you come down Interstate 81, and 70 crosses it, we’ve got north, south, east, west there, you come through Virginia and you can see manufacturing. You get to the State of West Virginia you can see where manufacturing used to be. Now, we’ve got some coming back, I’ll have to admit. And then get to Maryland, you can see warehouses, you can see manufacturing, all the way up into Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. But what you see in our area, a greater degree from along the interstate, is houses. Houses. People that have come here to our state to live because our property taxes, real estate property taxes, are half of anywhere else. And, you can’t . . . that’s not the way to actually grow our economy. You got to have a broad base where you’ve got the people . . . can’t be a bedroom community. You got to be able to have jobs for those people as well so they can work and live in the community they’re at. Ultimately, Berkeley County would be one of the ones that would benefit by it and the real estate property taxes would go up to make up for anything that they would lose off the personal property taxes, and that’s saying that we’re getting any of it off the whales.

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

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SENATOR MARONEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

My voice is getting weak, I’m going to be very quick here.

But I’ve been listening to all of these discussions and the way I see this tax is, you know, with this business inventory tax, two thirds of the states don’t have it. West Virginia is the only state that has it in their Constitution. I don’t want to be the only state that has it in my Constitution.

Elimination of this tax will not just be a positive for the business of West Virginia, but it can be a gamechanger for the business climate without a doubt. With the negative being the counties. The counties get their funding source from this. But the bill makes the counties 100 percent whole. So, therefore, there’s no downside. So, we have the potential to make some positive changes on the business climate with no downside because the counties are going to be made whole.

Now, to get to the other part. Well, okay, what about the people and the taxes? Well, the sales tax is going to go up about .5 percent. But the personal property taxes are going to be eliminated for most West Virginians. If you own a vehicle, that’s a tax cut. Without a doubt. You’re going to save money.

If you smoke and you vape, you’re going to pay a little more in taxes. And I don’t have a problem with that. The Junior Senator from the Seventeenth, our esteemed Majority Leader, he has data from WVU—he’ll probably mention it today—I mean, these smokers and vapers, they cost our state in the hundreds of millions of dollars. That’s how much we save by raising the cigarette tax by a dollar. That study was done by WVU. The extra state dollars spent on this segment of the population deprives other segments, the nonsmoking segments, from other services that could benefit them. So, I don’t have a problem with raising that.

So, if you own a car in West Virginia and you don’t smoke, this is a great bill for you. And that’s about 80 percent of West Virginians.

Lastly, Mr. President, if we pass this bill, it doesn’t mean anything unless the constitutional amendment passes. But if they both pass, they mean nothing at all unless the people of West
Virginia want it. You know, there’s 34 here and 100 down the hall and one downstairs. There’s 135 of us that make decisions for the people of West Virginia for 60 days every year. Well, why . . . this is a hot topic. Why wouldn’t we want the people of West Virginia to be able to make this decision on their own? Let them decide. We pass the bill, we pass the resolution, and then the people can decide. If it’s not good for the people of West Virginia, they’ll vote it down. People of West Virginia are smart enough to figure that out. If it’s good for the people of West Virginia, it will pass.

Mr. President, I’m going to vote “yes” on this bill.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President, I’ll be brief.

I just want to be clear that if you vote for this bill, 837, you’re voting for a tax increase on every individual in West Virginia. And we can sit here and talk about numbers, talk about them cumulatively and individually, but the reality is that we’re going to reduce the taxes on individual West Virginians by eliminating their motor vehicle tax to the tune of $100 million. We’re going to increase taxes on the same individuals in the form of increased sales tax and increased tobacco tax to the tune of $200 million. That’s a $100 million tax increase. So, when you vote for it and they ask you why you vote for it, be sure you explain that to your individual citizens out there, the people who spend money in our local economies, the people who make economic activity and demand . . . and are the real job creators in West Virginia.

So, we can sit here and go back and forth with numbers, but it was clear, it was clear that we’re raising taxes on individuals to pay for a tax break for the businesses. I invited my friends across the aisle to get with us on several occasions to figure out how we might pay for a elimination or decrease in the inventory and industrial equipment tax. We never got that offer.

This is a bad plan. It’s going to hurt West Virginians. It’s going to create a very large probability for a catastrophe when we see a downturn in economic activity and a hole in our state budget in West Virginia.

And I urge a “no” vote.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this bill. Change is scary. It is. Change is scary, it’s scary for everybody even when you know that sometimes that it’s the right thing to do. Sometimes, just the idea of change is scary.

Now, Mr. President, if you’re around this Legislature long enough, you tend to get a feel for when we have arising and percolating up one of these critical moments. One of the critical moments where we can make a choice about the future. Make a choice for the future of the citizens of West Virginia . . . today is such a moment. Today is one of those moments. It reminded me of the speech by Brutus from Julius Caesar, “There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries.” On such a full sea are we now afloat. We are at one of those moments, Mr. President.

Now, let’s be honest. Everyone knows, everyone knows that the ad valorem tax on machinery, equipment, and inventory is a job killer. It is a business killer. I think we would get bipartisan agreement on that proposition. And for a long time, we’ve suffered under the illusion that there was nothing we could do about it.
Well, there is. And here I stand on the floor of the West Virginia Senate and lying before us—I congratulate the Chairman of Finance and the whole Finance Committee, Mr. President, they have brought to the floor what I consider to be an extraordinary piece of legislation—a bill, that if coupled with the resolution that we’ve been talking about a little bit, would give us the opportunity to unshackle West Virginia from the yoke of depression that comes from this ridiculous ad valorem tax on machinery, equipment, and inventory. A bill that strangles business, disincentivizes investment, and we’re not talking about big out-of-state companies, we’re talking about individuals that are in business.

I’ll tell you about my district. My little district, in little Morgan County, the business that pops into my mind when I think about this is the Caperton Furniture Works. Gat Caperton, younger than I am, everybody knows him, knows his family, his father was governor of West Virginia. He makes furniture. He has a factory in which they build beautiful, spectacular furniture and sell it all over the country, all over the world. In little Morgan County. He’s got about a hundred employees. And he has upgraded technology, he’s tried. They had machines in there that would—it blows your mind—they have lasers that cut the wood to form. And they’re hugely expensive, hugely expensive. And a little business like that, that’s thriving, doing well in Berkeley Springs, little Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, has to pay taxes every year on the same equipment over and over again. That’s not some big out-of-state company, that’s a citizen of this state who’s employing citizens of this state.

Now, I don’t think my district is terribly different from every other district in this state. I will tell you, Mr. President, every year, every year I have people that say to me, “Senator Trump, why is it when I buy a car I have to pay tax when I buy it and then every year thereafter, every year I own it, I got to pay another tax bill on it. I got to pay a tax bill on it every year to the sheriff. Why is that? They don’t do that in other states. Why do we do it here? Why do we do it here? Why can’t we get rid of that?” And so, for a long time I thought, well, maybe we can’t get rid of that. You know, maybe that’s just too complicated. The money from these taxes goes to pay county school boards, county commissions, municipalities. How can we do it?

And here, before us, now, at this moment, is a measure that allows us to do it. Allows us to eliminate it over time. Not all at once. It’s over six years, but allows us to do it without harming counties, municipalities, school boards. They’re fully protected, fully backfilled under this legislation, Mr. President. Quite frankly, I wasn’t sure it was possible, it was ever possible but, it’s here. It lies before us right now. The tide lies before us. And we will choose, we will choose whether we have a future where we give people relief, businesses relief, to attract new businesses into West Virginia, to give relief to this onerous tax that people have been suffering under and paying for years, to give our citizens relief. You know, to take off that $300, $400 a year tax on their truck, their car, their camper, the farmer with his four-wheeler . . . a four-wheeler, Mr. President, a farmer’s four-wheeler. This bill will liberate us from that.

Well, I’m for this bill. I’m for the people. I’m for business growth. I’m for tax relief for the people of West Virginia. Let’s take off that car tax. Let’s take it off today.

And I’ll say one final thing that’s been pointed out by others. All of this, all of this would be contingent, be contingent on a resolution to amend the Constitution. And how, how arrogant would I be, Mr. President, would I not be the most arrogant person in the world to say I don’t want the citizens of West Virginia to be able to pass judgement on this? We’ve got a plan here on the floor. I think it’s a good plan. And I think we owe to the citizens of West Virginia the opportunity for them to pass their judgment upon it.

I urge passage of the bill.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RON STOLLINGS

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, we saw a lot of assessors and county officials here today . . . and they’re very
concerned. They’re not doing well now and what their concern is . . . whether they could provide basic funding to law enforcement, fire services, public safety, public transportation. They’re very concerned.

And the math doesn’t add up . . . $300 million is what it’s going to cost us to remove this tax that I wish we could remove. But we’re only coming up with $200 million. And so, you know, we’ve all been contacted by these people. They have a huge fear.

Again, my county . . . it would have been major league impacted a few years ago, but it’s not very impacted now. But when you look at a county that has gone from a budget of about $21 million to $4.7 million, they can’t stand any further strain, no further stress. So, I think we also have to look at our fellow elected officials from the county and understand what their concerns are.

Again, if we had a viable plan . . . and again, I hope that we can study at some point a viable plan and not just listen to one side of this story but listen to everyone. And so maybe at some point in the future we can, you know, these counties can be made whole. But I don’t think they feel like they can be made whole by now. They fear their law enforcement, fire service, ambulance transports, the prosecuting attorney’s office, the circuit clerk’s office, the county clerks, the county parks and recreation, they feel that if we pass this bill right here and the adjoining resolution that it would be devastating to local government.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, Mr. President.

I rise in opposition to the bill.

There’s a fact that remains that this idea, that somehow the counties will be made whole, is not true. There’s still $100 million hole left. Even if you increase the taxes for sales tax, if you increase the taxes for tobacco. That’s supposed to be made up by natural growth. But at the same time, for the foreseeable future, we are running deficits. Now, some may say, well, those are just projections. Well, that’s the best information we have at this time, otherwise, there would be no value in putting projections out there for us to consider.

We have to get away from believing that big business tax cuts are the way to prosperity. I’ve heard in support of decreasing the franchise tax, decreasing the corporate income tax, getting rid of prevailing wage, bringing in right to work . . . that that will create prosperity in this state, that that will increase jobs, that will bring people to West Virginia. And that has not happened. We need to invest in West Virginians. We need to invest in our infrastructure because, let me tell you, no one’s going to move product in and out on the bridges that we have on I-64 or up there in Ohio County. No one’s going to move product in and out on our roads. We need to invest in education. Not just K through 12, but . . . . We stand at a precipice when it comes to how opioids and drugs are breaking our homes, breaking our children. That’s where our investment needs to be.

That’s how you improve the prosperity of West Virginia, not by putting on the backs of West Virginians an increase of a sales tax by .5 percent . . . which is an increase of about $118 million on them. Now, some may say, well, previous tax cuts are passed to the consumer. Oh. That’s kind of nifty to say. But where have all those previous tax cuts that I just outlined were [inaudible] to the consumer? Because we’ve lost people. We’ve lost jobs. This is not the way to move forward. If you want to make a difference in West Virginia, invest in West Virginians and put them first.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ROLLAN A. ROBERTS
Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

As I stood on the outside of this chamber before even considering running for office, I watched with interest of how both chambers dealt with issues. When I came into this body, and people realized I was coming, they had a phrase that they would always say, “I hope you can help fix it. Fix the problems that we have.” We have a lot of long-term problems.

One of those problems is that West Virginians want their tax burden lowered. And the way that we are working in this package of the resolution and the bill is being worked is that there’s an adjustment and a balancing of the load upon our people in West Virginia.

I stood and listened and watched as this body and our colleagues across the way as they would talk about the “Roads to Prosperity” bill and how that was going to be a huge amount of money, but then everybody knew that even though it was a step in the right direction, it was going to put a burden upon our state. And so . . . finally it passed, it was put in and people voted for it and the people of West Virginia said fix our roads. They’re still saying fix our roads because there’s much more to do. But you don’t hear anybody complaining about that step of faith, that vision for helping our state even though at that point . . . . Remember, that was when we were in that down time and cutting everything.

The people of West Virginia are able to discern and understand what this bill is. Are we putting something out there for them to understand with the vehicle situation, the ATVs? Of course, we are. That’s part of the package to give some freedom there and then to adjust some things on the other end.

I’ve been involved in many, many budget negotiations over the decades and I’m not afraid of vision-minded goals. Our country, the national trend is record setting.

I understand one thing as being Chairman of the Workforce Committee that, right now, in West Virginia, I know we can all find the negatives, but I will tell you there is one positive that nobody’s taken under consideration, and that is that there are more people involved in the workforce in West Virginia with coal being down than there was 10 years or so ago when coal was doing way better than now. That means that our economy is picking up in other areas.

Now, you can pick apart that number if you want to and say well, it’s service jobs and all of these things, but there’s a higher participation rate than there was years ago when coal was up. That tells me that our state is turning the corner on getting involved in other industries.

I’m proud of this body for getting behind the solar power renewable energy source. I think that’s a right goal to move us in the right direction.

I think we ought to give this a chance and get it out there and let the people vote. And you can focus if you want to on the tax increases or you can focus on the tax decreases but I ask you to be fair and consider the overall package and be honest about that . . . people are going to have more money in their pocket with the overall package. That is undeniable.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I certainly rise in support of this bill. And I just want to make it very clear, a vote for Senate Bill 837 is a clear tax decrease. And I say that, Mr. President, because Mark Muchow testified that the average household income probably would be affected by about a $100 or so but . . . especially, in my neck of the woods, growing up, a lot of people would rather have a nicer car, a nicer ATV, etc., more than maybe [inaudible] necessarily where they live. And that’s fine. That’s certainly their option. But you’re talking hundreds of dollars compared to the hundred that household may spend in excess taxes. They may be $700, $800, $900 in personal property taxes. So, I don’t think many people would
argue that if they . . . would they give you $1 to get $10 back?

You know, we all have got to come to the realization that this has to be a bipartisan effort. This has to be. We all have been concerned that we got to get up here, we got to fix the problem. When we are all out and about in our neighborhoods . . . I’m sure everybody in this chamber has people come up and say man, you got to get manufacturing jobs. I had that just yesterday morning, on Sunday morning, “Tom, you got to do something with manufacturing jobs.” Well, we’ve known, the past four governors, the past decade of legislatures, at least, have all realized . . . . Members of both sides in this body just this session has stood up, given speeches that this inventory tax is a job killer, we got to do something about it, we’ve got to have a plan. Well, here’s a plan. It may not be the perfect plan, but it is a plan?

And so, if we don’t do something . . . . We all recognize that our state is losing population, that we’re not having the growth. It’s much like being in a marathon race. Have we seen some job numbers increase? Yes, the past few years we have. We’ve taken big deficits and turned them into small surpluses but, at the same time, when you’re in a foot race, if the guys ahead of you are taking off at a faster pace than what you are even though you’re still making strides forward, you’re getting left behind. And that’s what we’re doing. And so we have to have a plan to do something to try to move this forward.

And I understand change is scary. It’s the old adage, measure twice, cut once. Well, that’s also what this plan does because it puts into effect guarantees, it puts into effect a momentum building fund, and none of this even takes place for a couple of years. The Legislature will be back in next year, it will be in . . . . So, it’s a plan that puts a lot of guarantees that we can measure four or five times before we actually have to make a cut in that proverbial sense.

We all talk about what’s the problem why we can’t move West Virginia forward. We know that we’ve got no flat land. I think three percent of West Virginia terrain is flat. But it’s not all flat.

And so, when you look at Rock Creek, which, again, is in my neck of the woods, it’s the size of Huntington. We have a huge flat parcel of land that we could develop and people’s been criticized, our former governor was criticized for trying to develop that. But, if we don’t spend some money to invest and if we don’t put some things that is going to attract the manufacturing that is the very type of jobs we want to come to those properties, we’re never going to get them here. So, I think this would just be a tremendous step forward.

The other point I’d like to put out . . . . I look at the problem of West Virginia much like a medical problem whether it be high blood pressure, diabetes. This reminds me of a patient that comes in and says, “Doc, why is my blood sugar staying so high? I cut out eating ice cream.” “Well, bud, because you didn’t quit eating bread and pasta, and eating 4,000 calories a day.” It can’t just be . . . . there’s no magic bullet to this. So, we’ve, in bipartisan fashion, worked hard together to pass Senate Bill 1 (Increasing access to career education and workforce training) last year for example to get the workforce educated. So, we still have to get the manufacturing jobs here. I think we’ve put an excellent mechanism in place to get our workforce participation up. The community colleges, they’re set, prepared, and ready. They say they can change within weeks to have things . . . . So, if we get the manufacturing jobs in here then we can get them trained and we can start solving this problem. But we’ve got to work on multiple pieces of this. And we’re going to have to do it together or we’re going to continue to fail together.

In terms of the tobacco tax, I just want to put this out there, that, you know, the patients will say, “Doc, you’re a Republican. You’re not supposed to be for taxes.” And, I’m not. I prefer to be as trim as we possibly can but, at the same time . . . . I gave many speeches back in 2014, 2015 when we were talking about the tobacco tax, the study that the Health Chair mentioned with WVU. You go back and look at those speeches that say if you guys will just do this, we’ve seen it in every state, you’re going to get a tremendous savings in health care. And that’s exactly what we saw for the first time in generations. The tobacco rates are starting to decline and the DHHR came this year and said we have a $350 million surplus. And I asked them, I said, “Was there something else that accounted for that?” And they said, “No, we can’t find it. The inflation kept climbing but the medical costs just started leveling off for us.” Well, there’s no doubt that that was. That was the decline in smoking rates. And so, you say, well, that’s a tax increase. That’s a tax shift because the choice of 20 percent of West Virginians cost 100 percent of West Virginians. And we, as a legislative body, have to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars. And that
includes all taxpayers not just a small portion of them.

And so, roads and water and infrastructure can’t be done when all the money’s being shifted to pay for the medical costs of the choice of 20 percent of our population. I mean imagine if West Virginia was in the car insurance business and everybody had to pay way high rates because you had 20 percent that had a lead foot and constantly sped all the time, but we had to pay their speeding tickets. That would be insane. We would never go for that. But, that’s exactly what we do with what tobacco causes the state of West Virginia. So, shifting a little bit more of the use tax on those who choose to do that, I don’t think that’s a very unfair ask.

The only thing else I would like to say is that we are in a prime position right now. If, depending on how national politics goes, whether you like the guy, whether you don’t, our president has laid down on about every promise he’s made. And one of the big things he’s saying is going to happen if he’s reelected in the next term is a huge infrastructure spending bill. And that’s going to require steel, it’s going to require manufacturing. I would just hate for us to miss an opportunity to get ourselves in place. There’s been lots of comments to say we’ve reduced all these taxes and things haven’t come to fruition. But we can’t just be equal to our states around us. We have to be significantly better. If you’re a company in manufacturing looking at Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia, we can’t be equal, you got to get that out of our heads. You have to be a significant leg up. So, if those other taxes that are in place are good, this is another one that we have to put in place so that these companies and manufacturers have to say, “Well, we just can’t pass West Virginia.”

And for those reasons, I urge passage.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ve sat here, not only today but for many, many years, probably as many as anybody in this Senate and . . . even in the House when I was over there, we addressed a lot of tax issues. We addressed the B&O tax. We eliminated the B&O tax as a bipartisan effort. I think we all agree that business needed a break. We lowered the corporate net, but we did that in a systematic way that we studied and we learned where our budget was. And I think the main thing that when I came to the Legislature, my main responsibility was to make sure that this state is viable financially. And I think that any household and . . . when I started out, you know, being married, financial stability of that household was very tentative. And the state needs to be financially responsible to its citizens.

And like I said, we categorically eliminated all of these taxes in a bipartisan effort. We had study resolutions and we studied it and we got rid of it. But, you know, we didn’t see the fruits of our labor. We didn’t see businesses coming into this state.

I remember when Keith Burdette was the head of Commerce. He did a study and he said that, you know, he couldn’t remember that any business that came into this state was concerned, you know, about the taxes. Their number one priority was a well-educated workforce. They wanted level land . . . .

And, as I go down here, you know, we looked last couple of years at increasing the sales tax. Well, you know, we looked at Florida. They’ve got a high sales tax, but they also have a Disney World. You know, when you take your children down there, you don’t care what you’re going to pay. That’s a one-time deal and you’ll pay anything to make your children and your grandchildren happy. But we don’t have that kind of venue here in this state.

But, you know, we do have low property taxes. Our state has probably more ownership of homes than any other state in the Union. And why is that? We have low property taxes. We enjoy that.

But as I look over this effort here, you know, it’s not a bipartisan effort. We need to step back, we need to study the issue, and then move forward. I think there’s room and I certainly agree with all the colleagues in here that the
business inventory tax is a regressive tax. But we got to look at it systematically and categorically.

So, I would hope that as we go through all the discussion, we’re going to stop [sic] back, maybe turn this into a study resolution, and then move forward and do it the right way . . . the bipartisan way.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, sitting here listening to both sides back and forth, I don’t think either one of us is listening to the other side.

I don’t think anybody on our side has ever said that we don’t think the inventory tax is good. I doubt very seriously if there’s anybody in this room over the last 30 years has paid more inventory tax than me. I understand exactly what it is. I understand the machinery tax and all like that.

But the question really is, who’s going to pay for it? You know, we danced around here and, you know, there’s an old saying back home that ifs and buts was candy and nuts, it’d be Christmas every day. And that’s what we’ve heard here. You know, it may be this, it may be that . . . . But there’s a couple of things that we do know for sure, if this passes and this amendment passes, we know without a doubt that the businesses are not going to pay this tax anymore. Here’s what we don’t know, who is going to pay it?

We’re going to take the automobile tax off, has any of you all read that amendment? That amendment doesn’t say we’re going to take the automobile tax off. It says maybe we will. Now, if we’re really serious and that’s our plan, why doesn’t it say that that’s what it’s going to do? It doesn’t say that. It doesn’t say we are going to take the automobile tax off. Smoke and mirrors. That’s what we’re doing here.

The reason that SJ 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment) happened because you started with SJ 8 (Manufacturing Growth Amendment) and it didn’t have anything in there for people, so let’s throw a smoke and mirror deal out here so that we can tell everybody that we’re going to lower their automobile tax. Why doesn’t the amendment just say we’re going to lower the automobile tax?

Look at these elected officials up here. See, they’re the ones that’s going to have to deal with this. It’s not our budget, it’s their budget. It’s the citizens of West Virginia’s budget who’s going to have to deal with this and, guess what, we’re no longer going to allow them to decide what taxes they should charge. We’re going to do it for them. And if the money’s not down here, you’re not going to get it.

Now look, we’re all in favor of taking this tax off. The question is, is who’s going to pay for it?

Now, I want to close with a saying that my grandfather always said, “The rich man does the dancing and the poor man pays the band.” And that’s what we’re getting ready to do here right now.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHANDLER SWOPE

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR SWOPE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ve been sitting here thinking about what the basic question before us is. And here’s how I see it. We have bipartisan agreement that the projections in the economy are not great over the next few years. That means we have bipartisan agreement that we need to do something.
When I think about the 836 bills that came before this one, I can’t think of one that’s going to move the needle on the economy. So, our basic question that we have before us is do we do something or do we do nothing? I don’t want to go home and tell my constituents I was afraid to do something because somebody could find something wrong with it maybe perhaps.

I believe this bill is probably the strongest I’ve seen in four years to actually move the needle on the economy. And I would be ashamed of myself if I go home and admit I was afraid to do something.

Thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

This harkens back, the debate, and it’s been a good debate in here today—or discussion is a better way of putting it—to . . . . I guess it was in 2004 when we were into workers’ comp and the sky was going to fall. You remember that, Mr. President? The sky was going to fall. And it didn’t. In fact, it’s been quite the opposite. We wouldn’t have the industry that we actually have in the state of West Virginia right now if we wouldn’t have gotten rid of the $4 billion workers’ comp problem. And it was a challenge. It was a challenge for the then majority to get there, but I’m telling you the only reason I’m here is because of that and it’s made all the difference in the world.

I appreciate the discussion and the debate that we’ve had here today. And I want to offer some clarity on some of it, if I may.

First of all, we have to understand something. True profit no matter what economy is throughout history that can actually be seen by any people is taking a raw product and turning it into something that other people want to trade for, and buy, and purchase. That’s the only place true profit’s made. You can be a doctor or an educator, but you’re not generating the profit, you’re feeding off of that.

The manufacturing is actually growing in all the other states around us and actually throughout the country—and I had the list of them here and . . . .

The manufacturing’s where it’s at. We’ve been on this energy roller coaster, up and down, whether it’s coal or severance. That’s how when we were talking earlier that we had a $400 million deficit one year and then the next year, it’s up. And we need the Rainy Day Fund that we don’t want to get into as a smoothing mechanism for when that goes up and down but we also realize that we need that but we don’t want to get into it because of the bonds that we have because we’ve leveraged out money and we go too deep into the Rainy Day Fund that it affects our bond ratings.

Now, going back to what I was just talking about, in the manufacturing sector, North Carolina has created over the last 10 years, 38,500 new jobs. Tennessee, 63,300 new jobs. Pennsylvania, 6,500 new jobs. South Carolina, 50,600 new jobs. Virginia, 13,700 new jobs. In West Virginia, we lost 1,500. We lost 1,500, Mr. President, in spite of the fact, in spite of the fact of the work that we’ve been doing well over 20 years. And I think it’s pertinent that I address that.

That is, is that . . . . and I’ve touched on it here earlier, the pension reforms that took place. That could have been a huge drag on our revenues. PROMISE Scholarship . . . . PROMISE Scholarship was enacted to make it so that we had a better educated workforce prepared to go to work for jobs. And they are. And our best and brightest leave the state even though the West Virginia taxpayer to a greater degree—not many people come in and buy lottery tickets, or, not lottery tickets but playing LVLs from out of state any, you know, that’s just not the case. And we’ve been keeping that funded.

Workers’ comp reform . . . . make no mistake about it. Half of the businesses that we have remaining in this state would have been gone if workers’ comp would have continued the trajectory that it was on—$4 billion, Mr. President, was the deficit for workers’ comp and our general revenue budget at the time, I think,
was $2.6 billion. And we worked our way out of it. And the sky didn’t fall.

Now, I’m not done.

Food tax . . . we took that. That’s a tax reduction for the people of West Virginia and it wasn’t for the people on welfare. They didn’t pay the tax. It was for the working class and all the working people in West Virginia, and our seniors. It took $150 million out of our budget that was phased in. And by the way, the workers’ comp was a phase-in. I wanted to do it overnight, it would have been a mistake. I figured out over time that sometimes you’ve got to phase-in things and that’s one of the reasons why this has a six-year phase-in is because the phase-ins give us an opportunity to correct abnormalities that may be in there and be able to fluctuate with the change because change does not come easy to any of us in the State of West Virginia. And one of the biggest reasons is because we’re so diversified, we have many different regions of this state.

We eliminated the business franchise tax and started reducing the corporate net. And it’s been said here today that these things didn’t do anything. Actually, they did, but they didn’t have a big impact. And the reason that the corporate net and the business franchise tax was addressed is because nobody could do the big lift that we’re attempting to do here today.

We’ve went further than that. Over 1,500 regulations have come off the books. Countless tort reforms, I wouldn’t want to be on Judiciary for anything when it comes to the amount of tort reforms they’ve done, but that has all a bearing on whether you can effectively run a business in this state.

“Roads to Prosperity”, if you want to have businesses in this state, you’ve got to have the infrastructure as well. And the people got the opportunity to vote on that and they said “yes”. I think when they said “yes” they said “yes” more than I want asphalt in front of my home. That wasn’t it. They wanted that, too, but they want to be able to have jobs in this state. They want to be able to have the financial freedom to be able to live their lives in this state. As I’ve been walking around on this walker, there’s one thing I’ve noticed, there’s not a better state in the Union to live in because when I come to a door, no matter who it is, no matter what their economic status is, they stop and open the door and try to help me. That’s called being a West Virginian.

Mr. President, we owe this to these West Virginians. We owe it to them. Now, we’ve all gotten a bunch of emails and I’ve read this article from a guy named Adler with the County Commission Association. I wasn’t impressed, to say the least. Here’s the kind of talk. How are we supposed to be able to do this when it says: There are real problems facing West Virginia, very little flat land available for site-ready business development. Well, that’s relatively accurate but it’s also a description of why our property taxes have to be lower than other states that have lots of flat land. Puts us at a little bit of a disadvantage, that’s why we need to be in the top five, Mr. President. Not 14, not 23, not 43, in the top five, so that businesses will locate here. And we’ve laid the groundwork. I just went through that list of all the different things that we’ve done. But we’re not finished yet. And, by the way, the sky hasn’t fallen. All of these things that I went through here, now I left off SB 1 (Increasing access to career education and workforce training), last year, last dollar in for community technical college and getting associate degrees. And we did that, ladies and gentlemen. We’ve set the stage for a revitalization of the State of West Virginia. We have and the members that came before us in the last 20 years. But it goes on to say an increasingly unskilled, under-educated workforce . . . that’s insulting, Mr. President. And it’s wrong. It’s wrong.

An exodus of our best and brightest—our children don’t come back. This is what we’re attempting to stop. Doing nothing will get us one thing for certain, Mr. President, the same thing that we’ve gotten in the past. This is not an attempt at doing nothing. In fact, this is probably the most transparent attempt at doing something not for the people of West Virginia but with the people of West Virginia. With the people. We put this forward . . . . And I have no fear in letting the people vote to decide whether what we put forward here is a good idea or a bad idea. And there’s plenty of time for that discussion to be had.

But imagine being in the 54 percent of the county border population. Half of us at least in here are. And we have to compete with out-of-state businesses that come right across the border whether it be in Wheeling, whether it be in Martinsburg, Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, Parkersburg, Huntington, the list goes on, I know I’m missing them. Bluefield, there’s one, Mr. President, Bluefield. Let’s take a hard look at that one where you can actually see the difference when you cross the state line . . . going from Bluefield, West Virginia, to
Bluefield, Virginia. It has everything to do with our past and how we managed, how we treated business in the State of West Virginia.

Business is made up of people like us in here, and in the galleries, and outside, and up and down every street to the furthest reaches of this state. You may only have one employee, or none, it could be just you as an individual, just painting houses or whatever it may be, this piece of legislation can affect you. That’s important. You can’t do . . . I’m right, or right about . . . you can’t take care of just big business. That’s why SJR 8 (Manufacturing Growth Amendment) . . . I wasn’t a fan of. SJR 9 (Motor Vehicle and Other Personal Property Tax Reduction Amendment) is the one that got into it and took care of not just business, but of all people in West Virginia. The people that are sick and tired of the fact that when it comes time for their automobile . . . in July you got to fill a form out, send it in to the county, in September pay for it, find the receipt that you actually paid for it when you’re going to the DMV, renew your tags, and repeat. That’s nonsense. That’s nonsense for the average working West Virginian, the average senior in West Virginia, the actually small business owner in West Virginia, and anybody else. You wonder why people in the border counties won’t register their vehicles in this state, and they don’t pay any tax at all? That’s the reason. You want to make our roads safer in this state? I can tell you how. It’s real simple, you take the personal property tax off of vehicles, you’ll sell newer vehicles. And when you sell newer vehicles, they’ll be safer. Instead of making 12 car . . . or, excuse me, 13 car payments—because that’s what it is, you buy a $40,000 vehicle, it’s like making a thirteenth car payment to the State of West Virginia, actually, it’s the county that you’re dealing with, forgive me, it will be the state if we pass this through though, but you won’t be paying it to us, the state will be taking care of it via the half a percent sales tax.

And I’m going to segue away from that for a minute on automobiles and talk about that sales tax. I’m a border county guy. Right up there, Maryland is 15 minutes away, Virginia is 15 minutes away. It’s like going over to the Corridor from here to have dinner. So, we’re a community up there and it doesn’t have anything to do with the State of West Virginia. Hagerstown, Maryland, and Winchester, Virginia, and Martinsburg, West Virginia, are all one. We all know each other. We talk to each other. We read each other’s newspapers. We shop. Everything is all together.

When the city of Martinsburg adopted their one percent municipal home rule sales tax, I had some reservations about that because I thought that that would hurt business. It didn’t hurt business at all. Nobody even paid any attention to it. Zero. Zero complaints from anybody at all ever to me about the city of Martinsburg doing that.

Now, here’s the little bit of a problem that I had though, Mr. President. When I voted for that, that leap of faith that I took in the state Legislature, it was my understanding that when we did the one percent that we were going to see an equal or close to equal reduction in the B&O tax. That has not happened, Mr. President. What has happened in most cities throughout the state that have done 10, 15 percent reduction in the B&O tax, which that B&O tax is detrimental to business, and then they’ve taken the proceeds, the rest of it and spent it on whatever they chose to which is fine, I guess. We’re doing it a little bit different here, Mr. President. We’re taking that half a percent, along with the tobacco tax, and eliminating everybody’s personal property tax on their automobiles, Mr. President. On their automobiles. So that they don’t have to go through the July, the September, to the DMV, and to repeat. It’s a big deal. It’s a big deal to the average person when they can actually not have to be wasting their time, their precious time when they could be working, or with their families, or enjoying this great state.

Now, let’s talk about another thing. That one percent sales tax. In committee it was testified that business pays about 20 percent of that sales tax. Business does. Another 20 percent, Mr. President, of that half a percent sales tax—did I say one percent a while ago? Forgive me. That half a percent sales tax that we’re talking about in this bill is paid by business the same way for tourism and people traveling through our state will pay that half a percent. Right now, in West Virginia, you got to be a West Virginia business owning that automobile or you got to be a citizen of the State of West Virginia owning that automobile and you’re paying 100 percent of it. This is spread out and it’s voluntary. You’d have to spend over $20,000 a year on clothes; furniture; TVs; electronics; not food; not your car—when you buy a car that tax is not in part of this, that sales tax, it goes to the Road Fund only—it’s still at six percent; not on electricity. The list goes on and on. Doctors, you don’t pay the sales tax. There’s hundreds of things that you don’t pay the sales tax on. I just brought it down to furniture, clothes, and electronics, and maybe a lawnmower, something like that. Those type of things. But you’re hard pressed to spend $20,000
a year and that would be an additional hundred bucks. And that hundred bucks is the low number, the low number, Mr. President, when you divide 1.6 billion [sic] vehicles by the amount of revenue that’s collected and I rounded up.

Mr. President, this is a good deal for the people of West Virginia, and better yet, it’s their choice. This is probably the most important aspect of the whole thing. It is absolutely the people’s choice on this.

I was talking earlier about businesses that come across the state line, charge the sales tax, pay the sales tax, and then take the profits back. That can be a plumber, that can be an electrician, that can be somebody mowing the yard. And, again, I jumped around here a little bit. I forgot another 20 percent. And that’s the underground economy that’s in the State of West Virginia. The only way you get participation with them is with the consumption tax. And that half a percent more helps make it so that we don’t have to worry about whether they’re paying it on their vehicles or anything else. It makes it so that we’re all in this together.

Now, I’m going to go back for a minute to Adler’s story here. And I think this is an important aspect, Mr. President. The County Commission Association of West Virginia supports legislation that will allow counties to enact a local one percent county sales tax. We’re not talking a half a percent. We’re talking one percent. They want to have the same opportunities as what the municipalities do. But they don’t want us to be able to do that to eliminate the personal property taxes on vehicles. Our people and our businesses’ vehicles, and their equipment and machinery, it helps them attract jobs to their areas for the people that live there. And you wonder why we’re having a declining population? But yet, they also—the next paragraph—since budgets are so tight, want to make sure that we support legislation to allow commissioners an ongoing mechanism to consider compensation increases for elected county officials every two years in the amount up to the increase in the annual Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Commerce over the prior two years or a three percent—and this is the kicker—whichever is greater. Really.

And then you got assessors and sheriffs that have been emailing opposed to this, but what you fail to notice that you know what, if we cut out the amount of property tax, personal property tax assessed, that means their wages go down. I think that’s a little bit self-serving myself. So, everybody that sent me an email, Mr. President, and it’s quite obvious because it was a form, I will make sure that I will post their names out there so that the people of West Virginia can see throughout the State of West Virginia the people that were writing in and telling us to oppose this, not to give them, not to give the people, the citizens, the taxpayers, the people that go to them every year to register their vehicles and pay the taxes on them, the ability to vote. And don’t think I won’t.

The “nofoodtax.com” was mine. I put it up. I pushed hard to get that $150 million tax reduction. And this is a tax reduction for the people of West Virginia. And I’m not ashamed of it. And I will campaign for it all the way to the general election, letting the people know in this state how advantageous it is to them.

And the counties fear not because the quickest way to go into the minority is to not keep your word to the people of West Virginia. And that is not the intention that I have in the work that I’ve done with this legislation with this body in trying to get this across the finish line.

My biggest fear is, Mr. President, I believe that this piece of legislation is going to pass today. My biggest fear is that it’s going to be denied to the people of West Virginia by this body by the rejection of SJR 9 which does nothing less, Mr. President, than give the people an opportunity to see what we’ve put in front of them. If we wanted to lie to the people, we didn’t need this. We could have just put it on the ballot. I can’t do that in good conscience. The people of West Virginia are partners with us making this state great again. This is the beginning step of doing that . . . . No, actually, I believe it’s almost getting to the point of being the final step, I mischose my word there, the final step of doing that.

Mr. President, I’m quite certain I’ve left things out, but I can hear people talking in the background. And I get it. I’ve went long but I’ve been working at this long. This started back in the summer of last year. I come to you and asked you, please let me have a crack at getting this across the finish line. Let me have a chance of laying the foundation and working with the different groups and seeing what we could do with this. This is the product that we have at this point in time. It does not mean that it will not get changed into the future by the House of Delegates or by future legislators . . . .
legislatures, excuse me, or both for that matter. But it is the right thing to do at this point in time. As the President of the United States says, “It’s time to drain the swamp.” And the swamp right now is this tax. It needs to be gone so our people can experience the prosperities that most other states do. They deserve it and they deserve at least the opportunity to vote on it.

Mr. President, I urge passage and I thank everybody for their indulgence for allowing me . . . I’m quick normally on doing my work. I went long, but it was therapeutic.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT D. BEACH

Monday, February 24, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President, once again.

Ladies and gentlemen and Mr. President, I’ve raised my children with a couple of basic rules in life and they’re probably the basic rules that each one of us apply to our children when we’re raising them. And one is, you know, whenever you can, do what’s right.

But the one today that, the rule that I kind of broke myself, and I have to apologize, and I want to publicly apologize for making this mistake. And I always tell my children if you make a mistake, if you can rectify that mistake, take a moment and do so, whether it be an apology or whatever it may be. And earlier today, I made the motion to discharge a committee. And I don’t want to apologize for doing that, that’s only the second time I’ve ever made that motion in the 19 years I’ve been in the Legislature. My apology is to the gentleman from Logan, who, out of all the members on my side of the aisle, I failed to notify that I was going to do that. And that put him in a precarious position. And to my friend from Logan, my deepest sympathy and my deepest apologies I should say.

But, like I said, I don’t believe I did the wrong thing. I’ve heard a lot of comments today in regards to the tax bill, 837 (Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property), and some of the other, you know, the comments kind of rang true with what I’m thinking in my head about the Katherine Johnson bill, and the fact that we shouldn’t be afraid of change, and that we should just do it. We should just fix it.

Now, I may not be here next year, but I hope to God, I pray to God, that someone takes this issue up and works it thoroughly. I’m going to have this turned into a study resolution by our staff, and, hopefully, it will be before us and we can take it up during the summer months.

But the one thing that really rang true for me was a conversation I had here on the floor just moments after we were on break in regards to this bill that I found a little disturbing. And it was the fact that the gentleman came up to me and said, “You know, I looked at that bill, but it had somebody’s name in it; and I’m not going to take up a bill that has somebody’s name in it.”

Now, we passed pieces of legislation—I’ve been here 19 years—and we’ve passed pieces of legislation to recognize people. It’s an honor when their name is attached to a piece of legislation. And the gentleman from Morgan, and maybe others, can remember, maybe the gentleman from Marion County, my father was the recipient of that honor: The Robert C. Beach Agricultural Science Bill. It’s where the student, if they go through four years of agriculture . . . if they get one credit, just one simple credit. . . . But he wasn’t going to take this bill up because it had somebody’s name applied to it. Well, you know, I find that, number one, just absolutely . . . Well, let me back off a little bit here before I get too emotional and use the words I shouldn’t use here. But, I’m just upset that the fact that that was the one reason why that bill was never taken up.

You know, I spoke on the bill earlier in the week and, because of Mrs. Johnson’s passing this morning, decided I would honor her and try to attempt to get this out on the floor. And I don’t think you were listening when I was speaking to the bill and what it would do for women, what it would do for our daughters, what it would do for our wives, our mothers, our aunts, the women in this building, the women in this chamber, to take a look at this piece of legislation. It doesn’t give them 20 percent more in their paycheck tomorrow if we were to pass this. This just allows us to have a transparency in the workplace to allow these women to ask the question: Well, you just hired her for the same position or him for the same position, what are they making? That was one of the questions they
were allowed to ask. And if they were asked: Well, how much were you making in your last job? What were the benefits you were receiving in your last job? Well, you could refuse to answer that question if you’re a woman, or any one for that matter.

But, for goodness sakes, it’s 2020 and the women of West Virginia, 50 percent of the population . . . . There’s women out there who are not making an equal pay doing the same job. What’s wrong with that? What are you scared of? Is it the change? Is it someone’s business might have to write a bigger paycheck for somebody? Is it we may help women? Help them in the workforce, help them pay their bills, help them with savings accounts, help them buy a house, help them pay off their college education? I pray that we have a chance to have an open dialogue in this body and across the hall during the summer months, and let’s study this issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 25, 2020, as Fairmont State Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 50)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today is Fairmont State University Day at the Legislature and we’re proud to have a contingent in the back of the chamber here.

But let me tell you a little bit about the university. Fairmont State University is a comprehensive liberal arts university that turns opportunity, passion, and hard work into excellence. Fairmont State offers dozens of certificate and degree programs, and associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degree level programs. They have 140 fields of study and 40 degree programs.

Let me share also with you some of the enrollment statistics we have at Fairmont State University. We serve the students of this state, 89 percent of the students are in-state students. We also, out of that number, have 40 percent nontraditional students, 61 percent first generation students, and 90 percent of those students receive financial aid.

We are taking care of the educational needs of students in West Virginia. Students from every county in this state attend Fairmont State because they have among the lowest tuitions in West Virginia. Second lowest funded four-year institution in West Virginia, so they can do more with less than most educational institutions in this state.

Fairmont State generates a total impact of $83 million to our economy. In 2018, for every dollar that this Legislature spends at Fairmont State, the university returns $5.69 into the state’s economy. It provides over 830 jobs in our region. It’s the third largest employer in Marion County and it contributes $42 million to the region in wages and salary.

Mr. President, I’m proud to stand here and urge the adoption of this resolution.

Designating February 25, 2020, as Fairmont State Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 50)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, Fairmont State plays a tremendous role in north central West Virginia and, particularly, in Harrison County where it’s had a presence for longer than I can remember. My mother is a graduate of Fairmont State with a teaching degree. My younger brother played ball there.

Along with my friend from Marion County, I can’t tell you what an economic driver Fairmont State is in our area and our aerospace program, and in many other endeavors, both in medicine and other vocations that are so needed in West
Virginia. Its new president, President Martin—she’s not so new anymore, she’s been around for I think almost over a year now—she brings a rich family history to Fairmont State that has really reinvigorated Fairmont State. One of the neatest things I ever saw was her in her Fairmont State sweatshirt out on the first day for freshmen. She’s out there greeting everybody.

Those are good things. That’s what West Virginia’s about. And what Fairmont State brings is truly about West Virginia and I stand in full support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Designating February 25, 2020, as Fairmont State Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 50)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RYAN W. WELD

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand in support of this resolution with my good friend from Marion County. I am a proud Fairmont State alumni. You know, I look back on the four years that I was there and, really, the years that changed my life. People that I met at the school who really changed the trajectory that I was on. People like Dr. George Sprouse, who was my political science professor and my advisor; Ed Denny, who was one of my swim coaches; Pat Snively, who was one of my coaches who is still the coach there now made me into the person that I am.

But it’s not just the school that I have a lot of pride in, but I really enjoyed being a part of the community of Fairmont. And living in the town of Fairmont, I felt, you know, coming from the small town of Wellsburg, I felt right at home in Fairmont, going to places like Yann’s, and Colasseano’s, and the 8th Street Confectionary . . . really enjoyed being a part of Fairmont and living there.

And the people that I met there still to this day remain some of my best friends. My college roommate, his son was the ring bearer at my wedding, and he was in my wedding. I was fraternity brothers with him and so, I think Fairmont is a place where people . . . and for all you students there in the back, look around to the people that you’re with here today because chances are those are the people that you’re going to be friends with for the rest of your life. I see a fist bump there, I notice. They’re going to stay friends.

So, it’s a place where you come together, where you meet people that are really going to shape how you are as a person and the future you’ll have. So, I stand in strong support of the resolution.

Recognizing Shinnston Fire Department’s 90th anniversary

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 51)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today, it is truly my honor to stand in support of this resolution recognizing the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department on its ninetieth anniversary. You know, 90 years is a long time, but it’s particularly long when you think of the achievements that have been seen by the volunteer firemen that have served Shinnston now for nine decades. You know, from its original first fire chief, Harry Carter, and I’m going to just quickly name the others: Joe McIntire, Bob Harrison, Bob Bennett [sic], Jim Spadafore, Doug Gregory, and Dylan Oliveto, they’ve truly achieved a lot.

In 1944, they were there when the tornado hit Shinnston, West Virginia, killing more than 100 people. In 2016 during the floods, they raised over $2 million in relief supplies and got them to needy West Virginians.

Back when this volunteer fire department was first formed, they had about 35 calls a year that they answered to. Last year, they had over 900.
You have to think about the place volunteer firemen occupy in the State of West Virginia. Eighty percent of our firefighting capability comes from volunteers. It’s a lifetime job that doesn’t pay anything.

The efforts of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department are nothing less than heroic. It is my honor to stand in strong support of this resolution for the unsung heroes of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department and the unsung heroes of volunteer fire personnel all over the state of West Virginia.

Mr. President, I stand in support of Senate Resolution 51.

Recognizing Shinnston Fire Department’s 90th anniversary

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 51)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Indeed, it is our honor to recognize these guys. When you travel around in West Virginia, there’s a few things that you kind of take for granted. And if something happens to you, someone’s going to come help you. And that’s exactly what the guys at Shinnston Fire Department do. Their reputation is as good as any out there and we’re fortunate to have them.

You know, the one thing that we sometimes forget about in the volunteer fire departments is it’s dangerous. You know, when they go out on that call and they go to go into a building, they don’t really know what’s in that building, but they don’t hesitate, they go. They’re there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, they’re there. And there’s a comfort that all families have because of that.

And again, it’s my pleasure to stand up and recognize the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department as well as all the volunteers across the State of West Virginia. I urge adoption.

Clarifying American Law Institute’s Restatements of Law

(Passage of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 772)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 772 would just create a single new section of code. It goes in chapter two, article one. Article one is an article that addresses the state’s common law. And it’s a very short section. I can read you the whole bill. It would add a section that reads as follows: In any action governed by the laws of this state concerning rights and obligations under the law, the Restatements of the Law and other legal treatises are not controlling authority.

I interpret that as meaning the courts are not bound by those until such time as our Supreme Court of Appeals would say a precept or part of the Restatement or some other treatise is adopted as precedent and controlling law in this state.

Be happy to try to answer questions. I urge passage of the bill.

Clarifying American Law Institute’s Restatements of Law

(Passage of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 772)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II AND HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Will the Senator from Morgan yield?


SENATOR TRUMP: Absolutely.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes. Senator, would it be consistent with this bill for West Virginia courts to continue to read the Restatements, the legal treaties, and other sources and cite and quote these sources where relevant?

SENATOR TRUMP: Where relevant for them to be cited by the courts or by litigants before the courts?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR TRUMP: Yes. Absolutely.

I think, to be honest with you, I’m not sure that this really creates any variation from what is current law regarding the Restatements or treaties. I think lawyers or litigants can continue to cite them as persuasive authority and argue to the court, or to our Supreme Court, that they should be adopted, that a principle set forth should be adopted as binding authority. I think that all this is trying to do is to make clear that until our Supreme Court says we adopt this part of the Restatement as the law of West Virginia, it’s not controlling on lower courts. But, obviously, if the Supreme Court does do that, it is binding.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Cause “ALIs” right now are not controlling, correct?

SENATOR TRUMP: I don’t believe they are.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Alright.

And again, I just want to be certain that courts can continue to rely upon Restatements, treaties, and other sources where relevant.

SENATOR TRUMP: Oh, I think so for purposes of persuasion or consideration as you know.

Okay, I’ll take a little liberty here and say one of the reasons I felt for so long that we need an intermediate appellate court is that I think it would allow for some broader development of our decisional law in this state. But, without getting into that at length now, we’ll say that there are questions which arise that have not been answered by our court. You know, as a practitioner, you do some research and you find that, you know, there’s really no Supreme Court case from West Virginia that deals directly and squarely with the issue you’ve got before you. So, as a lawyer, what do you do? You look for other authority. You say, that could be, how have other states dealt with this? What does the Restatement of Law say about this? What does Professor Williston on contracts say about this question? And you cite what you can find to the court and try to persuade the court that since we don’t have binding authority, controlling authority, this is what the court should look to and use to decide the question before it.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And practitioners and courts can still do that?

SENATOR TRUMP: Absolutely.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Even with the passage of this law or legislation?

SENATOR TRUMP: I don’t think there’s any bill we could pass that would stop practitioners from doing that. Because, you have to, you know, if we have an open question of law that hasn’t been answered by our Supreme Court or by a statute, you know, we have to convince, you have to try to convince, a court what the legal result, what the interpretation of law should be.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Chairman.

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you.

Clarifying American Law Institute’s Restatements of Law

(Passage of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 772)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: I would just say... I’ll say it again for the record, I don’t think this
changes the law. I don’t. Is there utility in putting this in the law? I agree with my friend from Harrison that it’s not necessary to explain to or remind our current Supreme Court that Restatements of the Law or treatises are not binding, but we have had temporary Supreme Courts for which I think there might be utility to put in code some reminder of what the law actually is.

Authorizing electric utilities construct and operate project within electric utility distribution system

(Adoption of request to withdraw motion to refer Eng. Senate Bill 800 to the Committee on Rules)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, after thorough deliberation here on the floor, I think the Senator from Harrison has made valiant points and I would like to withdraw my motion.

Recognizing Jason Gibbs of Wayne High School for being PLTW Biomedical Science Teacher of Year

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 56)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

It’s a great honor to stand here and recognize somebody that gets a National Teacher of the Year in an area that is so needed in Project Lead the Way. I’ve had the great fortune of knowing Dick Blais, who started Project Lead the Way, and Appalachian Power that started with the first $300,000 to get the program started in West Virginia. But I don’t think any of these people thought in their wildest dreams that we would be honoring someone to this magnitude as Project Lead the Way Teacher of the Year.

Jason is a phenomenal teacher, but, you know when you know when you have a phenomenal teacher? Is when you have phenomenal students that rise up and achieve to levels that you could never believe. To see what he’s done at Wayne High School is phenomenal. It’s one that I’m just amazed at. We’re honored to have his parents and his wife, Christy, here today because what greater thing can you have than see the achievement of your spouse and your son? It’s just an amazing thing and this is a pinnacle of what you can do.

If you look at the students from the biomedical science at Wayne, they are achieving and moving to greater things. One of them has become a Yeager Scholar. Many have moved into many other areas, one of them is in biomedical science engineering at Marshall. It is phenomenal. But that wouldn’t happen unless you had someone like Jason Gibbs teaching them.

We’re also honored to have here today accompanying him is Todd Alexander, the Superintendent of Schools of Wayne County. And I can’t say enough great things about Todd as well. I’ve known him for many, many years.

But to Jason, to you and your family, this is a great honor. It’s a great honor for us to do this for you here in the Senate and congratulations.

Recognizing Jason Gibbs of Wayne High School for being PLTW Biomedical Science Teacher of Year

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 56)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL A. WOELFEL

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Mr. President.
My vision was impaired. I couldn’t see around the Teacher of the Year to see Mr. Alexander back there. So, I must stand in support of the resolution and tell you that Todd Alexander has been an education leader in Cabell and Wayne counties during the course of his career and helped guide many of our young people into success.

But I don’t know the gentleman that we’re honoring today, but I’ll say to him, each of us in this room is proud of you and impressed with what you do, and have done, and will do. And if we would just take a second and think of that one teacher that motivated us and, in my case, it was a nun who was relentlessly critical of my efforts... that one teacher that motivated us into being better. You know, to me that’s what you represent, and we really appreciate what you’ve done. Thanks for being here.

I urge adoption.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 56)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MARK R. MAYNARD

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR MAYNARD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Actually, Wayne High School is my alma mater. Wayne County is represented by six different senators and Wayne High School is actually located in the seventh district. So, on behalf of the Senators from Boone, and Logan, as well as the Senator from Mercer, we appreciate, Mr. Gibbs, all you’ve done in putting Wayne High School on the map and for guiding our kids and being this beacon to them. And I appreciate your efforts and I urge adoption.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 52)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ERIC J. TARR

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

The West Virginia Child Care Association here today with Katrina Harmon, who’s their executive director, is an association of professional service agencies that operate a wide variety of behavioral health and child welfare programs throughout West Virginia. Their role is to provide a voice for the most vulnerable and difficult children who’ve experienced abuse, neglect, emotional and behavioral challenges, substance abuse, and/or delinquency. They work with West Virginia’s child welfare and behavioral health stakeholders to eliminate the policy barriers in day-to-day practices that reduce the effective utilization of our in-state resources. They strive to provide opportunities for West Virginia’s children and families to receive treatment and services in West Virginia where they can remain in their communities with their families and connected to their support system.

With the discussion with foster care that’s in our Legislature this year, I’m very honored to be able to introduce them and to introduce this resolution for them. And I urge its adoption.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 52)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution.
This clearly is where the rubber meets the road for our children here in West Virginia. Our children who are impacted by this substance use disorder and have a very high ACE score (Adverse Childhood Experiences).

We have finally, I think, come to grips with this. We’re learning more and more about it. And this is something that where we really need to focus our resources because every dollar, I guarantee you, that we put into this type of a resource will certainly save so much money in arrears.

So, I strongly support this resolution.

Designating February 26, 2020, as WV Child Care Association Celebrating Children and Families Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 52)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand in support of the resolution as well.

One of the goals, I believe, at this Capitol this session on both sides was to address the foster care system, address social workers and the great work they do on behalf of our West Virginia children and families.

We talked about it before on this floor, and I think there are discussions ongoing obviously, that when you talk about education, when you talk about creating an educated workforce that our companies look for, this is part of it because these people and the work that we do in foster care makes an impact on children and helps them become the best that they can be. And that creates productivity, that creates an educated workforce, so I applaud the Senator from the Fourth for this resolution and I applaud the people that are here that do this very important and precious work on behalf of our children and families.

Thank you.
I’d like to give you a visual for a moment. On February 26, 1972, I, Paul Hardesty, a little nine-year-old boy living at Whitman Creek, West Virginia—I was nine years old, I’d just turned nine—I’ll never forget this as long as I live. You see, back then, on that Saturday, we’d had three days of heavy rain, coming up to that Saturday morning. And back then, the only way you’d get your information was to get your little transistor radio and listen to WVOW Radio in Logan because every half hour, they would give you at what stage the Guyandotte River was. We were having severe flooding in Logan County during that three-day period. And I’ll never forget about 8:30 that morning, the late Bill Becker who owned WVOW Radio, he came on the air and he said something bad has happened up in Man.

We had no idea what and of what magnitude. He came back on the radio about 9:30 that morning and I think outside of the WVOW studios, you could see the Guyandotte River which was out of its banks. And if you can visualize . . . a tractor trailer that hauls gasoline floating right down the middle of the Guyandotte River. And he came back on the radio again, he said something really bad has happened up the road—and in 15- to 20-foot wall of water and debris came rolling down Buffalo Creek. Seventeen communities, 17 little coal camp communities along Buffalo Creek were decimated. Five hundred and seven homes were destroyed, 44 mobile homes, 118 people’s bodies were recovered, seven were never recovered . . . many children and women.

I remember that like it was yesterday, Mr. President. And I would be remiss if I didn’t take this moment and ask for a moment of silence for those people that lost their lives on February 26, 1972, in Buffalo Creek, West Virginia.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Exempting physicians from specified traffic laws when responding to emergencies

(Passage of Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 700)
SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

It is my pleasure and the pleasure of the Senator from Ohio that we represent the area where this year’s Teacher of the Year came from. She is a teacher at Cameron High School, which, if anybody has been to Cameron, it’s a little out of the way. But it’s a great place, especially if you go to a football game and on a home game when they play Hundred, you’ll see everybody there.

Ms. Schwertfeger, I think is . . . I like what it says in the resolution that she is a true daughter of West Virginia. And that she went to West Liberty, she went to WVU, and I think what is interesting about this is that she is our Teacher of the Year but, we were talking beforehand, and she is on her second profession. She decided to make a career change and become a teacher after having a different career. And in the time that she has been a teacher, here she is as the Teacher of the Year. And I think that is something that’s very impressive to note here.

One of the things that she does focus on, which I think is great, is involving men and women, students from rural areas, low-income areas, to get them involved in STEM. And, unfortunately, that covers a lot of the population of the Cameron area. And so, to have someone like Jennifer there to mentor those kinds of students I think is a tremendous thing. She teaches biology, human anatomy, AP biology, and physics for tenth and eleventh grades. And so, I think that by focusing on that really gives those students in that area who might not have that opportunity a leg up, which I think is wonderful.

She’s here because she is the Teacher of the Year, but I was reading through her background, and I don’t know all the criteria and exactly how the Teacher of the Year is selected, but she passed, I think some of her toughest critics, when her students named her a West Virginia Outstanding Honors Teacher. And so, her students might be the tougher of the critics when getting an award like this.

You know, we talk a lot about, especially female students, in getting young women into the STEM fields and Jennifer does that by including her students, the female students, in a physics course called the “Girls Go CyberStart”, which is a national program. And so, we often talk in here about getting young women involved in these fields and she is doing just that.

And lastly, Mr. President, something that you may all have read in the resolution today is a quote from her mom, which I learned today how involved her mom was in Wheeling in the Chamber of Commerce where Jennifer is from: “Always do a little bit more than what is expected of you and someday you will be rewarded greatly for your extra efforts.” And I think today is part of the reward for your extra efforts in being our State Teacher of the Year and also being here today and being honored by the Senate.

So, thank you, very much, Mr. President. I urge adoption.

Recognizing Jennifer Schwertfeger as 2020 WV Teacher of Year
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 53)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE WILLIAM J. IHLENFELD II

Thursday, February 27, 2020

SENATOR IHLENFELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

I am so proud that we have the State Teacher of the Year from the first senatorial district. As the Senator from Brooke County mentioned, this is not Jennifer’s first career. She pursued a career in the medical field and did that until her children were old enough to allow her to pursue her real passion, which is teaching. And the students in Marshall County, particularly Cameron High School, are so blessed that she made that switch mid-life to go ahead and pursue a career in teaching and she was able to bring her real world experience to the classroom. And that’s not something that every teacher is able to do, but she is and she’s able to talk to her students about what it’s like out there in the real world and to bring that experience and also to use her experience in teaching science, and technology, and engineering, and math, and all the other great things that she teaches the students at Cameron High School.

So, I am proud that she’s from my district. I’m proud that she graduated from my high school, Wheeling Park High School, even
though she now is down in Marshall County teaching. And I would urge adoption of this resolution.

Recognizing Cabell Midland High School Marching Band

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 54)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Thursday, February 27, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you.

Cabell Midland, this is actually where my grandson goes to school. Cabell Midland Marching Band has performed on plenty of stages, and big stages, capturing significant hardware as you can see that backs up their title of the “Best Band in the Land”.

The Marching Knights are an eight-time West Virginia State Champion, is often recognized as the top-notch performances, and, in 2018, won the overall Honor Band Award in the Old Gold Division, Grand Champion, at the Seventh Annual West Virginia State Band Invitational Championship. If you’ve never been to that, it’s worth going to, it’s a pretty phenomenal event. The band has also competed on the national level at the Bands of America Grand National Championship and, over the past three years, have been honored multiple times here in the Legislature.

We’d like to also honor the band director. Timothy James has been directing bands for nearly 40 years and has been the band director at Cabell Midland for the last 10 years. In 2010, he was inducted into the West Virginia Marching Band Director’s Hall of Fame, and in 2016, he received the Governor’s Arts Award for Arts Education and that same year was presented with the Distinguished West Virginian award.

We stand in honor of what you all have accomplished and congratulations.

Recognizing Red Hots and Heatwave Show Choirs

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 55)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Thursday, February 27, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

It’s quite an honor to have them here today and they are the five-time defending West Virginia Show Choir Champions. In 2019, they were the twelfth State Show Choir Championship and Six Grand Championships in 2019. They earned 22 grand championships in the past four years. That’s pretty phenomenal. And ranked third in the nation on show choir rankings in 2019 and won their third straight West Virginia State Unisex Show Choir Championship.
We congratulate them and thank them for being here and I urge the adoption.

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Recognizing Red Hots and Heatwave Show Choirs
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 55)

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ERIC J. TARR

Thursday, February 27, 2020

SENATOR TARR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of the resolution.

I tell you what, you’ve never met anybody more proud than a parent of a “Red Hot” or a “Heatwave” member in here. And they are the pride of Putnam County.

I’ve had the honor of getting to see one of my family friends grow up and be in this group here, Madeline Cox, and I hope she’s here somewhere today . . . I think I saw her back there. And I know every day I get to meet with her parents or have a Christmas with them, this is the discussion, is this group of people. They are fine young men and women and they represent our county so well and represent our state so well when they travel abroad.

I strongly support this resolution.

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Designating February 28, 2020, as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 59)

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RYAN W. WELD

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Members of the Senate, standing behind us we have a great group of folks who do, I would say the Lord’s work, in the State of West Virginia. Oftentimes as a prosecutor, some of the most difficult cases that I had were those involving domestic violence, sexual assault, because there, unfortunately, a lot of times, there is a reluctance on the part of the victim to come forward or to stick with seeing the case through because of the intricacies and the intimacies that these cases so often have with them.

And the people that we have behind us play a very, very important role in working with these victims in making sure that they continue to work the case, staying with it, staying involved, and ensuring that the people who commit these acts upon these victims see their day in court or that justice is served in the case. And so, what these people do, I think, is kind of unsung and unnoticed a lot of times because they’re working behind the scenes. While the prosecutor might be the one in the courtroom, they’re the ones that take the time and meet with the victims outside of the courtroom before the trial, while it’s pending.

And so, I think it’s very important to recognize the work that they do. I’ve been honored to work with them on several pieces of legislation over the past several years and really got to come to a tremendous understanding of what they do and how important it is to, not just the criminal justice system, but to our state as a whole. Because there are victims of these types of crimes in all of our communities.

And so, I’m honored today to be able to present this resolution and I urge its adoption.

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Designating February 28, 2020, as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 59)

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
PAUL HARDESTY

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR HARDESTY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise in support of this resolution as well.
I may be just a tad bit biased because the young lady standing on the front row, she just happens to be my daughter and she works for Logan WECAN and she lives this every day. And this group behind us, what they are my friends, is they are . . . they have the hope for the hopeless, and they are the voice of the voiceless.

And what you all do every day is to be commended because we have such a tremendous need in this state. Thank you so much for what you do every day.

I support the resolution.

Designating February 28, 2020, as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 59)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise also in support of the resolution.

This group of people we have behind us include representatives from the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network, the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the group Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia.

Members of this body who were here then will remember, 2015, the Legislature of West Virginia passed “Erin Merryn’s Law” creating the Task Force on the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Much of the hard work has been done by the people who are here with us today. They have brought with them a final report on “Erin Merryn’s Law”. And I think that copies have been distributed to each of our offices . . . so it’s a couple of pages, but I would encourage all the members to take a look at it. It recounts some of the work that has been done, but also some of the things that are yet to be done. And it’s a call to action to all of us.

I should also say, on everybody’s desk you’ll see the button, the Shine Button, and that is to . . . if you read on the back of it, it contains the sad truth, that one in 10 West Virginia kids will experience sexual abuse of some kind. What I love about the Coalition for the Prevention is that it was designed to work to prevent those tragedies from happening.

Mr. President, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Designating February 28, 2020, as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 59)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would be remiss if I did not draw attention on Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day to the problem of prevention. These folks are dealing with the issues day and night of those that have already become victims and dealing with the issues of the perpetrators. But one of the things that this body and our state needs to address is to put in those preventive measures so that we could help our people, our population, not have to go through the experiences that would lead them to these people. And that is not being done nearly as much as it should be done.

And so, on this special day of awareness, I thank you for what you’re doing and certainly urge adoption of the resolution, but also consideration of some prevention in the future.

Thank you.

Designating February 28, 2020, as Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 59)
SENATOR CLINE: Thank you, Mr. President.

All these people that work to make everyone aware, and especially for prevention and to make people aware, and give people a voice that don’t have a voice, especially our children that does not have a voice and these people give them a voice and speak up for them when they don’t have a voice to tell you what’s happening with them in their lives.

So, I’m in great support of these people and everything that they do. Thank you.

Designating February 28, 2020, as Honeybee and Beekeeper’s Day at Capitol

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 57)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
JOHN R. UNGER II

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR UNGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

On this day, we want to take a moment and actually recognize the honeybee and also the honey beekeepers in our state. As many of you all know, the honeybee is the West Virginia official state insect. It’s also . . . the honeybee is the insect who’s activity produces more benefit to West Virginia’s economy than any other insect. And also, I wanted to mention to you a number of honeybee colonies registered in West Virginia is more than 15,000.

One of the things that I wanted to mention also is that you may not know is 16 ounces of honey requires 1,152 bees that travel 112,000 miles and visit 4.5 million flowers. The thing we can learn by the honeybee actually is that they operate, they are dependent on one another, they’re free from personal agendas, each individual bee works closely without call to personality, jealousy, or infighting, and so we can learn something from the bees as far as productivity.
But what I really want to highlight here is a special guest that we have here with us today, and that’s Zak Hersom. Zak Hersom is 12 years old, he attends South Middle School, and he has been a beekeeper for six years, half his life. He was six years old when he started. He’s a lifelong member of the Eastern Panhandle Beekeeper’s Association. As part of the Bee Club Outreach, he has educated over 2,000 students about beekeeping. And you can follow his adventures on beekeeping on Facebook, on Facebook at “Zak the Boy Beek”, “Zak the Boy Beek”.

Zak is one of about 1,200 beekeepers in the state who tend to 15,000 hives and they provide a service for our state on which a value cannot be placed. While most people think of honey sales and, when they think of the economic impact of the honeybee, the biggest value of a honeybee is that they pollinate our crops, our flowers, and our trees. Without the honeybee we would not be able to live.

And so, Mr. President, it’s with great honor that we recognize both the honeybee and, more importantly, the beekeepers that keep the honeybees, but also the future generation of honey beekeepers, such as Zak Hersom.

So, I urge the adoption of the resolution.

Congratulating Herbert Hoover High School softball team for winning 2019 Class AA State Championship

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 58)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE GLENN D. JEFFRIES

Friday, February 28, 2020

SENATOR JEFFRIES: Thank you, Mr. President.

June 23, 2016—that was a hard day for many in our state. There was so much grief and loss occurred when the skies opened up over West Virginia. Everything changed under that relentless rain. Mr. President, the people of Elk River, they are good people, they’re kind people, they’re strong people, everyone worked together over that long hot summer to put their homes and their lives back together. But there was a school within the community, Mr. President, which was in the floodway, was declared a total loss. For our students, our guests here, their high school years would never be as they expected. But the community has pulled together and they have thrived.

Mr. President, let me tell you more about Herbert Hoover High School Softball Team. Their motto is: “No Excuses.” These young ladies are wonderful examples of scholar athletes. Their team GPA is 3.9. They have 10 girls that have a GPA of 4.0 or better. They finished their season 35-1. They won their third consecutive Class AA State Softball Championship. The team earned a 68-1 record during the past two seasons. The softball team won the Cardinal Conference Championship, the sectional and the regional championships. They racked up impressive stats including outscoring their opponents 337 to 23 for the season, 22 to 2 in post-season play. They had a .377 team batting average; a .462 team ERA; a .90 team fielding; they had 30 shut-out victories; and pitched 414 strikeouts to 50 walks.

They are led by their head coach, Missy Smith; Assistant Coaches, Jamanda Rollyson and Terry Jarrett. The Herbert Hoover High School team players are Megan Seafler, Taylor Carpenter, Rebekah Woody, Jessica Canterbury, Aly Miller, Hailey Strawn, Jayce Prowse, Presley McGee, Delani Buckner, Rylee Nottingham, Cortney Fizer, Schyler Greene, Grayson Buckner, Chloe Bates, Caroline Woody, and Emilee Carpenter.

This team has demonstrated a never give up attitude which is shared by every member in the Elk River community.

Mr. President, I ask that you please join me in congratulating these talented young women of Herbert Hoover High School.

I urge passage of the resolution.

Memorializing life of Katherine Johnson, WV native, NASA mathematician, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 60)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DONNA J. BOLEY
SENATOR BOLEY: Mr. President, I rise in support of this resolution recognizing Katherine Johnson, who rose from her humble beginnings in White Sulphur Springs to shatter the barriers society placed in front of her.

In her life, she was a trailblazer for women and for scientists. As one of the first African-American graduate students at West Virginia University, she was a beacon of hope to other young women like her in the late 1930s.

In her storied career with NASA, which was finally told in the book and later movie *Hidden Figures*, millions of people finally learned the story of the strong, brave, and brilliant woman like Katherine Johnson behind the people who went into space and to the moon.

She worked tirelessly to encourage young people, young women to pursue their dreams of a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. She has inspired millions of young women to reach for the stars and generations of girls carry on her legacy today.

For these reasons, Mr. President, I am proud to support the adoption of the resolution today.

Memorializing life of Katherine Johnson, WV native, NASA mathematician, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 60)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE SUE CLINE

Monday, March 2, 2020

SENATOR CLINE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this resolution. The amazing life of Katherine Johnson is one of hope, determination, and rising above obstacles to achieve your dreams.

Through her work with NASA, which was responsible for launching our astronauts into space, she blazed a trail for all women in the field of science, technology, engineering, and math. Her inspirational stories prove that anything is possible even when the odds are stacked against you. She has shown countless numbers of girls that they can be engineers, scientists, or anything else they want to be.

She is a hero, a shining star of West Virginia, and her beautiful legacy is one that will never be forgotten.

I encourage the adoption of this resolution.

Memorializing life of Katherine Johnson, WV native, NASA mathematician, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 60)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Monday, March 2, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

It certainly is a joy to be able to acknowledge a life well lived by such a great lady. God gave her some special abilities and wisdom. She utilized those for His glory throughout her life.

She did so many wonderful things to represent West Virginia. It seems like so much negativity is thrown toward the stereotypical West Virginian but, when you look at the life of Katherine Johnson, it is something that should make all of us proud.

And I want to also say thank you to the Senator from Pleasants, and Wyoming County, and Jefferson County, also, as they serve in this body, this is not an easy thing. There’s been a time or two where I’ve wondered would those statements have been made to a male? And these ladies, I’m sure the Senator from Pleasants has many stories in her many years of tenure here in this body. And I applaud on this Senate. I noticed that everyone, all 34 members, have joined with this resolution, and I think that is very commendable.

A life well lived is a life well spent. And Katherine Johnson embodies that life well spent.
I urge adoption of the resolution.

Memorializing life of Katherine Johnson, WV native, NASA mathematician, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 60)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Monday, March 2, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of the resolution.

Wonderful lady who really makes you want to stick your chest out if you’re a West Virginian. She made us so proud, appropriately, in the very right way of showing women can do so much, African-Americans can do so much, and she was instrumental in change.

I’d also like to just comment on a fellow that’s going to come down here in a minute because Ms. Johnson was a centenarian, she was 101 years old. In the last days of her life, she wasn’t very mobile. But I’d like to just say to you that Joseph Saunders back there really, really put his arms around her and made sure that she was able to get to all the functions that she deserved to be at and went an extra step. And I’m so glad he’s here to be a part of this.

I urge adoption.

Memorializing life of Katherine Johnson, WV native, NASA mathematician, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 60)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN

Monday, March 2, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I want to rise in support of this resolution today.

Ms. Johnson was a resident of White Sulphur Springs in my district in Greenbrier County. You know, the community has in several ways over the past couple of years reached out to try and honor that legacy. I know she has a facility at NASA named after her, but we are also quite proud in White Sulphur that she has the library named after her now, which we thought was an appropriate way to pay honor and tribute to her, her love of education. She was also a proud Presbyterian at the First Presbyterian Church in White Sulphur Springs who taught us so many things as I mentioned on the floor here just a short time ago. Her computations were more trusted than those by microprocessors at NASA.

So, we are very proud of her, her family, her legacy, and I urge support of the resolution.

Thank you.

Recognizing Leadership Jefferson

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 61)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE JOHN R. UNGER II

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

SENATOR UNGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, it’s your pleasure as well as the Senator from Jefferson and mine to have some special guests here from Jefferson County. This is Leadership Jefferson. The individuals that participate in this program . . . it comes from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. They do this program, but they select the best and the brightest in our county that represents the professionals, business, labor, the education, government, religious, and other civic groups throughout our county. Actually, it represents all facets of Jefferson County.

They come together for a whole year where they do educational programming. They go forth
all through the county learning different aspects and this is the day in which the last two days they came down here to visit with us to learn about state government.

During this time, Mr. President—of course that long bus ride that takes about five to six hours—during this time while they’re here, they get to know each other very well. They bond together and it allows for them to network.

But the ones that are here today, these are the leaders of our county in the Eastern Panhandle in Jefferson. The reason why we are known for what we are known for and our economic growth comes from a large part because of these individuals we’re honoring here today.

Mr. President, it’s a great pleasure for me to stand and offer this resolution and I would urge the adoption.

Recognizing October as National Dwarfism Month

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 62)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

October has been declared National Dwarfism Awareness Month by the Little People of America and, as of 2020, there are more than 20 states that have declared October as National Dwarfism Awareness Month. I hope West Virginia does as well.

Little People of America is a national support organization for people with dwarfism and their families. They provide peer, parent, and medical support for the dwarfism community. Today, Little People of America is a thriving international organization with 6,500 members across the U. S. and they’re active in all 50 states.

Dwarfism is a medical condition that usually results in an adult height of 4’10” or shorter among both men and women. Some types of dwarfism are recessive, but many are simply a genetic change at conception. It’s a condition that affects the bones and cartilage. It does not, however, affect intelligence. And people with dwarfism have abilities that are typical of those without the condition.

The term “short stature” is preferred over “dwarfism” or “dwarf”. Also, “little person” or “little people” is often used. The term “midget” is considered offensive and it’s not an acceptable label.

A child with dwarfism is born in one per 10,000 births. That’s 400 births per year in the U. S. They’re an estimated 651,000 people in the world, 30,000 people here in the U. S. Eighty percent of little people have parents and siblings with average height. And little people can have average height children.

Little people are susceptible to other medical problems and this is, you know, where I’ve learned a lot about this myself: Arthritis; spinal stenosis, which is a narrowing of the channel in the lower spine which causes pressure on the spinal cord; multiple spine, neck, and back problems; hydrocephalus, which is an accumulation of excess fluid on the brain; sleep apnea; joint replacements that are often necessary at earlier ages; and respiratory and breathing problems.

There are about 400 different types of dwarfism and each type is different. But most people have an average lifespan being productive members of society. Being a little person does not affect their ability to go to school or work, have a family, or enjoy any other things that life can offer. They contribute to the strength of our economy here in West Virginia by being productive members of the workforce covering all fields and professions. Little people deal with prejudices and ignorance in society every day and for their children, the teasing, bullying, and misunderstandings about the condition can be traumatic.

For this reason, I wanted to bring awareness to this, and I appreciate the Senate’s indulgence and I urge passage of the resolution.

Designating March 4, 2020, as Recovery Community Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 63)
REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
JOHN R. UNGER II

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

SENATOR UNGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

You’ll go to any extent to make sure I don’t talk, so . . . . Anyhow, let’s start this again.

Mr. President, back in the summer of 2016 heavy rains came to the Southern West Virginia and I was on the phone with a very dear friend of all of ours, former Senator from Greenbrier, Ron Miller, and, as he was driving . . . of course, we didn’t know the extent of what was coming but he did indicate to me on the phone that evening . . . as he was driving, he says, “John, I can’t get home. My road’s washed out.” And I said, “Well, you be careful.” He said, “I’ll go to my son’s and stay that night.”

The next morning, he called me early in the morning and he told me about the destruction and the disaster that hit Greenbrier County and asked if I would come down. I got in the car immediately and I went and then I arrived into Greenbrier and at that time the water was still there but I saw something in the midst of all that destruction and all the chaos. But I saw people pulling together, coming together. Even before the National Guard, before any reinforcement, people were helping people.

It was a sight to see where people were out there helping each other even before any other outside help came. It was during that time that as I volunteered and was helping with the relief that I got to know our present Senator from Greenbrier. At that time, he wasn’t a senator, but he’s . . . but the idea was he . . . he was part of the relief effort and was phenomenal. And at that time, we created something called the Greater Greenbrier Long-Term Recovery Committee. And that was a group of everyday folks coming together looking at resources that they had to try to meet the unmet needs of those that had been affected by the disaster.

Traveling all through the south of that area that was hit, we were able to set up long-term recovery committees in all those counties: Greater Clay Long-Term Recovery Committee; Greater Kanawha, actually, the Senator from Kanawha was also involved with that; Greater Summers; Greater Fayette; Greater Roane; so forth. But during that time, it was evident that . . . a person came up to me in Greenbrier and said, “You know, John, people are not going to remember us because of the disaster of the flood. People are going to remember us because of the recovery of what we’re going to do about it.” And that’s so true. In looking at that, I started questioning “What’s the difference of someone coming out of a natural disaster or someone coming out of rehab, or someone coming out of prison, or someone coming from off a plane as an immigrant, or a veteran returning from overseas being gone for so long?” Each and every one of those individuals need a connection.

And so out of that I saw where people were coming together and particularly with this human-made disaster called the addiction epidemic throughout West Virginia, the people coming together and helping each other. And we have various people in different roles. One role, of course, we all know is something called Peer Recovery Support Specialist. Those are individuals that are in recovery, that have gone through treatment, and are helping other people in recovery.

We also have something called Recovery Coaches. And those are individuals that have knowledge of or experience with recovery in the area of substance use disorder and have been trained. Not necessarily in recovery themselves but have knowledge of. Matter of fact, 2018, it was . . . President Trump signed the bill called the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment called SUPPORTS Act. And in there, in that definition, that bill used the very definition that our U. S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito co-sponsored with Senator Chris Murphy from Connecticut called the Recovery Coach Act. And they used the definition from that Act in that bill. And it is, as defined “an individual with knowledge of or experience with recovery from a substance use disorder who has completed training from and is in good standing with an organization that can conduct such trainings.”

So, out of that, these coaches are not only out there helping people with substance use disorder, but they’re also helping individuals that are being released from prison to reintegrate back into the community. They’re also helping veterans that are coming back from overseas that may have been gone for some time, going from a very regiment military life into a civilian life.
can be very daunting at times. These individuals are volunteering their time to help reintegrate and connect.

And now, they’re going into the schools. In our schools . . . we have several schools here throughout the state where youth are being trained as Youth Life Coaches, Recovery Coaches, where they’re receiving a National Certificate of Recovery Coaching, Life Coach Certificate, and three college credit hours. Where these young people are now helping other young people, peer-to-peer in prevention, helping people through adverse childhood experience, helping people through trauma, helping people through the different challenges that one has . . . And see, that’s all about active listening, motivational interviewing, and just people caring about people.

See, I see these folks that are here with us today as firefighters, as first responders. You know, we have professional firefighters, and some are paid and many of them volunteer, and they go out there and they risk their lives. They actually connect with people. But, you know, at one time, earlier on, it used to be that every person in a community was a firefighter because what happened is everybody had a bucket and when the alarm would go off—like we heard here earlier—everybody would rush out of their homes with their buckets and make a line, a fire line. And that’s how they would take—women, men, children, old, young—and they would take the buckets and pass them up to throw it onto the fire. That’s what these folks are doing. They’re expanding out throughout West Virginia, people helping people.

Because, Mr. President, the opposite of addiction is not sobriety. The opposite of addiction is connection and community. You know, we don’t have enough money here to be able to solve the opioid epidemic nor will money solve it, or the addiction epidemic. But what will solve it, are these people right here on the front line. People helping people, caring for each other, building a social capital. Alexis de Tocqueville said in Democracy in America, he wrote, what made America great when he observed was that Americans came together and associated. They came together and helped each other. They built community, common unity. It’s that greatness that these individuals come together and help each other, not for money . . . why do they do it? Because they build resiliencies in their lives and they want to help others to build resiliency.

Mr. President, I am honored to be able to stand here and I’m so pleased that this body is honoring these group of folks. And they’re all from each of your all’s districts. They’re out there working every single day tirelessly helping individuals in recovery from either substance use disorder, trauma, adverse childhood experience, or even a person that’s coming back from overseas from the military that just want to be reintegrated back into community. They’re reaching out their hands and they’re helping our folks.

See, Mr. President, all I can say is when I went down to Greenbrier County and I saw the people down there, and also in Clay County, and all the other parts in Kanawha County . . . when I saw people helping others, I can’t help but think that that was the spirit of West Virginia back when we were formed. You think about that, we were in the middle of a war, we were being threatened, and here a group of people came together and said you know what? We’re going to forge our own state. We’re going to come together and it’s only going to be through our resources, through our opportunity that we’re going to be able to do it. And you know what, Mr. President? That DNA is in each of us today and I’m going to tell you right now those folks right here that we’re honoring, it’s manifested in their spirit of what West Virginia’s about. Because folks, people are not going to remember about West Virginia being . . . the overdose deaths, and ways we’ve been affected with the addiction epidemic or any type of disasters that occurred to us. People will not remember West Virginia for that. Mr. President, people will remember us for recovery. What are we going to do in recovering from it? And these are the individuals that are leading the way, are shining the light, and making us proud as West Virginians.

Mr. President, I urge the adoption of the resolution.

Designating March 4, 2020, as Recovery Community Day
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 63)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’d like to thank the Senator, also the Senator from Boone who’ve led the Public Health Caucus this session. I think this . . . we had a discussion this morning—that was our last Public Health Caucus—and that has been a very important time. I just wanted to take time to thank you both publicly for that and for all the members who participated.

The substance abuse crisis is really overwhelming, I think, to so many of us to the point that we’re not quite sure what we can do to help. I took great inspiration and hope in our meeting this morning in knowing that there are people on the ground who are already leading. Specifically, young people who are already leading the way. And I wanted to take time to recognize a few of those and say thanks.

We’ve got two students here from Greenbrier West High School today who took their own time during the summer, took it upon themselves to become Recovery Life Coaches. We’ve got four hostess students here today from Greenbrier East High School who’ve developed an opioid awareness curriculum for use in public schools, hopefully, all across the state of West Virginia. It has won an international award . . . and it’s students right here in West Virginia serving other students in West Virginia.

Recovery’s real. These folks right here prove it each and every day. You all are leading the way for us in a very difficult time. And I just want to say on behalf of a very grateful state, thank you. Thank you for your leadership.

I’d like to stand up briefly and congratulate all the folks behind me who have put in so much effort to help their fellow West Virginian and I’d like to take a second to thank my friend, the Senior Senator from Berkeley. Back in ’16 in the flood, Senator Facemire and I were down in Clay County trying to help circle the wagons and help the folks down there and we came upon the Senator. When he first started this effort and had a whole group of people put together back then . . . and I found him in Harrison County. I found him in practically every county that you can imagine in north central and central West Virginia.

And I think, along with these people and all the gratitude we want to show them, we need to show our friend some gratitude, too. I’m in favor of the resolution, Mr. President.

Recognizing efforts of Kanawha State Forest Foundation

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 64)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

On your behalf and on the behalf of the Senior Senator from Kanawha and everyone in this chamber, this resolution recognizes the efforts of the Kanawha State Forest Foundation.

In 1938, the Civilian Conservation Corps, a New Deal program, established a camp, Kanawha S-76, to provide employment during the Great Depression. The CCC built picnic shelters and roads throughout the Kanawha State Forest.

In 1989, the CCC established the Kanawha State Foundation and they just recently celebrated the thirtieth-year anniversary. These folks are the reason why the Kanawha State Forest is in the condition that it is in and, therefore, provide a great public service to anyone who loves the outdoors.
More recently, they have created a wheelchair-accessible playground at the Kanawha State Forest, the first of its kind in the entire state of West Virginia. They did so with the help of Marmet Hospital Foundation, Diversified Gas & Oil, and the Bureau of Public Health.

The individuals here being recognized for the resolution are Vice President Carl McLaughlin, who I got to talk to earlier today and I found out that he graduated with my uncle, Bob Tabor, in 1965 from Stonewall Jackson, so that was nice; Superintendent Chris Bartley; Assistant Superintendent Zach Bernath, a graduate of Glenville State; and our own Jennifer Bauman, who works with Senator Romano here at the Senate.

These folks do wonderful work and they provide and protect a jewel of a natural resource here in Kanawha County and I must I say I’m kind of bias. I take my boys up there just about three or four times a year to catch minnows, salamanders, and lizards. They’re all about it.

So, I thank them for what they do. I urge the Senate to accept the resolution.

Designating March 5, 2020, as Treatment Court Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 67)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today is a great day to recognize the hard work that people put into our treatment courts, whether it be drug treatment courts, juvenile drug treatment courts, or military service member courts, or family treatment courts which have just recently been stood up. A lot of people make these things work from the people who work in the court system to volunteers who become a part of these programs but, I think, most importantly, the people who participate in them who have recognized that they need the help and that these steps are necessary for them to get through their problems with addiction and get to another place in their life where they can become productive members of West Virginia again.

And, this morning, I had the opportunity and the pleasure to attend the Drug Court graduation over in the Supreme Court.

But also, one part of it I wanted to bring all the members’ attention to that the first graduate of our Military Service Member Court, as we reinstituted it last year, graduated this morning. A gentleman, a young man from Raleigh County. And so, I think everyone in this room should take pride in the fact knowing that you all helped get legislation done that has changed that young man’s life, an Air Force veteran. He’s now on a better path.

And so, I think that these courts work. I come from a county where ... the gentleman I often refer to as the Godfather of Treatment Courts, Jim Lee, a former Brooke County probation officer, who’s known to many in this chamber. So, he played an integral part in that and I think that we’re carrying on that tradition but also starting new programs that recognize the challenges that West Virginia faces, the challenges that West Virginians face, but finding a way to get to the root of these people’s problems instead of just locking them up and not addressing what’s really the reason they found themselves in the criminal court system.

So, because of that, Mr. President, I want to thank everyone in here for their hard work and I urge adoption of the resolution.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 67)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Again, this is a great celebration today. We have worked hard on this substance use disorder
and I would venture to say that about 90 percent of the ideology of where they end up in these courts, at least 90 percent, have to do with just this rampant substance use disorder.

This, you know, again, you have to get in trouble before you get into these courts. Along the continuum, this is the last stop in many cases for a productive life in these people’s lives. And I have seen firsthand the dramatic turnaround, the dramatic future for folks that have graduated from these courts.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our Twenty-Fifth Circuit Judge, Will Thompson, who has been a national, state, local, and national leader with regard to these drug courts. It’s a phenomenal program, I applaud the Supreme Court for getting this right. And I applaud the Senate for trying so hard along the continuum of prevention, treatment, recovery, and this is a huge part of recovery because they’re going down a road that the next stop would be prison.

So, I urge adoption of the resolution.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

I urge adoption of this resolution as well and stand in support of it. What these courts do, what our judges do, what our family court judges do is just a wonderful job on one of the fronts of addiction and the opioid crisis here in this state. There’s an education element. There’s a health care element. And again, our courts have played an important and an essential role in getting people back on their feet. I’ve seen it. The folks that come through there and have become productive West Virginia citizens not only for themselves but for their families and . . . .

I would be remiss . . . Judge Thompson does a great job there in Boone, Judge Bailey does a great job here in Kanawha County, but all the judges across the state of West Virginia, I thank them for what they do, for the Supreme Court taking the role that it has in this.

And I urge support. And I do stand in support of this resolution.

Thank you.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL A. WOELFEL

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Mr. President.

As I’ve stated here previously, in a former life, I presided over juvenile court cases in Cabell County for many years. And it wasn’t always the case that the leadership at the top of our Judiciary recognized the value of diversion, rehabilitation, and drug court. In fact, some of the previous justices flat out cut back funding for these programs.

And I’m glad to say that we have new leadership, the three justices that are here today represent that new leadership; the leadership focused on rehabilitation, recovery, atonement, a sense of resurrection. And we all recognize how hard it is for the individual and their families, but it really starts at the top. And this group of justices has given us the leadership that allows drug courts like Cabell County—Judge Greg Howard, Judge Al Ferguson—to flourish and to give people a second chance that’s well deserved.

So, I urge adoption.
Designating March 5, 2020, as Treatment Court Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 67)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would have little to add to the eloquent remarks of my colleagues here in this Senate but I will say that I’m appreciative of the work that is being done all across the State of West Virginia under the leadership of our Supreme Court of Appeals to salvage lives of West Virginians . . . our constituents . . . all of them.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

Designating March 5, 2020, as Treatment Court Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 67)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

Let me say something to the folks that have gathered here today. We’re very proud of you. You’ve accomplished something great in your life and we’re for you.

I hope that you sense the love that comes from a place like this with creating an atmosphere where you can be able to become winners. You are winners. You’re on the winning side and we want to cheer you on. Keep on going, going the right direction, and, when you are a success, that makes our state a success. We’re proud of you.

Thank you for being here today to represent the treatment courts program and thank you for your effort being put forth. When it gets to those quiet times, the times of temptation, the times when there’s stress and difficulties that are pressing on you, don’t ever forget that you’ve got a whole host of people behind you that are cheering you on and we want you to do very well.

We’re so proud of you. Thank you for being here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing Buckhannon-Upshur 4-H Air Rifle Club

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 68)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BILL HAMILTON

Thursday, March 5, 2020

SENATOR HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to present the nine team members of the Buckhannon-Upshur 4-H Air Rifle Team who are the West Virginia State 4-H Air Rifle Team Champions for 2020. This is quite an achievement for them because they’ve worked long and hard to accomplish this.

Team members are accompanied by Head Coach Russ Warner, Assistant Coaches, Dave Riffle, Craig Presar, and Courtney Warner. Parents and grandparents are accompanying the team today are Karen Lemons, Holly Lemons, Dale Morgan, and Gary Tenney.

4-H has been a factor in the development and leadership of our Upshur County and West Virginia youth since the late 1940s. We’re extremely proud of all who have participated in the past and the present from our youth, our adult leaders, advisors, and mentors who have donated their time to the youth of our proud state.

I especially want to thank our parents; school board members; Dr. Sara Stankus,
Superintendent of the Upshur County Board of Education; and the West Virginia WVU Extension Service for their joint cooperation and dedication towards developing a program that will continue to grow and thrive into the future. It does not stop here as we are developing future team members for our great WVU Rifle Team throughout our great state.

We are West Virginia proud. So 4-H’ers, let’s show our appreciation.

Thank you.

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Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE GLENN D. JEFFRIES

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR JEFFRIES: Thank you, Mr. President.

On your behalf and my Junior Senator from the Eighth’s behalf . . . . I remember in 2017, it was a nice, beautiful day outside and I was coming to the Senate chamber and happened to meet you out at the front entrance and I remember Sandy Westfall. She had grabbed ahold of us and said, “There’s some great people that I’d like for you to meet.” And, it was on that day that I got to meet Kelly Rowan Wymer and many of these West Virginia children and their families who are living with childhood cancer.

Mr. President, I greatly appreciate Kelly’s leadership of the Kids Cancer Crusaders. I have learned that there is so much need to be done to bring this childhood cancer out of the shadows. We desperately need funding for research into causes and age-appropriate treatments.

Mr. President, during the State of the Union in 2019, President Trump . . . . he pledged $500 million over 10 years toward childhood cancer research. And I’m very grateful and very thankful for that.

We’re very pleased that the second year of the funding, $50 million, for the National Cancer Institute was included in the administration’s 2021 budget. The NCI will use it to link existing childhood cancer databases, create a data share system for pre-clinical and clinical data, and fund research on rare pediatric cancers.

Last summer, Representative Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania introduced a Fairness to Kids with Cancer Act (HR 4429). Mr. President, we sent letters to the West Virginia congressional delegation to make them aware of this legislation and very, very pleased that Representative Carol Miller became a co-sponsor. Only four percent of the nation’s funding for cancer research goes to childhood cancer. Yet 24 percent of the population is made up of children under the age of 18.

Since 1980—get this—since 1980, only three drugs have been approved for treating childhood cancer. Yet hundreds have been developed for the treatment in adults. Each day in the United States, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer. One in five will not survive. In others, cancer may be put into remission but the child suffers from the harsh treatments. Sixty percent of the children who survive cancer suffer from side effects, including infertility, heart failure, secondary cancers brought on by outdated treatments.

In 2018, St. Jude’s published a study of genetics of childhood cancers. They found that half of the mutations responsible for the tumor’s growth in a child are not seen in adult cancer. Childhood cancer is very different. That is why . . . . that is why there must be more research into specific therapies for children.

In 2018, Mr. President, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 590 (Providing special license plate for curing childhood cancer), which created a childhood cancer awareness license plate. There’s been 362 of those plates that have been sold so far. Thanks to each of you who were serving then and supported the creation of these plates. It means so much to the families. And, by the way, you can get one at your local DMV anytime.

I think of these brave children and families with us today. They face the future with such courage, and grace, and hope, and thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey.

Mr. President, please join me in welcoming the families of the West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders. Mr. President, I urge passage of the resolution.

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Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
STEPHENV BALDWIN

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

Today I’m honored to stand and speak in support of this resolution for all of our guests who are here today, and also for this young man. This is Grayson VanBuren. I want to tell you a little bit about Grayson. Grayson’s a remarkable young man. He’s an athlete. He loves football. He loves baseball. He loves basketball. He’s a scholar at school. He’s a gentleman. He’s a manager for the Greenbrier East basketball team. He’s a huge Carolina Panthers fan. He’s a very proud West Virginian. Grayson couldn’t be here today, but Grayson is watching us. So, I want to say, “Hey, Grayson. I hope you’re able to see what’s going on here today.” Grayson is in the midst of chemo right now at UVA Cancer Center in Charlottesville.

I underwent treatment myself there this winter and I’ll never forget the first time that I walked into that waiting room. I expected it to be a place of tremendous sadness . . . and it was not. I was wrong. It was filled with the bravest and strongest people I’d ever met in my life.

Grayson is one of the strongest people in our community. And, as the Senator from the Eighth said there just a minute ago, we need more funding for childhood cancer research. Just four percent—that blew me away—just four percent goes towards kids. Grayson, he happened to discover his during a routine tonsillectomy and, fortunately, he did. So, they were able to catch it in time, catch it early to dedicate the resources that he needs to him.

We need additional resources dedicated to prevention and research for Grayson and for all of our friends who are here today. So that’s why I’m very proud to stand in support and I welcome you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

One of the great benefits that we have as members of this body is we get to recognize the many contributions of West Virginians whether it’s in the arts, or sports, or academia. But I rise in support of this resolution because few have given up more than these fine folks. They’re all heart.

I urge adoption.

Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
CHARLES H. CLEMENTS

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know a lot of times in life you see things that you never forget. We had a great family friend, young child, developed neuroblastoma, and, at the time in the late seventies, there was not much that could be done. But we went to Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital to visit. And like the Senator from Greenbrier said, it was a place of joy, but sadness. And I will never forget walking out of that hospital one night and a car pulled up in the parking garage and a mother jumped out of that car, that big extra big envelope, and the look on her face . . . I’ll never forget.

We need to do more. Chris didn’t live. He lasted about three or four years and underwent a lot of hard treatments. He went to Philadelphia,
had a bone marrow transplant, it didn’t help. We need to do more . . . much more.

Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE PATRICIA PUERTAS RUCKER

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR RUCKER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to—quickly, of course—agree with all of the sentiments that have already been said. And also, just remind folks, that there are hardworking doctors, and nurses, and staff that are there in these hospitals, in these care clinics, helping these kids. My husband is one of them. And I’ve told him many times I don’t want to hear the stories because I don’t think I could take it. But he loves his work and he loves being able to help these patients, young patients that he has. And, you know, whatever we can do to help. It is obviously something that is very important to all of us.

Thank you.

Recognizing WV Kids Cancer Crusaders

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 69)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

We all know each individual families that have been impacted and, certainly, right now there’s a little fellow, Luke Pearson, he’s up at WVU as we speak. He’s a little three- or four-year-old fellow and . . . you know, he’s got a brain tumor. And it’s down at the base of the brain. And they’re, you know, we’re hoping for a good treatment for chemo. And they’re very thankful that it reacts favorably four out of five patients. And they have a lot of optimism. And this is certainly one way to honor all the people but this little fellow’s a real fighter and they’re very appreciative of the doctors, Dr. Tomboc, for example.

So, this resolution helps honor all these little fellows and girls out there that are really fighting for their lives.

I urge adoption.

Designating March 6, 2020, as McDowell County Day

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 70)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE SUE CLINE

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR CLINE: Thank you, Mr. President.

On behalf of the Junior Senator from the Ninth, the Senior Senator from the Sixth, and the Junior Senator from the Sixth, and myself, I’m honored to present a resolution for McDowell County Day at the Legislature.

As set forth in this resolution, McDowell County has the distinction of having several firsts. Welch was the location of the first memorial building in the United States dedicated to the memory of Americans who gave their lives for their country in World War I and to honor veterans of that war.

McDowell County was the home of the first female African-American state legislator, Minnie Buckingham Harper, who was appointed in 1928 to the West Virginia House of Delegates.

The Kimball World War I Memorial was the first memorial built in the United States to honor African-American veterans of World War I. Today, it’s the only such memorial remaining.
The first municipal parking building in the United States was completed in 1941 in Welch and is still maintained today.

Additionally, the county seat of Welch has a nationally recognized historic district diverse in architecture and cultural styles.

McDowell County has consistently answered the call of the military service sending countless soldiers to defend our country.

McDowell County has embraced adventure tourism and is part of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail. The county allows visitors to connect to popular Hatfield-McCoy trails including Indian Ridge, Pocahontas, Pinnacle Creek, and offers an extensive route of exciting ATV trails.

Anawalt Lake, Berwind Lake, and Panther Wildlife Management Areas are just a few of the places in McDowell County that offer a glimpse of the natural beauty and majesty of our great State of West Virginia as well as access of hiking trails, fishing, swimming, and cabins and more.

The proud people of McDowell County have rebuilt from devastating floods and the county has sought to and has successfully revitalized its cultural community and economic outlook.

Mr. President, I urge adoption of this resolution and I stand to present the best of McDowell County . . . her people.

Thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHANDLER SWOPE

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR SWOPE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I proudly rise in support of this resolution. It’s no secret that I was born and raised in McDowell County. I’m quite proud of that fact. And I’d like, briefly, to speak to some perspectives that most people may not know about.

A lot of people know that during World War II and World War I it was coal that drove the energy that did the manufacturing that, perhaps, the outcome of the war may have been a little different if it wasn’t for coal. What people may not be aware of is that from the early 1900s up through the 1980s, McDowell County—"MacDowell" County, I’m sorry, I’m the one that’s supposed to pronounce it right—was the number one leading coal producing county in the entire nation. That’s not very well known.
Now, we all know that McDowell County has fallen on hard times lately. But McDowell County is populated with coal people. And I thought I’d take an opportunity to give you a little different perspective of what that means.

Most of the coal mines in McDowell County are four feet or less in height. It’s called “low coal”. The difference between low coal and high coal is low coal you can’t stand up in. High coal you can. Now, I’m trying to paint a little picture here to visualize what that’s like. Think about this morning if you ate breakfast at your breakfast table and then when you get done with breakfast and you’re ready to go to work, you crawl under that table and stay there all day. Don’t change the tire on the car, don’t fix an engine, don’t do any welding, don’t do anything, just stay under your table all day and don’t come out. Can you imagine how tough that is?

Coal people are tough people. Everything they do is tough. And because they’re tough people, I know that they’re going to persevere. I proudly support this resolution.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 70)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROLLAN A. ROBERTS

Friday, March 6, 2020

SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I think it’s rather significant today, we didn’t make this happen, but it did happen, and it is very real that we have two gentlemen here today representing an entire county. We’ve gone through session after session, and resolution after resolution, and we’ve had the place filled with people from different counties . . . some of your counties represented here. But in McDowell County we have two. And I’m proud of you being here to represent your county today.

But I want to remind my colleagues today that McDowell County gave its all for so many decades to provide coal and to help supply what was needed for wars, world wars. Their heritage is rich and deep, but they have been so decimated and so overlooked and are hurting so much that their population is down to a tenth of what it was one day decades ago. We have two representing this county.

I found out when we were given some charts of the workforce participation that we have some counties in our state that are very much involved in workforce participation, others somewhat less. But there was one county in the entire state that sticks out as being at the bottom, by far. And, unfortunately, it’s the county that these two gentlemen represent here today.

I would ask you to pray for the folks in McDowell County because they have something there that has sparked an energy in that county that is wonderful. It’s taken a long time. We sometimes say that you have to hit bottom before you bounce up. Well, I think we can say that McDowell County hit bottom many years ago . . . and they hit hard. But they’re not going to stay down. They’re fighting back. They have places like Panther State Forest, the wildlife management area, and some wonderful places there that they’re bringing back.

I always thought it was interesting to hear about the story of how Panther and all got its name there, a tributary off the Tug River . . . it said that a pioneer killed a panther there one day and so they’ve always called that Panther. And when they wanted to get some things going with the state forest . . . in 1940, the Welch Daily News spearheaded a “Pennies for Panther Campaign” and they raised $9,000 in 1940 to get that state forest going.

There’s a lot of things there that most people don’t have any clue of and if we can just get access and get some things moving in a direction to get people into McDowell County, it would be great.

And, by the way, when I go to “MacDonald’s,” I buy a Big Mac, not a Big “Mick”. But, anyhow, that’s another story for another day.

But I’m proud of these men being here today to represent your county and you should stand tall and proud and I solicit any help in the future that we can do for this struggling county trying to fight back that we would do that from this body and this place.

Thank you. I urge adoption of the resolution.
Memorializing life of Karl Cameron
“Butch” Lilly III, former Assistant Clerk of WV Senate

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 71)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I can tell you many stories about Karl—and some of them I really can’t tell you, if you don’t remember Karl and his humor and . . . .

But, you know—this is no offense to Lee—but Karl would, you know, be there [purposefully inaudible], you know, when he’d talked. Sometimes you didn’t understand what he was saying. And he told me one time that, “The reason I do that is because people really don’t want to hear about what’s going on. They just want to vote.”

He, you know, one day—and Lee and I were talking about this earlier—one day after the session somebody came down from the gallery and said, “You know, you’ve got to get that guy to talk where we can understand him. We can’t understand what he’s saying up there.” Well, that’s the way Karl wanted it. He wanted to be able to go through the things and do that and put as little attention on him and more attention on the process.

And he was all about the process. He understood the process and, you know, he was the first time I ever saw time out. When we were going through here and we were doing something wrong and he would finally go, you know, and do his motions . . . but it was also subtle the way that he did that.

I have a great fondness and memories of Karl and from when I first arrived here and the kind of person he was and the family man that he was. It’s amazing. And knowing a little about Glen Rogers, the area that he was from, he is the epitome of the type of person, the kind of human being that comes from Glen Rogers. And that’s a testament to him.

We’re forever grateful for his service here and I just wanted to share that and my deepfelt sympathy to the family; but we really enjoyed him, and we really enjoyed his subtle humor that he had all the time.

Thank you.

Memorializing life of Karl Cameron
“Butch” Lilly III, former Assistant Clerk of WV Senate

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 71)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this resolution. Karl was a . . . he really cared about the institution of the Senate and he wanted all of us to know the rules. And he mentored all of us that are older than . . . the last couple of . . . few years. He also really cared about the Blue Book. That was so important because he wanted all of West Virginia to know about West Virginia history and the process of government.

I spent some time back in places in this Capitol I didn’t even know existed. His little office back there, you could . . . I guess gerrymander yourself back to where his office was and we would chat and talk and if I had questions, he would answer them for me.

He loved music . . . was a good singer. He, you know, really always was asking about my good friend, Mark Payne, the great banjo player . . . and where’s he playing . . . and we’d run into him.

I was fortunate enough to attend his service. I wanted to go up to Sissonville there to show my last respect.

He really was a mentor with the Rules of the Senate, the parliamentarian process, and we all learned and benefited so much from his life.

I urge adoption.
REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President, or Mr. Apostle, as we were told today.

I want to take a moment . . . last night I was going to do this in remarks and I failed to remember to do it. And last night traveling home, I ran into Derek Hyman who is the family that used to own the Keith-Albee.

The Keith-Albee was recognized with a number of theaters in the Daily Mail yesterday. If you don’t know about the Keith-Albee, it was a vaudeville theater that was built by Abe and Sol Hyman. And I ran into the grandson, Derek Hyman, and many of you all know the great-grandson, Max Hyman, that works for Senator Capito. The Hyman family built this theater in 1928 for $2 million. And it articulates all the theaters, but it has a picture of the Keith-Albee and I would like to make sure that you all would see this.

The Keith-Albee is a magnificent theater. And the Hyman family is to be congratulated for the way that they kept it . . . and I’ll get into a little bit of that here in just a second just how much they did.

You know, as the vaudeville—this was, you know, built as a vaudeville theater—and the name Keith-Albee comes from vaudeville. That was the vaudeville shows and that’s the name of the theater. Thomas Lamb, the architect, built a number of these theaters throughout the country and right now the Keith-Albee is the only Thomas Lamb atmospheric theater . . . when you look up to it, it’s like you see the stars. You have lights that are lit up. This is a phenomenal place.

But, really, I talked to Derek last night. And I told him again how much I appreciated what his family did for the city of Huntington and what they did for the Huntington area in building that theater. If you have not been in it, I encourage you all to come. I’m not selling tickets but on April 1, we are having a “Sorry, Not Sorry”. Chris Miller, who does the shows . . . this is, you know, Congresswoman Miller’s son that does the TV ads for car selling. He is going to go through and do a skit and things with his friend that . . . they write all the things. And it’s going to be funny. It’s going to be a really neat thing. But we’re doing these as fundraising events.

But back to the Keith-Albee, it’s a gem. It’s something that not many places have. It seats 2,300–2,400. It’s the largest venue of its type between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. It is a phenomenal place. I’ve been fortunate to see West Side Story when I was young and many things. But last week, they had fifth graders from the area schools in. And it was, I think we had somewhere in the neighborhood of about 1,200 students there to see something that’s pretty remarkable and they’re engaged.

We feel—Congresswoman Miller has been working with this as well as Senator Capito and Senator Manchin—but we’re on the cusp of getting this as a national historic landmark, which it is. As I mentioned, it’s the only fully intact Thomas Lamb atmospheric theater in the country. Nothing like this. And next month, we will have a visit from the National Center for Arts and people that will judge and ask us questions.

I speak about this because sometimes we get caught up in all of the things that we do here that we go back to areas and represent those areas; like the Senator from Harrison and the Senator from Braxton have the Robinson Theater in
Clarksburg; like you have the Smoot Theatre; like you have the theater in Wheeling, the Capitol Theatre I believe it is. These are gems that you cannot replicate and we need to maintain those.

And, while we get caught up in some of these things I think it’s really good . . . and this was a good reminder to me that I may have complained sometimes of going to the meetings and trying to do those things, but when you see this and then you look at . . . they sent me the video of the kids, the fifth grade children, in the Keith-Albee, you have to reflect back and remember that’s why you did it.

Thank you.

**Urging Congress safeguard pharmaceutical supply chains**  
*(Adoption of Senate Resolution 72)*

**REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS**

*Saturday, March 7, 2020*

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

We have shipped a lot of the manufacturing of our pharmaceuticals overseas. We are obtaining a lot of our active pharmaceutical ingredients from overseas, even if we manufacture the medicines here. I think that’s a problem. A lot of these drugs are being manufactured in China, India, and other places. Many of you all may have already been impacted by some of this stuff because the FDA, in 2018, announced a voluntary recall of a generic, commonly prescribed blood pressure medication, Valsartan. And it had to do with a, potentially, carcinogenic toxin N-nitrosodimethylamine, or NDMA. And it turned out that that particular ingredient was from China.

So, the idea with this resolution, frankly, is just have Congress look at the safety of our drugs that are being manufactured and to consider having them being manufactured here in America when possible. You know, Morgantown has a very large presence in the manufacturing industry at one time and still may be the largest generic manufacturer of generic medications, Mylan. Recently, they formed a new company when they merged with a subsidiary of Pfizer, Upjohn; and Mylan and Upjohn formed Viatris.

There’s a lot of innovation going on here in West Virginia, particularly in the neurosciences. In fact, if there’s a cure for Alzheimer’s, it may come from the Neurosciences Institute. And wouldn’t it be great to have all this innovation and manufacturing and things like that be right here in the great State of West Virginia . . . and certainly be in the United States of America?

A lot of people take these medications, we just want them to be safe. So, I hope that we’ll urge Congress to look at this issue in general and urge them to, again, might be able to help us with job creation and safety all at the same time.

I urge passage.

**Memorializing life of Dorothy Vaughan, NASA mathematician and computer programmer**  
*(Adoption of Senate Resolution 73)*

**REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT D. BEACH**

*Saturday, March 7, 2020*

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Ladies and gentlemen, before you, you have Senate Resolution 73 which we are memorializing the life of Dorothy Vaughan.

You’ve heard me speak on the floor and we’ve honored Katherine Johnson here on the floor a few years ago. But Dorothy Vaughan was also a critical part of NASA’s program and our success of putting man on the moon so to speak. Dorothy is actually a graduate of Morgantown, of Beechurst Avenue High School. And that was the last remaining segregated school in Monongalia County at that time.
But, it’s impressive to know that by the age of 19, she’d already graduated with a B.A. in mathematics ... went on to teach. But it was in 1943 that probably changed her life and everyone’s life here in the United States and across the world in regards to space travel. Dorothy actually acquired a job at Langley Research Center, working for a small group there of computer programming at that time, believe it or not. She stayed there for 28 years ... right through the John F. Kennedy Space Program. The program she initially was with was what was referred to at that time as the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Later it became NASA and that’s where she found her success and the success that we have seen in regards to our space program.

Dorothy, in fact, did help us with the space race. She was depicted in the movie Hidden Figures and they did her justice in that movie. Quite a remarkable woman. She went on to receive a Congressional Medal of Honor. There’s actually a crater on the moon named after Dorothy Vaughan. It was dedicated on her hundred and ninth birthday.

And it’s a great honor, I think, for myself and the Morgantown community and all of West Virginia to recognize Dorothy today. And I urge adoption of the resolution.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENIOR TRUMP: I rise in support of the resolution.

When I think of the distinguished Minority Leader, there are a number of words that come to my mind: Integrity, that’s the first word that comes to mind, integrity; fearless is the second word that comes to mind. The Senator from Marion County has demonstrated fearlessness throughout his entire legislative career. Not afraid to buck his own political party when it’s for the good of the State of West Virginia; and certainly never afraid to buck the other political party.

But when I came to the House of Delegates in 1992, the Senator from Marion was then serving in the House of Delegates and I learned I great deal in the House ... how to be a delegate from the Senator from Marion, as we all have here in this Senate. He’s taught us all more than he probably knows about how to be a senator, how to be a statesman because that’s what he is, and he demonstrates it every day. He’s demonstrated it over the course of more than three decades now. There’s only one other member of the Senate who was here in 1988 when Senator Prezioso came to the Legislature.

But we have to acknowledge that the people who came to the Legislature in 1988, in great degree, saved the State of West Virginia, Mr. President. The state was in bad financial shape. We had pension systems that were funded in single-digit percentages. And the group that came to the Legislature then worked hard, put this state on a course that in bipartisan fashion we have maintained these 30 years since. So that now the state’s prospects, and certainly its liabilities, its pension liabilities, have diminished.

The State of West Virginia owes a great debt of gratitude to the gentleman from Marion County.

And I rise in support of this resolution. I urge its adoption.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DAVE SYPOLT

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution. Senator Roman Prezioso has been a great friend and mentor of mine. He was here many years before I was and, as many people know, he
served in the House before as Chair of Education. And then when I was first elected to the Senate, he was the Chair of the Health Committee in the Senate. And he was a person that I could always go to if I had a question or I had a problem. And I remember, before I was elected to the Legislature, I met him on the campaign trail several times. And we would talk about issues . . . many times there would be things that I didn’t understand, and we would fundamentally, maybe, disagree about something . . . and I would ask him—standing around—I said, “Can you explain this to me?” And he told me, “You come to the Capitol, and anytime you want to see my files, you come to my office. We’ll open up the filing cabinet, you can see everything that I see. I will have my staff talk to you and explain to you everything they know, and I’ll put you in touch with every person that has talked to me, and I’ll help you understand. We might not agree . . . and that’s okay.” But he said, “My office is your office. It’s the people’s office, I’m just using it for now.” It’s a true story.

Later on, he was the Chair of Finance in the Senate. And I had the great honor of serving with him on that committee. And he treated everyone on that committee with respect. He had a whiteboard in his office and he would write the entire budget out on that. And if you had a request, you’d come in and talk to him. He’d hand you the pen. It was an equal process and we all had a voice there.

When I was pushed way out of my depth to chair a committee that I really didn’t understand, I called upon Roman to help me with Education. He traveled with me across the state on several occasions and he helped me understand and he helped me navigate those waters. We had many long conversations about that, about all sorts of things. And for that, I appreciate it. It helped me keep my sanity, quite frankly.

Anyone who’s known Roman and his wonderful wife, Debbie, have ever been invited to their home—he will open his home to you. We’ve been there. He has an oven that he builds a fire in this oven, it gets hot. We bring out the dough, and we bring out the toppings, and we make pizzas. We throw them in the oven, and we dig them out of there, and we eat pizzas all afternoon and have a couple of beverages and talk about sports and talk about everything. It’s not just me, it would be anyone. It wouldn’t matter.

Yes, I support this resolution. And to my great friend and mentor, thank you for all these years.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE COREY PALUMBO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I also rise in support of this resolution for one of my great friends in the Senate, the Senator from Marion.

You know, when I came into the Senate, he had been here for a long time. But the institutional knowledge that he has about the Senate and about the Legislature that, as others have mentioned, he’s always been willing to impart and to help and to guide anyone who’s come through here from the beginning.

He is really one of the hardest workers in this Senate, you know, a leader of our caucus that sometimes we’re difficult to deal with and to get on the same page but, you know, he’s always willing to meet and to talk through issues, you know, as often as we can get together. He’s there, ready to do it; as early as anyone wants to meet, as late as anyone wants to meet . . . the Senator from Marion is there, ready to do it. The rest of us let him down, I’m sure, regularly, with our schedules and our ability to come to caucuses and things but he is there for us at every turn.

I think, as it’s been mentioned before, I mean, as the Senate Finance Chair, I mean, the fiscal responsibility that he instilled in that committee and then continued to help set the state on the right track has been an incredible benefit to the state. I think that next year when he’s not here, the state will be worse off because of it.

Thank you for your service, thank you for your friendship. You’ve left a wonderful mark on the Senate and you will certainly be missed.
Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

And to my friend, Roman, this is a . . . you never think these times will come. But, you know, I go back to . . . we’ve had conversations that when he played football at Monongah and then at Fairmont State and then you talk about many of the memories that he had when he was first in the House. Sharing very similar . . . you know, I had no background at all about this place. He said when he got down here, he didn’t know where . . . trying to figure out where the door is.

Now, let me share a funny story that he’s told a few times. And we’re similar in this fashion, bucking sort of the system sometimes. But he kept coming into park and he’d get there earlier than everybody else. And he’d come in, pull in and park and there’s this place, you know, right near the Capitol where you pull up . . . and find out that this was, I think, maybe, Vicki Douglas or somebody’s parking place. And he kept parking there. Well, the Speaker at that time was Chuck Chambers and he kept sending Roman a note and finally called him in and—he got there early again, he parked there again—so, he gave him a parking pass. And he said, “Park on the fourth floor of the garage.” Remember, the garage had three floors. So, he’s learned . . . you learn lessons here. That’s a lesson he learned but, you know, just shortly after that he ended up being the Education Chair in the House.

And, you know, what a journey it’s been from there over to here. And your fiscal integrity of the process and what you’ve done to establish the way that you have been a chair in every respect has been admirable. It’s one of the most admirable things that I’ve seen is that you’ve always showed up. I can remember him carrying, you know, carrying that thing, his first, you know, where he had the satchel in the back and he’d bring it in. He was so meticulous and so organized, probably the most organized person I have ever seen in terms of that.

And what the Senator from Preston was talking about with the board, it’s a true testament to someone that cared about this place. And that’s the one thing that I take away from this is he cares about West Virginia. It’s always been evident. We may not have always agreed but he always had what was best for West Virginia at heart. And I think what the Senator from Morgan said is think about where this state was in 1988 and where this state is now. That’s a true testament to Roman Prezioso.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand because I’m a little different than everybody else. I irritated Roman when I first got here, and . . . didn’t like me very well. And, you know, it was a little hard on me because, you know, Roman and I kind of come from the same background, the same area. And, quite frankly, I was a little frightened. It was like having one of my older brothers here and they liked to smack me around, too, over the years, so . . . .

But, you know what, over the time that I’ve been here, you know, you come to learn about people and all of us do about each other, we learn what we’re really about, you know, because we spend a lot of time together. I mean, let’s face it, we probably spend more time together than we do with a lot of our family members. And you really get to know each other. And you get to know, you know, what you think and where you’re coming from. And some of it you like and some of it you don’t like in each other.

But, I will tell you that the more I got to know Roman Prezioso, I realized that not only did we
have a lot of the same experiences growing up but a lot of the same happenings, and, you know, we liked sports and we were athletic, and we thought we were tough guys and, you know, that was all the same, but, you know, you started to learn about Roman’s integrity. And you started to learn about what Roman really put first. And you might not always agree with him, but one thing you can always count on from Roman Prezioso was that he did what he believed was the right thing to do. Nobody was going to talk him into doing something that he didn’t believe was the right thing to do. And you know what? That’s rare in human beings today. A lot of people think they do the right thing but they’re really doing what other people tell them. You’ll never tell that man what to do if he doesn’t want to do it.

And I tell you what, once you become his friend, you’re his friend for life. And you know now that I’ve gotten to know him, I figured out he’s exactly like my older brothers. He’s like one of my brothers.

Hat’s off to you.

Thank you.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, Mr. President.

I stand in support of the resolution although I wish I didn’t have to because I feel like, you know, me being a fairly new guy, I’ve been robbed of Roman’s leadership. It’s been said, and I think it was said correctly by the Senator from Morgan, that Roman is tough as nails. I mean he’s not a big guy, but I don’t think anyone in this room, or anyone listening right now, would ever want to be in the corner with him. And that toughness sheds off to the rest of us.

Being a leader is not easy, especially when you have in our caucus, as the Senator from Kanawha pointed out, such various opinions and diverse opinions, diverse strengths that we all bring to the table, diverse weaknesses. In every caucus meeting on every major vote, the first thing he said was, “Where is everybody on this? Talk to me, let me know what you think”—instead of coming in and saying, “This is what we need to do.” And for a leader to do that, that humility, that brought the best out of all of us I believe over the last two years, although I’m biased because I’ve been here for only two years. But that leadership will never be forgotten. And it’s benefitted the caucus, it’s benefitted the chamber, it’s benefitted the State of West Virginia.

Thank you, Roman.
Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT D. BEACH

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Well, like many of you, this is a day that none of us really desire to see. Roman is moving on; for him, that’s a challenge as well because we know how much his love and spirit is within this body. And it’s an opportunity for him to grow even more in who he is and who his family is and opportunities will arise as he moves forward.

But, Mr. President, you know, you and I came in together 20 years ago . . . and there’s only three of us left that came in with that class. And we’ve seen a lot of people come and go. Unfortunately, we don’t remember a lot of those names. They didn’t leave footprints behind. They didn’t leave their fingerprints on anything that they’ve done. But there’s a gentleman in our midst today who we will always know. We will always know, and we’ll always see his impression on this great body.

Now, I have a lot of great memories in the Legislature . . . in the 20 years—and I’m sure you share that as well, Mr. President. But most of my favorite memories are right here. And this gentleman here from Marion County has been a lot of that. Now, I’m fortunate that—while I never served on any committees with him except for one, I think it’s Parks and Recreation—he’s my colleague in the Senate. He’s my colleague back home. And everything you’ve said today, that’s who he is back home.

You’ll never catch the man unprepared. We’ve gone to many meetings together, been on the campaign trail, the man is prepared. The gentleman here from Wayne, he mentioned how he carries around that little satchel kind of thing. Well, he comes to every meeting and folds out the book. And he knows that budget inside and out and he can tell you what’s going on with our budget and our revenue to the minute. And I think the people of my community dearly respect that about him.

And he’s going to be missed both in Mon. County and here in the State of West Virginia, I’m confident of that. And I know he’s going to be missed in Marion County.

He’s a good man, a big heart, although you may not see it, if you share any time with him, you know it’s there.

Family’s a big, big part of his life, and he talks about his son, he talks about his grandchildren, and he talks about his wife, Debbie, all the time.

I can remember a few years ago, we shared an opportunity to throw out the first pitch for baseball field, softball field at the West Virginia Mon County. Well, at that time, my wife and I and the boys were in the minivan together . . . and they took to Roman just like [finger snap], they were his [inaudible]. They just really thought of him . . . in fact, my son refers to him as Mr. Roman all the time. He can’t say Prezioso even though he’s 12, he can’t say Prezioso. But it’s Mr. Roman and he talks about that time just riding around, and it wasn’t long, you know, it was like what, 30 foot and a five-minute drive. But Roman made those boys feel very important, chatted with them the whole way.

So, it’s important to me, important to my wife in the gallery. I know she, too, is here tonight to show her respects for you, Roman. And again, we appreciate it and thank you.
First of all, when I became the Finance Chairman, it’s following the long steps in the tradition of this man that sat in place, and he sets to the left of me. I don’t know, if I’m still the Finance Chairman next year, I have no idea what I’m going to do without you being there. And it was a decision that I made immediately that when it comes to the seating arrangements. I knew who I wanted closest to me that I could rely on to be the rock, to be the person that had the wisdom when something got harried I could lean over to and talk to and ask for advice and he was always there for me.

The theme I’m going to go with is thank you. Thank you for your service. You’ve been doing this for a long time and, you know, most people think that this is an easy job. And it’s an honor and a privilege to serve, you and I have talked about this. But we represent the people from back home, you’ve always done that, but the wisdom that you bring, the institutional knowledge . . . I can remember when I came in in 2002 and I knew exactly who you were and I watched how you behaved and how you treated people and I would mimic that. Or tried to mimic it . . . I failed many times. I can never live up to your standards.

But you’ve offered guidance to everybody in this room and on the other end of the building, too. This is what we need in West Virginia, people like you. And you’ve served admirably.

I can’t . . . . Again, I say thank you. Thank you on behalf of everybody in West Virginia, people like you. And you’ve served admirably.

Sincerely . . . thank you.

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Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: You know, things have changed a lot from when I first got here. We didn’t have computers and we didn’t have cameras. Roman was the assassin. We all had squirt guns in our drawers. True stories. And, you’d better be on your guard because if Roman caught you not paying attention, you’d get a little shower. And Darrell Holmes was the Clerk and Darrell was kind of a squidgety guy anyhow and whenever you would look over—he sat where Senator Sypolt is right now at the time—and if you saw that chair empty, you looked at that door right there, and you would see it crack open, and Darrell always sat where Jake’s sitting now, and you would see him jump up out of there, and Roman would get him.

But, you know, the thing about Roman is, he’s the American dream. That’s what he is. He came from a family that had a small grocery store. He did what he was supposed to do. Went to Catholic school. The nuns wore him out every day with whippin’s [sic]. And then he progressed. Probably one of the first members of his family to go college and get an education. Worked hard, was an educator. Become the senator. And he did what he thought he ought to do. He tried to give back. That’s what being an American’s really all about. He took the opportunity and he made something good out of it.

And the thing about Roman is he plays hard; he works hard. And if you don’t get along with Roman, it’s your fault. And it was always a comfort to know that he always had our back. And when things would get a little tough, you wanted Roman with you. That’s for sure.

But you know all of us are blessed to be senators. We’re one of 34 people in this whole state. And the folks back home where you come from, they trust you. They elect you. They expect us to come down here and do the right thing. And that’s Roman. And if you’ve watched what he does, it’s always for the best part of the state. I’ve never seen him do anything that was self-serving in all my years being down here. And he’s tenacious. I mean he’s like a dog with a good bone and he goes after it.

And . . . it’s been a real pleasure. I don’t know what I’m . . . . It’ll just be so different when he’s not here. But, when you think of Roman Prezioso, think of a good American and a damn good West Virginian. And it’s been my privilege, Roman, to serve with you and I love
you. And I expect you to have a good time in retirement and I hope you run the wheels off that motorhome.

Thank you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE PAUL HARDESTY

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR HARDESTY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Members of the Senate, in 2001 I took a job with Governor Bob Wise. I worked in Building 5 over in Commerce. They called me downstairs one day and said the Governor wants to see you. They said he’s going to put you on the legislative team. I said, “What is that?” I had no idea what it was. So, my boss, David Satterfield, and Mike Garrison, and Governor Wise said, “You’re going to be part of the Governor’s legislative team.” I still had no idea what that meant, what it entailed, and what I was supposed to do. And David Satterfield told me, he said, “I’m going to send you over to see a friend of mine.” His name was Roman Prezioso. He said, “Now, when you go in there,” he said, “introduce yourself.” He said, “Don’t bother him, but try to learn.” He said, “He will teach you.” So, I went and introduced myself, told him who I was, didn’t know the man from Adam. And I asked him if he would try to teach me this awesome process that we all participate in here today. And the first thing he told me was learn the rules because you’ll never navigate this place if you don’t learn the rules. So, I went to Darrell Holmes and got me a book. And I tried to learn the rules to the best of my ability.

The second thing he told me was, was to honor the process. He told me to respect the process, and respect the members, how I was to address the members, in what fashion and what way. Far too often today, that decorum, that level of respect goes out the window, but I tried to learn it from the master who taught me. And for that, I’ll always be indebted and thankful.

Then I became a lobbyist. The “L” word. The bad lobbyist word. I left Governor Manchin in 2006 and started my own business. And my fellow lobbyists that used to congregate out at the rotunda said, “How do you get in to see Roman all the time? We can’t see him.” I said, “Well, if you get out of bed, you’d have the same opportunities that I’ve had because he’s in his office at 7:30 every morning. The door’s open.” Most lobbyists don’t come in here until about 10 . . . but the man went to work every day, at least, by 7:30. I said, “I just walk in, nobody’s there. I sit and we have a cup of coffee and we chat. If you would get out of bed, you could do the same.”

But he taught me a process. He taught me about respect. And I’ll fast forward to 2016 as my neighbor, Richard Ojeda, won election to this West Virginia Senate, he came and knocked on my door, two doors down from where I live. He said, “What do I do now? Who do I call?” And I gave him Roman’s number. I said, “Call the master.” And I said, “Call him, he’ll teach you. Now, you got to listen,” and—sometimes Richard don’t listen too well—but I said, “Call Roman. Talk to Roman. Talk to Senator Prezioso, he can teach you the process.” And it is a process, ladies and gentlemen, it’s a process. We all have to learn that.

Even then, I never in my wildest dreams, I’d have the opportunity to stand in this hallow chamber and have that same opportunity to be one of you all. And I’m thankful for that.

Roman, to you and Debbie, I wish you the very best in life. I hope you enjoy your retirement. And Roman, my dear friend, I love you like a father and I wish you the very best.

Thank you.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 75)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MITCH CARMICHAEL

Saturday, March 7, 2020

MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. President.
I just want to rise to say I know Roman Prezioso hates what we’re doing for him right now. He does. And that says a lot about him. It really does say a lot about him because he’s humble and he wants to be a public servant, and he doesn’t want to draw attention to himself. But we owe him this attention tonight. The State of West Virginia owes him this attention tonight.

It is with immeasurable gratitude that all of us are standing here tonight in front of your family, Marie and Debbie and others, to recognize your contributions to this society in making it better. And I know that, you know, I’m often reminded and people kid me all the time about using this one poem all the time but it really does epitomize Roman Prezioso’s service. And it goes something like this, from Edward [sic] Markham, and it says: the task given to each one, no other can do. So, the errand is waited; it’s waited through the years for you. And now you appear and the hushed ones are turning their gaze to see what you will do with your chance in the chamber of days. You took advantage of your chance in the chamber of the days. You lived, and do live, in a manner that reflects your service and the opportunity that was given you to fulfill the task that only you could do. Only you could do this role in the certain way that you’ve accomplished it.

And I think the others that have talked about the decorum and the respect and the admiration that you have for this body and this chamber is something all of us need to emulate and perpetuate into the future.

So, I’ll be brief because I know you’re hating every moment of this. But I could not resist to come down and say thank you on behalf of the people of West Virginia for everything that you’ve done and will do in the future.

Thank you so very much, my dear friend.

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Recognizing dedicated public service of
Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, this is going to be difficult . . . and . . . it’s been a great career. And I’ve got to thank my family. I have my wife and my sister in the back. And, actually, it was Marie who got me in this mess. You know, it was a bet that we were arguing on the phone, you know, like siblings do. And she said, “Well, if you think you can do any better, why don’t you come down here and try.” And I said, “Well, I think I will. What am I running for?” I didn’t even know.

So, I came to Charleston, she wrote, she had a big legal pad not like . . . you know, the large legal pads. She wrote about four pages of information down here, one, two, three, four, five, it was about 20 things. She said, “You do this, and you got a shot.” Well, I got to number one and it was, you know, call every member of the Democratic Executive Committee in Marion County. Well, about the fourth time I called the person, they hung up on me and I was getting a little discouraged. And so she was going, she said, “Well, how you doing?” I said, “Well, I’m not doing too good, nobody’s answering the phone.” She said start at the top again and go down. So, you know, that’s how I got down here.

And, of course, my wife, you know, she has been very supportive and my family . . . and, you just don’t do it without the family. And then I got my staff over there. All of them are there. They’ve been great. And I tell you, I about served with every staff member in here. I see Jeff in the back, and Michael up in Finance, and those are the people that I’ve learned from. You know, you just don’t come down here and be a legislator by the fact that you got elected, you’ve got to learn from people. And I learned from a lot of good people in the House. And I continue to learn today. And that process goes on and on. It never ends. Learning is a lifelong process, I learned that in Education.

But I remember working my first job, it was in a machine shop, and I worked with this guy, he was an elderly guy, couldn’t read or write, not all at, but he was mechanically inclined. And he would teach me things and I said, “You know, how am I going to ever to repay you?” He said, “Don’t repay me, just pass it on.”

So, Mr. President, that’s what I’ve tried to do is just pass it on. And . . . I’ve learned so much, I continue to learn. I appreciate all the staff that works so hard to make things happen. Everyone that spoke today, thank you from the bottom of
my heart. I mean, you just don’t do it without the relationships that I’ve gained and, over the past 30 years, it’s been a lot. And I couldn’t begin to mention, you know, the people that I’ve served with. We honored Karl Lilly the other day and so many people have passed away that it’s just difficult to remember.

But, I just want to say that you’ll always be in my heart. My family’s always with me . . . . Thank you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

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Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I can talk a little better now.

You know, it’s my privilege to stand and support this resolution. My friend Corey . . . . You know, I do observe people and I’ve observed Senator Palumbo. He’s a knowledgeable guy, he’s a smart guy, he’s very articulate, and he’s a family guy. And that’s probably one of the reasons he’s getting out of here to go and spend more time with his family. And what a tremendous loss this state’s going to be without his intellectual knowledge that he has. He supported me more than you can ever imagine. Any time that I’ve had a problem with legislation or maybe within our group here, Corey was the guy that I’d go to to get advice and counsel.

I remember his father so well. You know, Mario served in this body here, although I never served with him, he’s a guy that always stood out, you know. In my observation of him, he did what he thought was right, he stood on his principle, and I know that that comes down to Corey. And that’s the way he acts. He’s just a great guy to be with. He’s a fun guy to be around. I wish we’d had more time to spend in the evenings but, you know, he went and spent time with his children and with his wife because that is important to him. And that’s the quality of a person that’s genuine.

And Corey, I’m going to miss you and I hope that our relationship will continue whatever happens . . . and I think someday you may see when Corey’s children are grown up and he gets the bug again, that he’ll be running for some office, maybe statewide, and I want to be on your campaign team. I better be the first one you call or at least the second or third.

So, Mr. President, I stand in support of this resolution.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

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Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution. And, as we go through these resolutions, we realize we are losing titans, true titans of this institution, this Legislature.

From the moment the Senior Senator from the Seventeenth arrived in the House of Delegates, it was obvious that he was a superstar. Corey is brilliant and never dogmatic, never ideological, Mr. President, a person you could always depend on. One of those rare people who has the ability to see complex issues and simplify them. And I have marveled for years, for years at his abilities in that regard. He has rendered great service to the State of West Virginia in both houses of the Legislature.

When I received the high honor of chairing the Judiciary Committee, I was in many ways overwhelmed, and relied, more than I should admit, on the Senior Senator from the Seventeenth to help me figure out what to do.

The Senator from Kanawha is always one of those people who, if he agrees with you on an issue, then you feel confident that you’re in the
right place. You do. Not to say we... you know, there have been moments when we disagreed but, when I do, when we’re in disagreement, Mr. President, I’m always second guessing my rationale and thinking. Because if the Senator from Kanawha doesn’t agree with me, I have to go through it again. His opinions, his logic, his reasoning is that strong.

And this Senate, this Legislature, is going to miss him tremendously. But, like, as the Senator from Marion said, I don’t think we’ve seen the last—I hope we’ve not seen the last in West Virginia—of Corey Palumbo. This state would be... it would be sad for this state if we didn’t have his talents applied to building this state’s future in the years to come.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Corey Palumbo

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE TOM TAKUBO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR TAKUBO: Mr. President, I just want to stand in support of my Senior Senator from the Seventeenth.

When I was first elected, the first phone call that I received was from my Senior Senator. And even though we were from different political parties, I have never felt that. You would have probably never known that and that has held true six years later. So, he has always offered a hand of assistance. Many times I’d go into my office and something would be done that the Senior Senator from the Seventeenth had thoughtfully had already planned out, mapped out, taken care of but would send things to my office to make sure I was included in that even though I was from the opposite party. And it’s always been a lot of mutual respect.

You know, I was not the greatest fan of term limits but looking at the Senator from Marion and my Senior Senator from the Seventeenth, I think it says a lot about what institutional knowledge means. And so, many times when I have been stumbling along—which I do frequently—it’s kind of funny because both of these gentlemen at various times, sometimes at the same time, have came, knocked on my door, stayed a little... lagging behind a committee meeting or something and never with any ill intent but just purely to help me along and just to say, “Hey, Tom, can we talk to you? You know, here’s some things you may not have thought about.” And it was always very helpful and structural knowledge. It was always felt with tremendous heart. And so, when people identify what a statesman is, both of these gentlemen, absolutely—and I’m not saying this because it’s a floor speech, I’m saying it because it’s true and I mean it from the heart—they are absolutely statesmen. They not only are the type of individuals... they make me feel a little bit less because they’re not just the type of politicians, they’re the type of men that... it makes you want to strive to be.

So, for that reason, I stand and urge adoption.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Corey Palumbo

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

The first thing I want to say about Corey is we both share a common friend in Kevin Baker; and I’ve always trusted Kevin and... Well, before I was even elected, when Kevin worked here in the Senate, he told me how wonderful you were, how much he respected you and, since then, I’ve also been in respect of you as well.

But I will say this, you know, you get to this body and you come in here and you think you know everything, and you sit down in the committee and you find out you know nothing. And you find out you know even less when you’re sitting next to Senator Palumbo. Because I’ll never forget, my first committee meeting was a Government Org Committee meeting and I think the bill had something to do with
telecommunications and the rates that some telecommunications company will pay to put whatever on a pole. And the Senator from Kanawha asked four or five or six questions that went right to the point, got right to the issue, and the bill was amended because of it.

And it is that knowledge, that institutional knowledge, as pointed out by the Junior Senator from Kanawha, that will be missed from his skills. You know, the Senator Kanawha, the Senior Senator is a lawyer and, you know, one of the things that lawyers need to be able to do is ask questions and depose and take that testimony. And I would never want to be on the other side of the Senator from Kanawha because he gets right to the point and he . . . it’s just . . . it’s impressive.

And I thank you for that and we will miss you.

Thank you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL A. WOELFEL

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR WOELFEL: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ll be brief. I do stand in support of the resolution.

I’m new to this body but I think I’ve paid very close attention over the last 30 years to what happens here. And, when I was lucky enough to be elected, I kept my eyes on Corey. We’ve known each other briefly through some litigation but I sort of wanted to be like Corey when I got here. And I hope in some small way I have been because the guy always pays attention. He sort of, I think, I look at you Corey as sort of the conscience of this place. And I’m like the Senator from Morgan, I pay attention. If I’m in disagreement with you, I’m going to re-evaluate.

Now, shifting gears, some of you know that I’m a TV lawyer from time to time in my private life. Since you’re retiring Corey, you think you could get me Jennifer Garner? I know she does your commercials for your reelection, I’d really like to get her digits.

Thank you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DAVE SYPOLT

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I certainly stand in support of this resolution and although . . . I don’t know, I’d say Corey and I come from opposite sides of the track. He’s very intellectual and a learned professional . . . and here we are in the Senate together. Isn’t that something?

I would say that upon my knowledge and understanding and through our years of service together, I found you to be knowledgeable and very sincere and always, always very humble.

I feel like there’s times that he doesn’t speak but he probably wants to, but he knows when to be quiet. And he has a balanced and incredible analytical approach to problem solving. And just as other members have brought forth here, I’ve seen on so many occasions is that one, or two, or three very quick, concise, get to the point questions that brings that light bulb of understanding on to everybody in the committee and, especially, me.

And for that, I appreciate that and it’s been an honor serving with you, sir.

Thank you. I support this resolution.
Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Corey Palumbo

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Me and Corey came into this body together. I didn’t like him at first.

You know, I came from a background where toughest man wins. And we’d go into these meetings and, you know, I’d want to get out here and argue and fuss and Corey would say something that does make sense, you know.

But, Corey, you’re a gentleman. And there’s no doubt about you loving this state. And I know you’re a great father and a good husband and all the things that makes a man a real man . . . you stand for.

And a lot of times when we’re in caucus and we all want to go out here and whoop you all, Corey would say, “Now, wait a minute. Let’s talk about this here just a little bit.” And he was always right. He was a voice of reasoning.

You know, I don’t have much education and Corey has a lot of it and, you know, I’d sit there and I’d think one thing and then he would talk and I’d realize why he had the education and I didn’t. But he’s exactly what a West Virginia state senator should be.

And I want you all to know something, Corey never wanted to play politics’ games. He wanted to do what was right for the State of West Virginia. And Corey was a balance for our caucus. A balance in a good way.

And, like I said, it’s been my pleasure to serve with him and he’s taught me a lot about integrity and to do the right thing. And Corey would rather lose doing the right thing as win doing the wrong thing. And that’s a well of a good thing to have in a person.

And, Corey, like I said, I appreciate your friendship and your knowledge but, bigger, more importantly to me, is your heart. Your heart’s in the right place and you love West Virginia and I admire you and I appreciate that.

I support this resolution.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Corey Palumbo

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 76)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE COREY PALUMBO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PALUMBO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I appreciate all the kind words that have been said about me. I think . . . I’m not sure who you’re talking about because I think you’re giving much too much credit and, certainly, much more than I deserve.

And, Corey, like I said, I appreciate your friendship and your knowledge but, bigger, more importantly to me, is your heart. Your heart’s in the right place and you love West Virginia and I admire you and I appreciate that.

I support this resolution.
in both bodies understand that. I mean it’s just a... it’s a different way of operating, it’s a different way of carrying yourself, it’s a different way of interacting with your colleagues and working together. It’s really a tremendous, tremendous honor and privilege to serve in this body.

I have to thank my wife and my family, my daughter turned 18—I mean, I’ve been in the Legislature 18 years. It’s basically been her entire life that I’ve served in the Legislature in one capacity or another. And, you know, there’s been a lot of sacrifice for them, for my family, certainly not as much as there has been for most of you that don’t live in Charleston but still sacrifice, you know, for spending the time that it takes to try to do this job well.

I certainly don’t regret my decision to not run again, but I’ll certainly miss everyone who I’ve had the wonderful privilege of serving with through my 12 years here. I wish everyone here nothing but the best. I wish West Virginia nothing but the best. And I’ll come visit sometime next year, Mr. President—I’m just down the street—so, I’ll come by and see you guys and hope that everything’s going well and hope that West Virginia’s moving forward and prospering like we all hope that it does.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Kenny Mann

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

When I saw this resolution come up, I thought, “Just who is Kenny Mann?”

But... I’ll tell you who Kenny Mann is. Kenny’s a very principled guy. Kenny’s one of the funniest people I’ve ever met in my life. But it’s not just being funny with Senator Mann. He really is a principled person—never voted for anything in this room that he didn’t want to vote for—never voted for a lot of things in this room, Mr. President. But he truly is someone who believes in certain things, and he’s not going to come down from those things. And he’s shown that. And it wasn’t always with the side that I was voting on, but I respected him every time that he did because he didn’t bow unto any pressure from any sides for anything that he didn’t want to be a part of. And I can respect anyone who takes that position.

But I think that we’re going to be missing a lot, not just on principle in this body, but somebody who brings levity to what is otherwise a very serious business at times. And sometimes it gets ugly in the back and forth, but the levity that he would bring to those kinds of situations I think is something that we’ll truly miss. And I know that I’ll miss sitting next to this guy for the past two years. And I appreciate everything that he has brought to this building no matter when he brought it. I will truly miss sitting next to you and being a part of this body with you. I want you to know that.

I urge adoption, Mr. President.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Kenny Mann

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, when you’re an independent businessperson, a lot of what your customers say about you is important. And I’ve not found any of Kenny’s customers that have complained one bit about the job he did.

And then, you know, we’d be out on Junior Rules—Kenny likes cigars—and I can’t tell you how many times Kenny said, “I’m with you guys. I’m with you guys.” And we’d come back
in, we’d count his vote . . . he wasn’t with us very often. Nah, I’m just teasing.

Kenny, you’re a good guy and your heart’s in the right place and we’ve had a lot of fun back there on Junior Rules with you and all like that. And I know you’re a good family man. And I do know you care about the kids and education and stuff like that. And I wish you nothing but the best.

And I’ll need to talk to you about these prepaid funerals, too.

Thank you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I thought I’d get up to describe the rise and fall of Kenny Mann. You know, when Kenny came in here, he was immediately the Chair of Education. I thought to myself, “Man, I’ve never heard of this happening before. There must be some mistake.” And then when I got up to Education that first day and I counted the number of people that were against him, the number of people that were for him, I knew it wasn’t a mistake. They had set him up already . . . he was in trouble from day one.

But, you know, out of all the people . . . and, you know, one of the great things about being down here . . . it is kind of like a fraternity. You get to be brothers down here. And you know what? I can tell you, I’ve made no better friend than Kenny Mann. Now, if he had voted with us all the times he promised me, we would have won a lot more bills down here. But that was alright. The Senator from Braxton and I have enjoyed reminding him how few times he’s voted with us.

He has a beautiful wife, which makes him a better friend for me. And he’s just a good guy. And, you know, whether Kenny votes with you or against you, he’s just a good guy. And he’s just the kind of guy you want to have as a friend. And he’s the kind of guy you’re glad you meet in life. And he’s the kind of guy that you respect because no matter how we vote in this hall or in this body on any particular day, Kenny’s always trying to do the right thing. He looks out for people. He believes in public education. He’s worried about children. He’s got all the qualities that you want in a state senator.

And you’re my brother . . . and I appreciate you, man. Thank you, I love you.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE STEPHEN BALDWIN

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’m proud to stand in support of this resolution for my colleague from the tenth.

Kenny Mann is a friend of everyone. I will tell you that literally there are about nine people that didn’t vote for Kenny Mann in the primary when he ran. Seriously, he cleaned everybody’s clock in Monroe County and that’s because Kenny is a friend of everybody. He gets along well with people.

The other thing I’d tell you about Kenny is that Kenny does what he thinks is right, as the Senator from Brooke said. And that’s made life kind of tough for him up here on occasion, but it’s made the body better for it.

You know, Kenny and I both graduated from the Class of 2000. He was leading student government over at James Monroe and I was at Greenbrier East and our paths didn’t cross very often but, my goodness, Kenny, how in the world did we end up here? Isn’t it amazing?
It’s no surprise to me because of you and your character that you ended up here and I know you got a bright future ahead of you, you got a successful business, you got a terrific family. I know you got a bright future there in Southern West Virginia, but I hope you got a bright future here for the State of West Virginia as well. The Cracker Barrel Caucus will not be the same without you, but we hope that you come back to join us occasionally.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CRAIG BLAIR

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR BLAIR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution.

Yeah, he’s still back there.

On behalf of the members of the Finance Committee, Kenny, I’d like to thank you. You’ve done something that I never thought that was possible of . . . and that was when you were the Vice Chair up there. Everybody but one person got to serve as the Vice Chairman. It was a dream of mine. You delivered that dream.

Now, he delivered another dream, Mr. President, as he was the Education Chair, somehow or another he got in thicker with Jennifer Garner than what Corey is. And I’d be getting his phone pointed at me saying, “Craig, look at this, Jennifer sent me another text. Jennifer sent me a video. Craig, do you want Jennifer’s number?” So, I said, “Yes.”

You’re one of the most entertaining people I’ve ever met in my life and you’ve been a good senator, a great friend. Going to miss you but I have a feeling you’re going to come back. I don’t see how you ever got here to start with because people—I’ve got to be able to say this without it being insulting or whatever—the type of business he’s in, you just can’t walk away from. But somehow, he’s here tonight. Must be slow.

Brother, you’ve been a great friend, a world of entertainment. Say hello to Jennifer for me, please.

Again, I rise in support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RANDY E. SMITH

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Kenny and I came into this body together and I can remember many a phone conversations that Kenny and I had after the election because at that time we was electing a new Senate President. And we were being lobbied somewhat heavy, wouldn’t you say, Kenny, from both sides. And me and Kenny would talk, we’d talk a little bit, and then we’d come up with a plan. We knew what we was going to do. Next day one of us called the other one back and said, “Hey, we need another plan because that plan’s not working.” So, it took us about two weeks—a lot of people on needles—but Kenny and I finally come to a conclusion and stuck with it so you can blame me and Kenny for Mitch being up there if you want to.

But, you know, Kenny’s become a good friend. He kind of let me down this year. He . . . when I lost my motion to not send my roads bill to a committee, it had to be a day Kenny showed up. And it had to be a day that Kenny didn’t vote with me. But Kenny did say, “I still love you, brother.” And Kenny, I still love you even though you killed my roads bill.

But, like I said, you know, he’s quite the character. We’ve had good conversations. A lot of them I’m glad they wasn’t taped which,
probably, anybody in here could say that. But Kenny is . . . he’s a good person, he doesn’t like to let anybody down and I can see why he won his election so easily. And, I’m going to miss you, Kenny. I’m going to miss your friendship and, you know, I can honestly say you’re probably the person who would be the last one to let anybody down here. And I literally mean you’d be the last one to let anybody down.

So, good luck and I support the resolution.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE DAVE SYPOLT

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR SYPOLT: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, support Senate Resolution 77. Kenny, you’ve been a great friend of mine even though we’ve only known each other for a few years.

And, you know, everybody has those transformational moments in their lives, things that are sometimes positive, sometimes negative, and this time it came in the form of a phone call and it was transformational, and it was a positive in my life. Back in November of 2016, then president, Senate President Cole had given me a phone call—I was out working in the field, sweaty, hot, and everything, it was a warm day—and he says, “Senator, how you doing today? I’m doing just fine. What do you need?” He said, “Well, I guess you know you’re not the Chair of Education anymore?” I said, “Yes.” So, that was a transformational point in my life. And for that, Kenny, I have to thank you and you’ll forever be a friend of mine.

But, going forward, you know, I give you best wishes and safe travels, my brother.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Kenny Mann

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE CHARLES S. TRUMP IV

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR TRUMP: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise also in support of this resolution. I think the level of frivolity in some of the earlier comments is a testament to how much we all admire and love Kenny, Senator Mann, the Senator from Monroe.

Everyone who serves here makes sacrifices, but I’ve always thought that it’s harder . . . it’s harder for the people who live close enough to the Capitol that they have to do their work in their businesses than it is for those of us who come from far away. For those of us who travel a great distance to be here, there’s really no option. But for someone like the Senator from Monroe, you know, we see extra sacrifices—we see that in the Senator from Kanawha who’s retiring—because you don’t get a pass. You don’t get a pass on the work you do for a living, your families. I think it’s much harder really in many ways for the senators who come here and serve from places that are close enough to the Capitol that their businesses, their families, their constituents expect them to divide their time.

In the years that Senator Mann has served here in the capitol he has rendered great service to the citizens of his district and to the citizens of West Virginia. And for me, Mr. President, just like the others I said earlier, we’re losing titans tonight. I consider—even though his service, the tenure of his service is shorter than the others—I consider the Senator from Monroe a titan of the Senate, having watched him, having admired him. And so, to my friend the Senator from Monroe, it’s been my honor and privilege to serve with you these four years. And we will miss you here.

I urge adoption of the resolution.
REMARKS OF 
HONORABLE 
SUE CLINE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR CLINE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand in recognition of this great man here. I think he’s a great man. He’s a great father. He’s a great colleague and he’s a good senator, a great senator. He’s always been there for me. He gets my sense of humor when nobody else does because it’s about the same as his. But, sitting here like this, I can always holler at Kenny and he’ll turn around and listen to me. He might turn around and vote exactly like I don’t, but he still gives me advice and helps me know what kind of decision to make and I appreciate that.

And we’re going to really miss him. We’re going to miss his presence here. And we already miss him when he’s not here—everybody says that when he don’t show up— we still miss you. And we’re going to miss you for a long time to come. We thank you so much.

Recognizing dedicated public service of 
Honorable Kenny Mann

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 77)

REMARKS OF 
HONORABLE 
KENNY MANN

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR MANN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I don’t deserve this . . . with the Senator from Marion and the Senator from Kanawha over there, they’ve really . . . I don’t hold a drop in the bucket. And I appreciate every one of you and . . . .

I try to bring . . . I see life a little bit different than other people. With my day job as a funeral director, you know, I realize how short life can be. And, you know, if I’ve made you laugh or smile a little bit, then, you know, maybe I’ve done my job. And that’s the way I see things.

This is very bittersweet giving this up. I wasn’t ready to give it up, but God had another plan for me. And, you know, with . . . when I ran for the Senate, I truly got to experience the American dream as well. I mean, I’m . . . I didn’t have a whole lot of money. We just took a chance. I’d served on the Board of Education, we ran. I’m a businessman, I own a funeral home. I’m getting to do exactly what I wanted to do since I was 15 years old. And I hope that I’ve made a little bit of difference in my short tenure here. And the decision came down to . . . with the . . . when I took the funeral home over in its entirety in 2018, I had to make a decision to, you know, whether to . . . you know, this whole session, I’ve stayed up here like six or seven nights. And I’ve only been here like 20 days, but I stayed up here six or seven nights . . . I’ve had to drive back and forth. So, you know, I had to make that tough decision not to run again because the people deserve 110 percent here. And, although I’ve tried to give 110 percent, I just feel like if I can’t give 110 percent, I’m going to step out of the way and let somebody get in here and do it. I’m not going to say never again, you know. I’d love to come back one day.

But you guys and gals have been wonderful to me. I wish—I always think about this every day—I wish West Virginia knew us like we know us because we’re a family. I love every one of you . . . I don’t care about the party, it don’t even register with me. Angie asked me the other day, she said, “Well, what are you going to miss the least about it?” And I told her, I said, “Party line votes.” That’s what I’m going to miss the least about it because . . . . And it’s tough, these votes are tough. But I know that everybody in here’s heart—I don’t care what any future campaigns say—I know every one of you and I know where your heart’s at. And I know that you’re wanting better for everybody. I really do.

But I’ll miss you all. I’ll come up and visit and make you laugh a little bit and I greatly appreciate each and every one of you.

Thank you.

Recognizing dedicated public service of 
Honorable Paul Hardesty

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)
REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ROMAN W. PREZIOSO, JR.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PREZIOSO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand fully in support of this resolution. For those of us that have got to know the Senator from Logan, you know, it’s been an extreme pleasure. And, you know . . . you know when you meet a guy first off and if you’re going to hit it off or not. And he was one of the guys that came to my office and I’d look forward to seeing him. He was eager to learn, and he had a great demeanor . . . and if you ever play golf with him—I thought I was a pretty good golfer—this guy can hit a ball a ton. I mean a ton. It’s almost unbelievable.

But, people come to this body . . . and one of the things I should have mentioned before, my sister told me when I came down here, “Sit down, keep your mouth shut, learn who the players are, learn what the rules are, and learn how to play the game, and don’t get out of your seat.” But, you know, when he came down here, he immediately contributed. We would go in our caucuses and we would have issues and I can remember he must have stayed up all night and brought us empirical evidence and statistics that backed up the things that we were trying to do. He made an immediate impact on our caucus.

You’re a gentleman, you’re a scholar and I’m proud that I served with you. And when . . . after the last session, when, you know, some of us were talking, well, you know, we may be at the end of our career . . . . And when the Senator from Logan said that he wasn’t going to run again, you know, some of us were greatly disturbed. We thought he could be a player in here, a tremendous asset to this Senate body. But you know what? He got with his wife and his family, and he made a decision predicated on that. And that sort of tells you what kind of man this is.

The Senator from Logan, we’ll always be friends in any capacity we serve with and I hope our paths cross many times.

Mr. President, I urge the adoption of this resolution.

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(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
ROBERT D. BEACH

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, Mr. President.

Ladies and gentlemen, I, too, rise in support of this resolution.

Just a couple of quick observations here just in the last week. It’s always funny how we can see staffers who like to stand beside the gentleman from Logan because he’s such a giant compared to their size. But he’s also a giant in stature in many ways that, you know, we’ve come to know here just in the last few years. The gentleman from Logan is an incredible person. He’s brought an incredible depth to this caucus on this side. And your absence is going to truly be missed. You have made an impression on this group equal to the gentleman from Kanawha and equal to the gentleman from Marion. Your knowledge that you brought to us and helped us, you know, with the minefields along the way on different issues, greatly appreciate it.

And ladies and gentlemen, I stand in support of this resolution.

Thank you, sir.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RICHARD D. LINDSAY II

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Mr. President, I urge the adoption of this resolution.
SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I stand in support of this resolution as well.

The knowledge that the Senator from Logan brings to just about every issue whether you’re talking about education, whether you’re talking about courts, whether you’re talking about how the Governor acted 10 or 15 years ago, where someone’s coming around the corner on a particular issue, that’s irreplaceable. And I know if I’ve said it once this session, I’ve said it a thousand times, “Man, I wish Paul was running for reelection.” I mean . . . and I understand that the reasons for it. You’ve got to take care of home first—that’s the most important thing.

But, I want to say one more thing that I just noticed about Paul throughout this entire process. It doesn’t matter if you’re the President of the Senate, if you’re an intern, if you’re a constituent, he treats everyone the same whether you’re from the other party, whether you’re from this party, the respect he treats people with. It’s an example that we should all live by.

So, thank you.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE RYAN W. WELD

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR WELD: Thank you, Mr. President.

Despite the fact that the Senator from Logan had been a long-time lobbyist here in the building, I had never met him until he was appointed to the Senate last year. And like the Senator from Marion County said, he’s just one of those guys that you know the first time you meet him whether you’re going to hit it off with him and he’s going to be a friend of yours.

And he was here for probably about two or three days and I noticed that he didn’t have a Senate lapel pin, and so I said, “You know what? I like this guy. I got another one, I’m going to give him mine.” So, I took mine off my jacket and I gave it to him.

And then I found out that there’s a different pin for someone who was appointed to the position. They said, “Well, you know, maybe you can get it back.” And I said, “You know what? No. I want him to keep it.” And I wanted him to keep it and so I hope that it’s been . . . it’s an honor for the pin that I wore when I first came here that I gave it to you because I do feel that way because I think you’re a principled person, I think that you’re loyal to your state and to your beliefs and I think it’s a very high compliment for me that you wear the pin that I gave you. And so . . . I hope that when you look back that you remember our friendship when you see that pin 20 years from now and it means a lot to me that I gave it to you and that someone like you wears it.

So, I’m in full support of this resolution.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE RON STOLLINGS

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I, too, rise in support of this resolution.

I’ve known Paul a long time and he represents the seventh senatorial district with grace, dignity, integrity, and knowledge and I really have enjoyed serving as his fellow senator.

He probably knows more about politics than I’ll ever learn and maybe a lot of people will ever learn. He knows so much about the education system. He knows so much about coal country, coal mining, every aspect, tax base . . . . It was truly sad when I learned that he was not going to run for reelection. It’s a loss for the coalfields. He knows what’s happened in the coalfields of
Southern West Virginia for us not being diversified. He was prophetic years ago. He urged us to become more diversified, to use our coal severance tax wisely, to develop these post-mine land sites.

He is... again, he hit the ground running when he came up here. Again, you know, everybody says oh goodness, he’s a lobbyist. He’s coming from a lobbyist’s perspective. Let me tell you what, if he comes from a lobbyist’s perspective. I think we need more lobbyists running for state office because he knows this system and his heart is as big as his body. He absolutely is a gentle giant. Thank God, he’s a gentle giant. I wouldn’t want to mess with him. I wouldn’t put my fellow senator from Marion County up against him, tough as he is.

No, it’s just a great honor to serve with you, Paul. And again, you’ve brought a lot to this body. You are not one of these persons that stood up very often but when you stood up, buddy, you had an impact, you made a great point.

It’s been a great honor serving with you. I urge adoption.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty

(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE ROBERT H. PLYMALE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR PLYMALE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ve known the Senator from Logan for a number of years and we’ve... you know, from an education standpoint or different things like this... His brother is actually a constituent of mine.

But I remember one time when my wife was looking to set up a facility in Chapmanville and they needed a board member and I called him. And he said to me, he said, “I don’t know what you’re getting me into but if you ask me to do it, I’m going to do it.” And, not only did he do it and they got it set up and they got it established with a health clinic there, he served until his time was up. But he served it very, very admirably. But that was the kind of person he was then, now, and...

Of all the time I’ve been here, I’ve never seen anybody come into the Senate that had such a knowledge but when they got up to speak were suddenly considered an expert. And that’s never happened as long as I’ve been here. His knowledge is great. He does... I mean I am amazed like everybody else here in the depth of knowledge you have in many subjects.

I have seen you hit a golf ball; I never found the golf ball because it was so far out there that it was unbelievable.

We’ve gotten to know each other for many years and you’re a person that I greatly respect and it’s been an honor to serve with you.

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
STEPHEN BALDWIN

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’d like to pick up on that golf analogy here because the first time I met Paul was on the golf course. And I sort of liken serving to Paul with a golf experience. You know, oftentimes you’ll have these pro-ams where you got four guys who are just kind of hackers who don’t really know what they’re doing—maybe a few of them do—and then you bring in a pro to bring the team up. I feel like we got a pro in our caucus . . . a real pro whose heart and head was always in the right place and you had a real ability to speak from the heart and the head at the same time.

You know, we’ve had a lot of late night and early morning conversations about all sorts of things that you know far more about than I do, and Paul would always say, “Now, you tell me if I’m wrong.” And I can’t ever do that because he’s always spot on.

It’s been an absolute honor to serve with you, Paul, so I stand in support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty

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REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
MICHAEL J. ROMANO

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR ROMANO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I’ll be pretty quick because not much you can add to everything that’s been said here. But I stand in support of the resolution.

When I knew we had a good senator on our hands, about the third day that Paul had come here, my first day he came in and promptly voted against me on a bill and I gave him a little bit of guff about it and he said, “You’re right.” He goes, “I was wrong.” And he said, “I’ll vote with you every other time from here on out.” And then the next day, he voted against me again and I went up to him and I said, “What happened?” And he said, “You were wrong again.” So that’s what Paul is though.
Paul is a good senator, is a man of his word. He’s going to tell you how it is and he’s going to tell that what you’re doing is right or wrong. And you can’t ask for any more in a friend. And Paul’s a friend to all of us and I’m going to miss him desperately because he’s been a real asset to everybody in this chamber.

Thank you.

Thank you, Senator.

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REMARKS OF HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. FACEMIRE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR FACEMIRE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Yeah, I knew old Paul was pretty sharp after the first day he was here. He came to me and he said, “Can you do anything about the Senator from Harrison talking so much?” And I said, “Paul, listen, I’ve known him for 30 years. No, there’s nothing I can do. It’s a package. That’s just how it goes.”

But another reason that I always kind of liked Paul is me and Paul have about the same education . . . none . . . that’s right. But you know what? We both love this state. And we both realize how good the Lord’s been to us and blessed us with our family.

But you know about old Paul, he’s pretty sharp. He’s the only lobbyist that I know got tired of lobbying and said I want to vote . . . and he got it. But you know, Big Paul—that’s what we call him is Big Paul—and we’re not really talking about his body size, we’re talking about his heart. He’s got a big heart—he loves this state, he loves his family . . . . He’s just a good guy and all of us could take a lesson off of Paul.

And I’m proud to call him my friend. He used to come around occasionally and see me when he was lobbying and he never really pressured you. He just said if you don’t vote the way I’m asking, you’re just not very smart.

But Paul, you’ve been a great asset to this Senate, you’ve been a great asset to this state. You love Logan County where you come from and I admire that. You’ve never forgot where you come from and regardless of how successful you are, you’ll never forget where you come from. And when you talk to Paul just a little bit he tells about his family, how he grew up, and how people helped him along the way and all like that.

It’s been a real privilege to serve with you and I just want you know if you do go back into the lobbying business, my door will never be open to you.

Thank you.

Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty
(Adoption of Senate Resolution 78)

REMARKS OF HONORABLE PAUL HARDESTY

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR HARDESTY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Like the Senator from Monroe said, I don’t deserve this one bit, but you all are too kind.

You know, last session, the Governor appointed me to this seat, and I got the opportunity to come into this hallow chamber, a place that I have the greatest of respect for. I have more respect for this process than about anything I know.

I was sitting here thinking as you all were saying those kind words. I thought about Bill Sharpe, Mike Ross, John Pat Fanning, I’m going to call him today, I shouldn’t say it, but, Earl Ray . . . people that had a real impact on me growing up and helped train me. I spoke about the Senator from Marion, how he’s been a mentor.
I did have a good career lobbying, I really enjoyed it. I was very fortunate in that regard, but I felt like it was time to give something back. The Good Book teaches me that to much is given, much is required. And I felt like it was time to try to give something back to the people of Logan and the seventh senatorial district.

To my distinguished Senior Senator from the Seventh, I’m not your co-equal, I’m your junior senator. There’s a process here. You’re my senior senator and I proudly proclaim that.

You see people, we can’t never lose sight of the process, and the protocol, and the procedures. And I keep going back to using the word “decorum” because that’s why we are the upper chamber. I know it gets a little crazy across the way with a hundred people, you can’t get a hundred people to decide on what to have for lunch much less pass legislation. But that’s just the way it is. This is the upper chamber for a reason, and I am so proud and privileged to now and always forever more be one of you all. I feel like I belong here. When I came in last year, I told Roman, I said, “I’m not going to speak for three weeks” . . . and then the education bill dropped. And he said, “Well, that’s going to change. We have to change course.” Maybe I was put here for a reason at that time. I don’t know. I think we all are put in places at certain times in our lives for a reason.

I will never forget what the Senator from Brooke did. I did not have a pin . . . and he came to me and gave me his. I called my wife, I said, “Senator Weld just gave me a lapel pin just like theirs.” And the Senate Clerk quickly pointed out and told me, he said, “Hey, you can’t wear that pin because you haven’t won the . . . you don’t qualify to wear that pin here,” and he goes, “I’ll give you this one.” I’ve kept that pin, Senator Weld, and I will always keep that pin. It means a lot to me that you would take your time to do that. It means a lot.

You see, I don’t look at it as a Democrat versus a Republican. My good friend from Harrison got mad at me, I think it was on day two of my tenure . . . and again on day three . . . and probably day four, because I believe in voting on things I believe in. A lot of times we’re together; sometimes we’re not.

The first time a discharge motion came to this chamber . . . Senator from Logan does not vote on discharge motions because I believe there’s a process. And I used to sit up there in that very balcony when my good friends here were in the majority and heard them rail the same way when discharge motions were offered. There’s a committee process.

My distinguished Judiciary Chair down there . . . if any man can’t get along with Charlie Trump, he’s got a problem. He’s a good man. I would never disrespect the chair because—you know what?—there’s a process. I honor the institution and the process.

Sometimes people said I was too polite to members of the majority party. I was raised from a humble beginning in Logan County in a five-room house with a floor furnace, not a straight wall in it, but I was taught to respect people and treat them like you would have them treat you. It’s a two-way street because I believe that we are all created equal. No one’s better than another.

My Senator friend from Braxton, he and I, we bonded from day one. I do not have an education. I went to the school of hard knocks. I have two brothers that have more pedigree than some show dogs, but I wouldn’t trade places with them for the world.

Mr. President, this is a special place. You all are special people and I cannot thank you enough. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank this body, and may God bless you. Thank you.

REMARKS OF
HONORABLE
RON STOLLINGS

Saturday, March 7, 2020

SENATOR STOLLINGS: Thank you, Mr. President.

This has been a good session for public health and for the future of West Virginia.

We’ve passed bills that dealt with trying to lower the cost of prescription drugs with the transparency bill; the Medicaid coverage for dental care for adults, a huge bill; the foster care bill, fantastic. To think that our $16.9 million investment in foster care for 67 percent of these people, wonderful people, are going to be matched three to one through the IV-E Waiver.
Think about that, think about that for our grandfamilies, for our kinship care. Capping the insulin costs, out-of-pocket costs for insulin, to $100. You know, we wish it could be lower, but we also put in there that GLP meds, which have a high out-of-pocket cost, those are the Trulicities, the Ozempics. We tried to deal with family planning and birth control and tubal ligation to prevent unwanted pregnancies and, thus, prevent neonatal abstinence syndrome. Those are all the good things.

I wish we could have gone a little further. At the first meeting I tried to get with the Senate Health Chairman. We need to do something about vape. Folks you heard our future scientists from Boone County—these health care students—talk about 57 percent of the children in high schools are vaping. I hoped so much that 4494 (Tobacco Use Cessation Initiative) could have included at the end of the day a little tax increase on vape products and then dedicate that to education and tobacco control.

We never walk out of this chamber totally happy, but I’ll tell you folks, this has been a good year for public health and for the families, and the families at risk to try to help with this. And again, the other things that we’re working on with the substance use disorder, realizing its impact, the ACEs . . . we did a great bill for ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences).

I think we’re on the right track.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention a little something about the Senior Senator from the Seventeenth and the Senator from Marion now that I have my wits about me. I probably couldn’t have even said what I wanted to say before because I had so much emotion. But these two gentlemen bring so much to the table. We’re going to miss them so much. Everyone has mentioned the integrity, the huge impact, the mentorism, the education, and that’s so appropriate that we honor these two men that have been here for so long and done so much for all of us, and for all the State of West Virginia.

I was able to comment on my fellow Senator from Logan who came here and hit the ground running. And our friend from Monroe County who also brings so much to the chamber.

So, thank you for allowing me to express what I think has been an excellent public health and future type of focus for West Virginia.
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*35. By Sen. Clements - Limiting civil penalty for littering conviction to $2,000 - Passed 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 80, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*46. By Sen. Rucker - Defining “pepper spray” and exempting from definition of “deadly weapons” (original similar to SB255) - Passed 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 81, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*94. By Sen. Trump, Weld, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Woelfel, Hamilton, Stollings, Ihlenfeld and Sypolt (Originating in Senate) - Providing persons with physical disabilities ability to vote by electronic absentee ballot - Passed 1/24/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 1/28/2020 - Approved by Governor 2/3/20 - Chapter 124, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*96. By Sen. Trump, Cline, Rucker, Azinger, Maynard, Roberts, Sypolt, Smith, Hamilton, Romano and Facemire - Prohibiting municipalities from limiting persons’ rights to possess certain weapons (original similar to HB4376) - Passed 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 64, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*120. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Jeffries and Rucker - Establishing priorities for expenditures for plugging abandoned gas or oil wells - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 129, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
*125. By Sen. Trump, Ihlenfeld and Woelfel - Prohibiting victim from being subjected to certain physical examinations for sexual offenses - Passed 3/4/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 95, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*150. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Budget Bill - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 11, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*163. By Sen. Blair and Maroney - Relating to municipal or county taxation of hotel rooms booked through marketplace facilitator (original similar to HB4555) - Passed 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20

*175. By Sen. Blair - Requiring certain agencies maintain website which contains specific information - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 153, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*213. By Sen. Trump - Relating to administration of trusts (original similar to HB4933) - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 137, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*230. By Sen. Weld, Cline, Baldwin, Lindsay, Roberts, Stollings, Jeffries and Maroney - Requiring State Board of Education provide routine education in suicide prevention (original similar to HB4475, HB4491, HB4525, HB4568) - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 108, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*232. By Sen. Weld - Removing outdated prohibitions against electronic or mechanical ticket dispensers and readers (original similar to HB4809) - Passed 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 149, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*261. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Stollings and Maynard - Creating criminal penalties for introducing ransomware into computer with intent to extort - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 84, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


281. By Sen. Woelfel, Plymale and Palumbo - Removing residency requirement for persons applying for reappointment to municipal police dept - Passed
2/28/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 67, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*291. By Sen. Weld and Woelfel - Requiring PEIA and health insurance providers provide mental health parity - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 186, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

300. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Updating certain terms in WV Corporation Net Income Tax Act - Passed 2/14/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 322, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


310. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Updating certain terms used in WV Personal Income Tax Act (original similar to HB4135) - Passed 2/17/2020; Senate concurred in House changed effective date - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 324, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*323. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Administration promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4204) - Passed 1/30/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/4/20 - Approved by Governor 2/10/20 - Chapter 205, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*339. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing DHHR promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4279) - Passed 3/5/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 206, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*357. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Revenue promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4229) - Passed 2/5/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/10/20 - Approved by Governor 2/14/20 - Chapter 207, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*364. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Transportation promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4295) - Passed 2/12/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 208, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*449. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4267) - Passed 2/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 209, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*470. By Sen. Cline, Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Roberts and Azinger - **Relating to use of crossbow to hunt** (original similar to HB4549) - Passed 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 228, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*472. By Sen. Maynard, Stollings, Clements and Cline - **Providing alternative sentencing program for work release** (original similar to SB612) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 59, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*487. By Sen. Sypolt, Hamilton, Azinger and Rucker - **Providing exception that all DNR payments be deposited within 24 hours** (original similar to HB4507) - Passed 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 229, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*490. By Sen. Sypolt, Smith, Rucker, Beach, Baldwin, Jeffries and Pitsenbarger - **Relating to criminal offenses against agricultural facilities** (original similar to HB4169) - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 86, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*491. By Sen. Sypolt, Smith, Rucker, Beach, Baldwin, Jeffries and Pitsenbarger - **Relating to Seed Certification Program** (original similar to HB4180) - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 3, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
*500. By Sen. Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt and Cline - **Relating to Class Y special crossbow hunting permit** (original similar to HB4517) - Passed 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 230, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*501. By Sen. Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Prezioso, Baldwin, Woelfel, Jeffries and Stollings - **Adding protection, operation of North Bend Rail Trail, Greenbrier River Trail, and Elk River Trail to Parks and Recreation Section of DNR** (original similar to HB4520) - Passed 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 231, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

510. By Sen. Palumbo, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Prezioso, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel, Hamilton and Stollings - **Making permanent land reuse agency or municipal land bank’s right of first refusal on certain tax sale properties** (original similar to HB4394) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 139, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*517. By Sen. Hamilton, Prezioso, Stollings and Lindsay - **Creating State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund** (original similar to HB4505) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 232, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


523. By Sen. Plymale and Stollings - **Extending deadline for municipalities to offer Social Security coverage to certain municipal retirement system members** - Passed 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 68, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*529. By Sen. Trump - **Establishing limitations on claims and benefits against state** - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 47, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*532. By Sen. Azinger, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Plymale, Jeffries and Romano - **Distributing assets remaining in municipal policemen’s or firemen’s pension and relief fund on death of last retiree or beneficiary** (original similar to HB4429) - Passed 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 69, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


560. By Sen. Takubo, Maroney, Cline, Rucker and Roberts - Permitting nursing home use trained individuals administer medication (original similar to HB4423) - Passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 261, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


569. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Expiring funds from various accounts to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund (original similar to HB4487) - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 12, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

570. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund (original similar to HB4489) - Passed 3/3/2020 - Effective ninety days from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 13, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
*571. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to various accounts (original similar to HB4490) - Passed 2/29/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 14, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*572. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Expiring funds from General Revenue and Lottery Net Profits to various accounts (original similar to HB4488) - Passed 2/29/2020 - Effective ninety days from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 15, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*573. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplementing, amending, and increasing appropriations of public moneys for claims against state (original similar to HB4486) - Passed 2/21/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 16, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*575. By Sen. Maynard and Rucker - Designating local fire department as safe-surrender site to accept physical custody of certain children from lawful custodian - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 38, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*578. By Sen. Roberts and Cline - Recalculating tax on generating, producing, or selling electricity from solar energy facilities (original similar to HB4462) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 326, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*579. By Sen. Cline and Roberts - Changing and adding fees to wireless enhanced 911 fee (original similar to HB4071) - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 303, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*583. By Sen. Rucker, Blair, Smith, Weld, Cline, Maroney, Roberts and Palumbo - Creating program to further development of renewable energy resources (original similar to HB4562) - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 304, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*586. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Reorganizing and re-designating Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as Department of Homeland Security (original similar to HB4485) - Passed 2/28/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 158, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*597. By Sen. Trump, Woelfel, Romano, Unger, Lindsay, Palumbo and Plymale - Relating to judicial branch members’ salaries and pensions - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 79, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

600. By Sen. Weld, Cline and Maroney - Creating special revenue account designated Military Authority Fund (original similar to HB4527) - Passed 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 290, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*615. By Sen. Blair, Prezioso and Plymale - Declaring certain claims against state as moral obligations of state - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 48, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

620. By Sen. Clements, Trump, Baldwin and Weld - Authorizing Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation approve home plans for inmates (original similar to HB4556) - Passed 2/19/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 60, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


641. By Sen. Maroney - Allowing WVCHIP flexibility in rate setting (original similar to HB4572) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 187, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*648. By Sen. Takubo, Mann, Maroney, Prezioso, Stollings, Weld, Baldwin, Cline, Hardesty, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Unger, Roberts and Rucker - Providing
dental coverage for adult Medicaid recipients - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 182, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


664. By Sen. Takubo and Maroney - Adding physician’s assistant to list of medical professionals capable of determining if individual lacks capacity - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 263, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*670. By Sen. Weld - Amending service of process on nonresident persons or corporate entities - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 1, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*676. By Sen. Mann, Baldwin, Jeffries, Takubo, Weld, Roberts and Maroney - Permitting fees from Central Abuse Registry be used for information
technology support costs - Passed 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 291, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*692. By Sen. Trump - Clarifying persons indicted or charged jointly for felony offense can move to have separate trial - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20


*706. By Sen. Trump and Clements - Clarifying duties of law-enforcement training and certification subcommittee (original similar to HB4608) - Passed 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 242, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*716. By Sen. Takubo and Stollings - Requiring DHHR pay for tubal ligation without 30-day wait between consent and sterilization - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 183, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*717. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Hamilton, Prezioso, Rucker, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Weld, Stollings and Smith - Relating generally to adult protective services (original similar to HB4591) - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 184, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


723. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Stollings and Roberts - Requiring Department of Education develop plan based on analyzed data on school discipline - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 113, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

725. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation to various Department of Education accounts - Passed 2/28/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 17, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*729. By Sen. Mann, Azinger, Jeffries, Romano, Weld, Baldwin, Hardesty, Stollings, Hamilton and Roberts - Relating to awards and disability under Deputy Sheriff Retirement Act (original similar to HB4111) - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 72, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

734. By Sen. Clements - Clarifying powers and duties of DOH in acquiring property for state road purposes (original similar to HB4651) - Passed 2/27/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 313, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


748. By Sen. Maroney, Takubo, Cline, Prezioso, Romano, Plymale and Stollings - **Increasing awareness of palliative care services** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 266, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


779. By Sen. Blair, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Roberts, Tarr, Swope, Sypolt, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Prezioso, Plymale and Stollings (Originating in Senate Finance) - Supplemental appropriation expiring funds in State Excess Lottery Revenue to Department of Veterans' Assistance - Passed 2/28/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 19, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

780. By Sen. Blair, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Roberts, Tarr, Swope, Sypolt, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Prezioso, Plymale and Stollings (Originating in Senate Finance) - Supplemental appropriation by decreasing and adding new appropriation out of Treasury to DMAPS - Passed 2/28/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 20, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


789. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) - Repealing obsolete sections of WV Code relating to Legislature - Passed 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 50, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


803. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of money out of General Revenue Fund to DHHR (original similar to HB4965) - Passed 3/3/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 21, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

804. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to PSC, Consumer Advocate Fund (original similar to HB4962) - Passed 3/3/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 22, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

805. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to WV Commuter Rail Access Fund (original similar to HB4963) - Passed 3/3/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 23, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

806. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation out of federal funds in Treasury to DOT (original similar to HB4964) - Passed 3/3/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 24, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


812. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation from Lottery Net Profits to Bureau of Senior Services (original similar to HB4961) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 25, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


830. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Directing State Police establish referral program for substance abuse treatment - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 293, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

Postsecondary Attainment Goals - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 175, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

842. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Boley, Cline, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Stollings, Trump, Unger, Weld and Rucker (Originating in Senate Education) - Requiring Superintendent of Schools establish a Behavior Interventionist Pilot Program in two school districts for five years - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 115, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

843. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of funds from Treasury to DHHR Energy Assistance Fund (original similar to HB4972) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 26, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

844. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR Birth-to-Three Fund (original similar to HB4974) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 27, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*845. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR, Division of Human Services (original similar to HB4973) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 28, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


848. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Clarifying persons charged with DUI may not participate in Military Service Members Court - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 97, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

849. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Weld and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Relating to military service as factor in certain insurance coverage rates - Passed 3/5/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 189, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

851. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Requiring Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction propose rule in coordination with
law enforcement and certain medical boards - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 294, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

852. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to Department of Education, School Building Fund (original similar to HB4976) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 29, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

853. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to Department of Education, School Building Authority (original similar to HB4975) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 30, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS
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6. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, Swope, Woelfel and Unger - Walter E. Swiger, Jr., Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

*8. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Stollings, Romano, Smith and Jeffries - US Army 1LT Harold H. Frazier Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020


10. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Roberts and Baldwin - Requesting study of current WV laws relating to anti-bullying measures in schools - Adopted 3/7/2020


17. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Beach, Lindsay, Romano, Unger, Weld and Jeffries - USMC PFC Manuel P. Markos Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020


32. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Lindsay, Unger, Jeffries and Cline - US Marine Corps PFC James R. “Johnny” Corder Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020
33. By Sen. Cline, Weld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Unger and Romano - US Air Force MSGT Dvon Duncan Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

34. By Sen. Pitsenbarger, Azinger, Baldwin, Facemire, Hamilton, Romano, Stollings, Unger, Jeffries and Lindsay - US Army CPL Dane Hampton Hamric Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

35. By Sen. Cline, Roberts, Stollings, Romano, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - Veterans Memorial Drive - Adopted 3/7/2020

36. By Sen. Baldwin, Mann, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Stollings, Jeffries, Plymale, Lindsay and Unger - Shafer Brothers US Military Veterans Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020


42. By Sen. Mann, Carmichael (Mr. President), Baldwin, Blair, Jeffries, Prezioso, Romano, Swope, Takubo, Weld, Lindsay, Stollings and Unger - US Army CPL Richard “Warren” Ellison Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

43. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Stollings, Lindsay, Jeffries, Unger and Cline - US Army 1LT Fred Omar Pratt Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

46. By Sen. Trump, Hardesty, Rucker, Lindsay, Romano, Beach, Weld, Takubo, Clements, Baldwin, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Jeffries, Cline and Woelfel (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Requesting DEP and DHHR propose public source-water supply study plan - Adopted 3/7/2020

59. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Stollings, Jeffries and Lindsay - Rachel Hershey Smith Memorial Shelter - Adopted 3/7/2020

**HOUSE BILLS PASSED LEGISLATURE**


*2338. By Del. Howell and Porterfield - Allowing the owner of an antique military vehicle to display alternate registration insignia - Passed 2/28/2020 - To Governor 3/3/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 218, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*2419. By Del. Shott, Householder and Porterfield - Relating to the authorization to release a defendant or a person arrested upon his or her own recognizance


*2602. By Del. Miller, Canestraro, Brown, N., Kelly, D., Foster and Steele - **Including possession of known stolen property in the offense of receiving or transferring stolen property** - Passed 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 89, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*2646. By Del. Higginbotham, Foster, Wilson, Sypolt, Hardy, Butler, Atkinson and Cadle - **Providing a safe harbor for employers to correct underpayment or nonpayment of wages and benefits due to separated employees** - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 204, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*2892. By Del. Canestraro, Miller, Kelly, D., Brown, N., Steele and Fast - **Including digital and virtual information in the definition of property that can be searched and seized by a warrant** - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 99, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

2922. By Del. Barrett and Brown, S. - **Relating to requirements to obtain a final order of discharge and dismissal for possession of opiates or opioids** - Passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 55, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*2924. By Del. Howell, Pack, Martin, C. and Hamrick - **Permitting the West Virginia Tourism Office to decide to contract with the Division of Highways to sell advertising space on the WV511 website** - Passed 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 163, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*2961. By Del. Fast, Martin, C., Foster, Mandt and Butler - **Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 271, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*2967. By Del. Hardy, Bibby, Barrett, Espinosa, Cowles, Householder, Mandt, Linville, Wilson, Jeffries, D. and Rowan - **Permitting a county to retain the excise taxes for the privilege of transferring title of real estate** - Passed

*3098. By Del. Williams, Lavender-Bowe, Thompson, C., Estep-Burton, Cooper, Campbell, Fluharty, Pushkin and Pyles - *Allowing the same business owner to brew and sell beer to also distill and sell liquor* - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 5, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


accountability and transparency - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 314, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4020. By Del. Foster, Phillips, Jennings, Atkinson, Bibby, Steele, Butler, Waxman, Espinosa, Porterfield and Mandt - Removing authority of municipalities to require occupational licensure if licensure for the occupation is required by the state - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 244, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4042. By Del. Howell, Bibby, Jeffries, J., Waxman, Kelly, J. and Cadle - Requiring agencies exempt from some or all of state purchasing requirements to adopt procedural rules - Passed 2/7/2020 - To Governor 2/11/20 - Approved by Governor 2/17/20 - Chapter 165, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4077. By Del. Higginbotham and Ellington - Increasing the amount of the bond required to be posted by proprietary schools - Passed 3/3/2020 - To
4088. By Del. Anderson, Kelly, J., Cadle, Hott and Porterfield - **Disposition of funds from certain oil and natural gas wells due to unknown or unlocatable interest owners** - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 143, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4094. By Del. Hill, Pack, Summers, Espinosa, Mandt, Rowan, Worrall, Fleischauer, Pushkin, Thompson, C. and Walker - **Continuing the Foster Care Ombudsman** (original similar to SB301) - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 41, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4130. By Del. Jeffries, D. and Hanna - Relating to competitive bidding for government construction contracts arising out of declared states of emergency (original similar to SB309) - Passed 1/30/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 2/3/20 - Approved by Governor 2/5/20 - Chapter 166, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4166. By Del. Foster, Phillips, Bibby, Steele, Butler, Waxman, Espinosa, Porterfield, Kessinger, Lovejoy and Bartlett - **Prohibiting certain sex offenders from being in a supervisory position over children** (original similar to HB4536) - Passed 2/17/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 100, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4176. By Del. Miller, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Miley, Shott, Kelly, D., Kessinger, Canestraro and Lovejoy - **West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center Act** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 296, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4178. By Del. Miller, Lovejoy, Lavender-Bowe, Kelly, D., Hansen and Brown, S. - **Requiring calls which are recorded be maintained for a period of five years** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 297, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4198. By Del. Pyles, Pushkin, Lavender-Bowe and Brown, S. - **Permitting a person to obtain a 12-month supply of contraceptive drugs** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 195, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4217. By Del. Foster - **Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to SB329) - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 211, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4252. By Del. Foster - **Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to SB369) - Passed 3/6/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 212, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4275. By Del. Foster - **Authorizing Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety promulgate legislative rules relating to the Fire Commission** (original similar to SB355) - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 213, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4352. By Del. Jennings, Maynard, Bibby, Lovejoy, Miller, Pack, Sypolt, Worrell, Waxman, Hardy and Summers - **Removing the use of post-criminal conduct in professional and occupational initial licensure or certification in decision making** (original similar to SB503) - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 246, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
By Del. Howell, Porterfield, Jeffries, J., Hott, Kump, Cadle, Sypolt and Hamrick - Creating a rational nexus requirement between prior criminal conduct and initial licensure decision making (original similar to SB499) - Passed 2/19/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 247, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Worrell, Summers and Wilson - Adding nabiximols to the permitted list of distributed and prescribed drugs - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 56, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Westfall and Porterfield - Modifying the filing fees for insurers - Passed 2/27/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/2/20 - Approved by Governor 3/7/20 - Chapter 196, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Graves, Pack, Steele, Ellington, Kessinger, Jennings, Summers, Waxman, Maynard, Sypolt and Rowan - Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System (original similar to SB233) - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 257, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Summers, Kessinger, Hill, Pack, Porterfield and Bates - Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Compact (original similar to SB656) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 249, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4388. By Del. Hamrick, Jeffries, J. and Martin, C. - **Limiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner's authority to restrict advertising** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 6, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4395. By Del. Summers, Longstreth and Porterfield - **Removing the requirement that a veterinarian access and report to the controlled substance monitoring database** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20


4412. By Del. Fleischauer, Bibby, Jennings, Walker, Hansen, Cooper, Rowan, Butler, Pethel, Longstreth and Angelucci - Relating to education benefits to members of the West Virginia Army National Guard and West Virginia Air National Guard - Passed 3/2/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/5/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 179, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4439. By Del. Householder, Criss, Butler, Anderson, Rowan, Linville, Graves, Maynard, Barrett, Boggs and Hartman - Clarifying the method for calculating the amount of severance tax attributable to the increase in coal production - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 335, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4444. By Del. Linville, Rohrbach, Lovejoy, Mandt, Worrell, Miller, Maynard, Little, Summers, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Kelly, D. - Establishing Medals of Valor and Medals for Bravery for emergency medical services, firefighters, and law-enforcement officers - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 299, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4461. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - Requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1 - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 168, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4464. By Del. Butler and Porterfield - Relating to driving privileges and requirements for persons under the age of 18 - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 221, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4476. By Del. Shott, Criss, Steele, Howell, Kelly, D., Miller, Brown, N., Maynard, Lovejoy, Mandt and Fast - Providing for the timely and efficient collection, submission, testing, retention, and disposition of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases (original similar to SB504) - Passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 300, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4477. By Del. Westfall, Nelson, Criss, Queen, Householder, Espinosa and Porterfield - West Virginia Mutual to Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act (original similar to SB598) - Passed 2/28/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/3/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 199, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4496. By Del. Shott, Criss, Graves, Steele, Howell, Kelly, D., Miller, Brown, N., Maynard, Mandt and Fast - Removing the specific mandate of the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to purchase liability insurance for the Division of Corrections (original similar to SB508) - Passed 2/4/2020 - To Governor 2/11/20 - Approved by Governor 2/17/20 - Chapter 200, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4501. By Del. Miller, Criss, Graves, Howell, Shott, Brown, N. and Maynard - Relating to the ability to refuse offenders for commitment to a jail (original similar to SB617) - Passed 2/27/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor
3/2/20 - Approved by Governor 3/7/20 - Chapter 62, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4509. By Del. Shott, Steele, Brown, N. and Maynard - Transferring the Parole Board to the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for purposes of administrative and other support - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 169, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4510. By Del. Steele, Criss, Graves, Howell, Kelly, D., Miller, Shott, Brown, N., Maynard and Fast - Prohibiting bodily intrusion by an inmate upon any person at any correctional facility (original similar to SB519) - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 63, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4513. By Del. Atkinson, Anderson, Tomblin, Westfall, Cadle, Dean and Porterfield - Increasing the replacement costs required of a person causing injury or death of game or protected species (original similar to SB469) - Passed 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/5/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 235, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4514. By Del. Atkinson, Anderson, Cadle, Westfall, Tomblin, Porterfield and Hott - Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear (original similar to SB550) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 236, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4515. By Del. Sypolt, Hartman, Westfall, Tomblin, Anderson, Cooper, Cadle, Hott, Atkinson, Dean and Kelly, D. - Relating to wildlife resources, eligibility for license or permit application (original similar to SB468) - Passed 2/21/2020 - To Governor 2/27/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 237, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4523. By Del. Summers, Paynter, Hardy, Worrell and Maynard - Removing the limitation of number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person
may purchase - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 238, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4524. By Del. Westfall, Hartzman, Sponaugle, Barrett, Phillips, Storch, Fluharty and Steele - Making the entire state “wet” or permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 7, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4530. By Del. Westfall - Authorizing daily passenger rental car companies to charge reasonable administrative fees - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 226, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4557. By Del. Hill - Relating to centers and institutions that provide the care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 284, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4559. By Del. Shott, Byrd, Pushkin, Brown, S., Fast, Brown, N. and Steele - Modifying the limitations on civil actions against the perpetrator of sexual
assault or sexual abuse upon a minor  - Passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 2, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4585. By Del. Hill and Pack - Providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 45, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4593. By Del. Higginbotham - Authorizing the assignment of poll workers to serve more than one precinct under certain circumstances - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 127, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4600. By Del. Graves, Nelson, Anderson, Pethtel and Evans (Originating in House Pensions and Retirement) - Relating to the definition of the term member
regarding distributing premium tax proceeds - Passed 2/27/2020 - To Governor 3/3/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 74, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4601. By Del. Graves, Nelson, Anderson, Pethtel and Evans (Originating in House Pensions and Retirement) - Relating to distribution of premium tax proceeds to municipal policemen’s and firemen’s pension and relief funds - Passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 75, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4607. By Del. Howell - Authorizing the operation of mobile shops for hair, nail, cosmetology, and aesthetics services - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 251, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4619. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Capito, Atkinson, Westfall, Queen, Nelson, Summers, Kelly, J., Barrett, Boggs and Miley - Approving plans proposed by electric utilities to install middle-mile broadband fiber - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 37, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4633. By Del. Storch, Anderson, Nelson, Kessinger, Waxman, Summers, Criss, Sypolt, Hill, Espinosa and Capito - Expanding county commissions’ ability to dispose of county or district property (original similar to SB64) - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 76, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4655. By Del. Howell, Hott, Summers, Maynard, Martin, C., Jennings, Staggers, Angelucci, Ellington, Hamrick and Fast - Permitting military personnel in areas where on-the-job emergency medicine is part of the training to be granted automatic EMS or EMT certification - Passed 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 286, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4665. By Del. Capito, Queen, Shott and Nelson - Reducing the amount of rebate going to the Purchasing Improvement Fund - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 289, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4666. By Del. Byrd, Nelson, Capito, Pushkin, Queen, Skaff, Rowe and Rohrbach - Relating to competitive bids for intergovernmental relations and urban mass transportation - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 344, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4668. By Del. Miley, Lovejoy, Evans, Caputo, Waxman, Rohrbach, Worrell and Pushkin - Creating the misdemeanor crime of trespass for entering a structure that has been condemned - Passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 94, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4693. By Del. Pack, Steele, Cooper, Paynter, Summers and Jeffries, J. - Expanding the scope of the Veterans to Agriculture Program - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 4, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4697. By Del. Pushkin, Foster, Skaff, Howell, Pyles and Westfall - Removing the restriction that a mini-distillery use raw agricultural products originating on the same premises - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 9, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4714. By Del. Howell, Martin, C. and Ellington - Increasing the monetary threshold for requiring nonprofit organizations to register as a charitable


*4747.* By Del. Howell and Martin, C. - Extending electronic submission of various applications and forms for nonprofit and charitable organizations, professionals and licensees - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 171, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4748.* By Del. Howell and Martin, C. - Relating to the increase of fees that private nongovernment notary publics may charge for notarial acts - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 310, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Dean, Howell, Martin, C., Hamrick and Steele - Relating to the right of disposition of remains - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 253, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Capito, Pushkin, Miller, Nelson and Westfall - Authorizing municipalities to enact ordinances that allow the municipal court to place a structure, dwelling or building into receivership (original similar to SB741) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 77, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Capito - Relating to certification of electrical inspectors (original similar to SB744) - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 254, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Developing a plan for periodic audits of the expenditure of the fees from the emergency 911 telephone system and wireless enhanced 911 - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 308, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Shott and Capito - Relating to the penalties for the manufacture, delivery, possession, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver methamphetamine - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 58, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Accounting for state funds distributed to volunteer and part-volunteer fire companies and departments - Passed 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 302, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Espinosa, Barrett, Cowles, Hardy, Sponaugle, Williams and Householder - Authorizing limited sampling and limited sale of wine for off-premises consumption to wineries not licensed in the state - Passed 3/2/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 10, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Shott - **Relating to the administrative closing of stale or unprogressed estates** (original similar to SB164) - Passed 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/5/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 146, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Angelucci, Longstreth and Caputo - **Eliminating the requirement that municipal police civil service commissions certify a list of three individuals for every position vacancy** - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 78, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Hamrick, Canestraro, Kelly, D., Lovejoy, Miller, Shott, Nelson, Mandt, Fleischauer, Pushkin and Pyles (Originating in House Judiciary) - **Relating to eliminating the ability of a person’s driver license to be suspended for failure to pay court fines and costs** - Passed 3/7/2020; Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 227, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Howell, Martin, C., Staggers, Jennings, Tomblin and Barnhart (Originating in House Government Organization) - **Relating to clarifying the ability of the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors to enter into any contracts necessary to carry out its duties** - Passed 2/28/2020; Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 106, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Maynard, Hill, Pack, Williams, Sponaugle, Boggs, Rowan, Pethel, Skaff and Sypolt (Originating in House Finance) - **Relating to providing tax credit for the donation or sale of a vehicle to certain charitable organizations** - Passed 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/5/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 338, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY LEGISLATURE**

1. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - **Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly** - Adopted 1/8/2020


*26. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Fast, Kelly, D. and Kessinger - Requesting the Division of Highways name a portion of Cannelton Road “In Memory of Fallen Corrections Officers” - Adopted 3/7/2020


*33. By Del. Linville - U.S.A.F. Lt Col Frederick Donald Belknap Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/5/2020

34. By Del. Longstreth, Evans, Fleischauer, Butler, Pethtel, Diserio, Angelucci, Campbell, Cooper, Toney and Pushkin - Requesting the Division of Highways to place at least 10 additional signs along highways entering West Virginia honoring fallen veterans and Gold Star Families - Adopted 3/3/2020


38. By Del. Miller, Westfall, Tomblin, Rodighiero, Hicks, Butler and Linville - U. S. Army PFC Nile C. Ballard Memorial Road - Adopted 3/3/2020

40. By Del. Hanna - The Hall Brothers Veterans Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020


*42. By Del. Hartman, Sponaugle, Thompson, C. and Brown, N. - PFC David Henry Shifflet Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020

47. By Del. Robinson, Estep-Burton, Rowe and Skaff - U. S. Army Air Corps SSGT Charles Dexter Duncan Memorial Road - Adopted 3/7/2020


*56. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - U. S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Eddie Dean Starcher Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/7/2020


64. By Del. Pushkin, Rowe, Estep-Burton, Byrd, Robinson, Nelson and Skaff - U. S. Army SP5 Benny Ray Snodgrass Memorial Bridge - Adopted 3/9/2020


*82. By Del. Thompson, R., Hicks, Rodighiero, Tomblin, Lovejoy and Rohrbach - Naming a portion of Buffalo Creek Road, In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free - Adopted 3/9/2020


101. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - **Claude Markle Hill** - Adopted 3/7/2020


110. By Del. Sponaugle, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - **Speaker Clyde M. See, Jr. Exit** - Adopted 3/7/2020


122. By Del. Shott, Ellington, Paynter and Evans - **Eustace Frederick Memorial Road** - Adopted 3/9/2020

SENATE BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

*163. By Sen. Blair and Maroney - Relating to municipal or county taxation of hotel rooms booked through marketplace facilitator (original similar to HB4555) - Passed 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20

*692. By Sen. Trump - Clarifying persons indicted or charged jointly for felony offense can move to have separate trial - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20

HOUSE BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR, AMENDED, REPASSED LEGISLATURE, APPROVED BY GOVERNOR


HOUSE BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR


*4395. By Del. Summers, Longstreth and Porterfield - Removing the requirement that a veterinarian access and report to the controlled substance monitoring database - Passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20


HOUSE BILLS DIED IN CONFERENCE


Authority to accept the use of credit and debit cards for paying tolls - To conference 3/7/2020. House conferees: Jeffries, D., Hanna, Staggers; Senate conferees: Swope, Roberts, Jeffries

4887. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Relating to revocation, cancellation, or suspension of business registration certificates - To conference 3/6/2020. House conferees: Martin, C., Barnhart, Angelucci; Senate conferees: Clements, Azinger, Jeffries

ALL SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED

1. By Sen. Clements, Baldwin, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Jeffries and Woelfel - Creating felony offense of cruelty to animals - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

2. By Sen. Clements, Cline, Jeffries, Romano, Maroney and Facemire - Providing for automated license plate reader systems - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

3. By Sen. Clements, Baldwin, Cline, Roberts, Romano, Ihlenfeld, Maroney and Facemire - Relating to registration fees for certain military-related license plates - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

4. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Roberts, Stollings, Tarr, Lindsay, Smith and Maroney - Providing that persons 16 years or older may carry pepper spray for self-defense - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

5. By Sen. Azinger, Roberts and Smith - Presuming shared legal and physical custody of child in divorce is in best interest of child (original similar to HB4648) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

*6. By Sen. Cline and Roberts - Allowing DOH issue permits for certain tractors with certain trailers not exceeding specified maximum axle weights - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - To House 2/20/2020 - To Judiciary - Motion Previous Question rejected - Motion bill be rejected not adopted - Passed House 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 341, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

7. By Sen. Azinger and Roberts - Raising age of children who are victims of certain sex offenses to 16 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

8. By Sen. Azinger, Cline, Tarr, Romano, Smith, Maroney and Maynard - Exempting certain armed forces veterans from payment of fees for license to carry deadly weapon - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Military then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance

9. By Sen. Swope - Requiring certain documents that contain wage records be considered confidential - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization
10. By Sen. Swope, Cline, Hamilton, Roberts, Ihlenfeld, Pitsenbarger and Maroney - Allowing use or nonuse of safety belt as admissible evidence in civil actions - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

11. By Sen. Swope and Maynard - Relating to certification requirements of crane operators - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Workforce then Government Organization

12. By Sen. Maynard, Cline and Tarr - Prohibiting lobbying by counsel of state boards and commissions - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

13. By Sen. Azinger and Tarr - Increasing burglary penalty if crime against another person committed during burglary - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary


15. By Sen. Azinger, Tarr, Roberts and Smith - Removing municipalities’ authority to restrict firearm possession without concealed permit during brief temporary events - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary


18. By Sen. Clements, Baldwin, Jeffries, Woelfel, Maroney and Facemire - Creating WV Healthy Food Crop Block Grant Program (original similar to SB182) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance

19. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Roberts, Smith and Maynard - Prohibiting State Board of Education from accepting federal education plans without legislative approval - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

20. By Sen. Rucker and Maynard - Providing compensation to victims of abusive lawsuits - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

21. By Sen. Baldwin, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel and Facemire - Prohibiting certain misleading pharmaceutical advertising practices - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

22. By Sen. Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano, Woelfel and Facemire - Requiring county boards of education to provide free feminine hygiene
products in grades six through 12 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Finance

23. By Sen. Rucker and Maynard - Creating “Choose Life” special registration plate supporting adoption - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

24. By Sen. Rucker and Roberts - Relating to residency requirements for voter registration - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

25. By Sen. Hamilton and Baldwin - Relating to adoption records - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

26. By Sen. Hamilton, Romano and Facemire - Increasing surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

27. By Sen. Hamilton, Baldwin, Romano, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel and Facemire - Requiring political action committees disclose contributors’ names and addresses to Secretary of State - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

*28. By Sen. Maroney - Allowing WV Board of Medicine investigators to carry concealed weapons - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary 2/14/2020

*29. By Sen. Maroney and Roberts - Relating to involuntary hospitalization order by physician in certain cases - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary 2/14/2020

30. By Sen. Hamilton, Baldwin, Romano and Facemire - Extending expiration of driver’s licenses for active military members’ spouses (original similar to SB177) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Military then Transportation and Infrastructure - To Transportation and Infrastructure 1/22/2020

31. By Sen. Hamilton, Ihlenfeld and Facemire - Providing 11-month window for PERS members to purchase certain credited service (original similar to SB178, SB250) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - To Finance 1/16/2020

32. By Sen. Hamilton - Allowing vehicles operated by certain county boards of education to use red flashing warning lights - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

33. By Sen. Hamilton - Relating to age requirements for appointment as deputy sheriff - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization

34. By Sen. Hamilton, Romano and Facemire - Relating generally to emergency vehicles - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

*35. By Sen. Clements - Limiting civil penalty for littering conviction to $2,000 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/14/2020 - Passed
By Sen. Clements - Establishing Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Economic Development then Judiciary

By Sen. Smith, Baldwin, Cline, Hamilton, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Roberts and Facemire - Providing long-term care and substance abuse treatment - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

By Sen. Azinger, Cline and Maynard - Requiring schools provide elective course on Hebrew Scriptures or Bible - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary 2/7/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard, Baldwin, Cline, Romano and Facemire - Requiring patients be provided estimate of health care provider's standard charges - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

By Sen. Maynard and Cline - Encouraging landowners make land available for recreation purposes by limiting landowner liability - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Natural Resources then Judiciary


By Sen. Cline, Maynard and Romano - Imposing cap under insurance policy or discount prescription drug plan for covered prescription insulin drug - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

By Sen. Cline and Romano - Establishing tax credit for certain employers employing eligible individuals recovering from substance use disorder - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Workforce then Finance

By Sen. Cline, Hamilton and Facemire - Requiring teaching of agricultural science education course - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Finance

By Sen. Rucker - Defining “pepper spray” and exempting from definition of “deadly weapons” (original similar to SB255) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/14/2020 - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 81, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
47. By Sen. Cline and Romano - Relating generally to autocycles (original similar to SB298) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

48. By Sen. Swope - Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting means of regulating certain areas of employer-employee relationship and sale or marketing of consumer merchandise - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

49. By Sen. Swope, Roberts and Cline - Allowing counties to implement one-percent consumers sales tax in certain circumstances - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

50. By Sen. Cline and Romano - Creating emergency text number systems for children - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance


52. By Sen. Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Unger and Facemire - Supplementary appropriation of public moneys to DHHR, Center for End of Life - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

53. By Sen. Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Unger and Facemire - Supplementary appropriation of public moneys to DHHR, CARDIAC Project - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

54. By Sen. Stollings, Jeffries, Romano, Facemire and Lindsay - Relating generally to occupational pneumoconiosis - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

55. By Sen. Stollings, Baldwin, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel and Facemire - Ensuring insurance coverage for residents with preexisting conditions - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

56. By Sen. Stollings, Baldwin, Jeffries, Romano and Facemire - Prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancer - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

57. By Sen. Unger, Romano and Facemire - Including correctional officers as law-enforcement within WV Fire, EMS, and Law-Enforcement Survivor Benefit Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

58. By Sen. Unger - Relating generally to directing certain amendments to DEP rules relating to Air Quality and Water Resources - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Judiciary

59. By Sen. Beach - Requiring contractors provide county boards of education number of units constructed prior to issuance of permit - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary
60. By Sen. Beach, Baldwin and Woelfel - Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance

61. By Sen. Beach, Baldwin, Romano and Facemire - Relating to safety of tow trucks, wreckers, and tilt-bed vehicles - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

62. By Sen. Beach, Lindsay, Romano and Facemire - Creating Katherine Johnson Fair Pay Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary

*63. By Sen. Beach, Romano and Facemire - Creating five-year tax credits for hemp manufacturing - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - To Finance 2/13/2020

64. By Sen. Beach - Expanding county commissions’ ability to dispose of county or district property (original similar to HB4633) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

65. By Sen. Lindsay and Baldwin - Establishing Family and Medical Leave Insurance Benefits Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

*66. By Sen. Lindsay and Romano - Requiring State Police to follow towing services policies of county of location - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization

67. By Sen. Lindsay and Romano - Creating litigation practice license for social workers - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

68. By Sen. Lindsay, Romano and Facemire - Designating DHHR social workers to promote school attendance and performance - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Finance

69. By Sen. Lindsay, Romano and Facemire - Relating generally to Consolidated Public Retirement Board - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

70. By Sen. Prezioso, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano, Jeffries, Woelfel and Facemire - Requiring any newly constructed building to meet minimum standards for universal design for disabled persons - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

71. By Sen. Tarr - Requiring minors in possession of marijuana and their parents to attend classes on danger of marijuana - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

72. By Sen. Baldwin and Facemire - Exempting nonprofit corporations from property tax for certain agricultural and industrial fairs and expositions - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance
73. By Sen. Baldwin and Romano - Relating generally to criteria for political party status - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

74. By Sen. Baldwin, Romano and Facemire - Requiring wholesale drug distributors to report certain information to WV Board of Pharmacy - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Government Organization

75. By Sen. Baldwin and Jeffries - Changing determination of compensation paid to landowner when eminent domain used for pipeline - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Judiciary

76. By Sen. Tarr, Roberts and Maroney - Limiting liability of employers in cases where certain crime convictions are expunged - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/6/2020 - To Judiciary 2/6/2020

77. By Sen. Takubo, Cline, Hamilton, Lindsay and Ihlenfeld - Establishing tax credit for certain physicians who locate to practice in WV - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To Finance 1/22/2020

78. By Sen. Smith - Requiring DHHR to file petition to terminate parental rights under certain circumstances - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

79. By Sen. Smith and Hamilton - Relating generally to proceeds from certain oil and gas wells - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

80. By Sen. Smith - Allowing county commissions to impose amusement tax - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization

81. By Sen. Smith and Romano - Terminating, expiring, or cancelling oil or natural gas leases - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Judiciary

82. By Sen. Smith, Baldwin, Hamilton, Jeffries, Woelfel and Facemire - Creating Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act (original similar to HB4827) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Judiciary

83. By Sen. Smith and Maynard - Creating Fetal Heartbeat Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

84. By Sen. Smith, Hamilton and Facemire - Allowing for expedited oil and gas well permitting and permit modifications upon payment of fee - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Judiciary

85. By Sen. Baldwin, Jeffries, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel, Romano and Facemire - Providing up to $500 credit for teachers against personal income tax for nonreimbursed costs of supplies - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Finance

86. By Sen. Baldwin and Plymale - Creating Stay in State Tax Credit - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Finance
By Sen. Baldwin, Hamilton, Jeffries, Ihlenfeld and Woelfel - **Drug testing of legislators** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Baldwin - **Relating to mobility impairment identifying documents** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

By Sen. Baldwin and Romano - **Creating Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

By Sen. Baldwin - **Adjusting distance from polling place certain election-related activity is prohibited** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Baldwin - **Permitting certain veterans to hunt, trap, or fish in state without license** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance

By Sen. Baldwin, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano and Facemire - **Exempting first $150,000 of assessed value of primary residence for certain veterans** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

By Sen. Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel and Facemire - **Creating shared table initiative for senior citizens who suffer from food insecurity** (original similar to HB4447) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization

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By Sen. Trump, Weld, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pittsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Woelfel, Hamilton, Stollings, Ihlenfeld and Sypolt (Originating in Senate) - **Providing persons with physical disabilities ability to vote by electronic absentee ballot** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/10/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 1/15/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/24/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 1/28/20 - Approved by Governor 2/3/20 - Chapter 124, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Trump, Cline, Rucker, Azinger, Maynard, Roberts, Sypolt, Smith, Hamilton, Romano and Facemire - **Prohibiting municipalities from limiting persons’ rights to possess certain weapons** (original similar to HB4376) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/17/2020 - To Judiciary 1/17/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Political Subdivisions then Judiciary - To House Judiciary - Committee amendment rejected - Passed House 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 64, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Trump, Hamilton, Lindsay, Romano and Maroney - **Allowing senior judge to continue receiving per diem compensation beyond annual salary of sitting judge due to delay by Governor in filling vacancy** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Pensions and Retirement then Finance
98. By Sen. Smith - Requiring probationers who served 10 or more years to participate in work release program - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

99. By Sen. Romano, Lindsay and Facemire - Allowing voters who register in person with county clerk to vote during early in-person voting - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

100. By Sen. Romano - Limiting penalty for possession of marijuana to no more than $1,000 without confinement - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

101. By Sen. Romano, Baldwin, Jeffries, Lindsay and Facemire - Allowing workers’ compensation for first responders diagnosed with PTSD due to event during employment - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

102. By Sen. Palumbo, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel and Romano - Requiring certain state office vacancies be filled with person affiliated with same party as vacating person was affiliated at time of election - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

103. By Sen. Tarr - Updating election law to provide for language governing new election systems - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

104. By Sen. Azinger - Creating Timber Cotenancy Modernization and Majority Protection Act and Unknown and Unlocatable Timber Interest Owners Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

105. By Sen. Cline - Supplementary appropriation to DMAPS, Fire Commission, for Hanover Volunteer Fire Department - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance


107. By Sen. Cline, Hamilton and Facemire - Requiring satisfactory completion of class in personal finance to graduate high school - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education

108. By Sen. Cline - Supplementary appropriation to DMAPS, Fire Commission, for Brenton Volunteer Fire Department - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

109. By Sen. Palumbo, Stollings and Romano - Relating to incentives for consolidating local governments (original similar to SB138) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

110. By Sen. Palumbo, Baldwin, Stollings and Romano - Creating Independent Redistricting Commission - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

111. By Sen. Palumbo and Ihlenfeld - Relating generally to tobacco usage and e-cigarette restrictions - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary
112. By Sen. Ihlenfeld and Romano - Prohibiting legislators and part-time public officials from having interest in public contracts under certain circumstances - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

113. By Sen. Romano, Baldwin, Lindsay and Ihlenfeld - Requiring certain disclosures of election expenditures - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

114. By Sen. Romano and Hamilton - Providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military members - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Military then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance - To House Finance 2/27/2020

115. By Sen. Romano and Stollings - Relating to surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies for funding volunteer fire departments - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

116. By Sen. Romano - Creating surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies to help municipalities and counties with certain fire-related cleanup and demolition - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

117. By Sen. Romano and Facemire - Providing $1,000 cost-of-living adjustment to certain PERS and State Teachers Retirement System retirees - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

118. By Sen. Romano - Modifying procedure certain public agencies use to procure architectural and engineering services contracts - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization


121. By Sen. Romano - Creating Corporate Anti-Subsidy Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Interstate Cooperation then Government Organization

*123. By Sen. Trump - Relating generally to pyramid promotional schemes - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Economic Development then Judiciary - To Judiciary 1/31/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020

124. By Sen. Trump - Establishing intent of Legislature that corporate “veil piercing” claims may not be used to impose personal liability on certain persons - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary


126. By Sen. Trump and Cline - Relating generally to WV Appellate Reorganization Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

127. By Sen. Trump and Cline - Authorizing governing board of higher education institution to eliminate tenure for its faculty - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

128. By Sen. Cline and Hamilton - Increasing penalties for malicious assault, unlawful assault, and assault on law-enforcement officer - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

129. By Sen. Cline - Authorizing DOH Commissioner or local authorities to establish minimum speed limits in certain areas - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary


*131. By Sen. Trump and Roberts - Creating Tim Tebow Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Education

132. By Sen. Smith and Cline - Providing wind power projects be taxed at real property rate - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

133. By Sen. Smith - Requiring new original equipment parts be used to maintain motor vehicle manufacturer’s warranty - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary
134. By Sen. Smith and Cline - **Transferring child welfare enforcement responsibilities to State Police** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

135. By Sen. Swope and Maynard - **Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, or other legal requirements** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary


137. By Sen. Blair, Baldwin, Cline, Roberts, Romano and Facemire - **Requiring Legislature provide funds to DHHR for local boards of health pay raises in certain circumstances** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

*138. By Sen. Blair, Palumbo and Roberts - **Incentives for consolidating local governments** (original similar to SB109) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/16/2020 - To Finance 1/16/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

139. By Sen. Blair and Facemire - **Shifting funding from Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

140. By Sen. Blair and Hamilton - **Changing rate at which certain judges are paid for mileage when traveling within state** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Finance


*142. By Sen. Sypolt, Hamilton, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger and Romano - **Expanding Coyote Control Program through voluntary assessment on breeding cows** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - To Finance 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance - To House Finance 2/24/2020

143. By Sen. Sypolt and Cline - **Changing qualifier for low income to 300 percent or less of federal poverty guideline for senior citizens’ homestead tax credit** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance

*144. By Sen. Sypolt and Cline - **Creating misdemeanor penalty for making materially false statement in course of misdemeanor investigation** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/21/2020 - Passed
By Sen. Sypolt, Cline and Roberts - Permitting photo identification on voter registration cards - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Sypolt and Smith - Establishing minimum monthly retirement annuity for retirants with 20 or more years of credited service - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

By Sen. Sypolt, Cline and Roberts - Providing next of kin criminally responsible for relative’s death may not be involved in burial arrangements - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Sypolt, Cline and Facemire - Creating Road Maintenance Program - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

By Sen. Sypolt, Baldwin, Romano and Facemire - Including emergency response vehicles in single fee EZ Pass transponder program - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

By Sen. Sypolt and Clements - Requiring Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assist inmates in obtaining certain documents - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

By Sen. Sypolt and Rucker - Creating Taxation with Representation Act - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Sypolt and Facemire - Allowing certain motorcycle operators to ride without helmet - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

By Sen. Sypolt and Facemire - Allowing certain out-of-state residents ride motorcycle without helmet - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

By Sen. Sypolt - Relating to payment of attorney fees in subsidized adoptions or guardianships - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary
156. By Sen. Sypolt, Baldwin, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel, Romano and Facemire - Rights of domestic violence victims to know employment and residence location of assailant - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

157. By Sen. Sypolt - Requiring licensed programs for domestic violence victims offer specific services -Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

158. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline and Hamilton - Requiring State Police visit homes of registered sex offenders at regular intervals - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

159. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline and Smith - Allowing municipalities to contract projects up to $50,000 without bidding - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization

*160. By Sen. Sypolt, Beach, Clements, Hamilton, Stollings, Pitsenbarger, Romano and Facemire - Creating Voluntary WVU Rifle Team Check-Off Program on hunting and fishing licenses - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - To Finance 1/22/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

161. By Sen. Sypolt and Cline - Relating to Division of Forestry members’ salaries - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

162. By Sen. Blair, Clements and Weld - Enhancing maintenance and repair of state’s roads and highways - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance


164. By Sen. Trump - Relating to administrative closing of certain estates (original similar to HB4929) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

165. By Sen. Blair - Relating to effect on regular levy rate when appraisal results in tax increase - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance

166. By Sen. Blair and Cline - Requiring county boards of education to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades five through 12 to certain students - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Education then Finance

167. By Sen. Blair and Hamilton - Expanding Coyote Control Program through assessment on breeding cows - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance
168. By Sen. Blair, Clements and Weld - **Allowing certain deductions be made from individual personal income tax refunds** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Military then Finance

169. By Sen. Rucker and Cline - **Relating generally to stalking and harassment** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

170. By Sen. Blair - **Alleviating double taxation on foreign income at state level** -Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Finance - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

171. By Sen. Blair, Cline, Tarr, Smith and Sypolt - **Exempting certain automobiles 25 years or older from personal property taxation** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance - To Finance 1/22/2020

172. By Sen. Blair, Cline, Romano and Facemire - **Exempting certain veterans from carry concealed permit fees** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Military then Finance

173. By Sen. Blair, Hamilton, Rucker and Facemire - **Creating WV Farm-to-School Grant Program** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance

174. By Sen. Blair, Lindsay, Jeffries, Romano and Facemire - **Relating to federal funding for WVU and WVSU** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Education then Finance


176. By Sen. Blair, Baldwin, Woelfel and Romano - **Limiting number of days legislators may receive compensation under certain circumstances** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

177. By Sen. Blair, Clements, Cline, Romano and Facemire - **Extending driver’s license expiration for active military members’ spouses** (original similar to SB30) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Military then Transportation and Infrastructure

178. By Sen. Blair, Hamilton, Romano and Facemire - **Providing 11-month window to allow PERS members to purchase credited service** (original similar to SB250, SB31) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

179. By Sen. Blair and Romano - **Relating to retirement and pension benefits of certain PERS and Teachers Retirement System members** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - To Pensions

181. By Sen. Blair, Jeffries and Rucker - **Relating to Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance

182. By Sen. Blair and Cline - **Creating WV Healthy Food Crop Block Grant Program** (original similar to SB18) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance

183. By Sen. Blair - **Modifying requirement that racetrack participate in WV Thoroughbred Development Fund by certain date** (original similar to SB190) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance

184. By Sen. Weld, Baldwin, Cline, Romano and Facemire - **Providing protection from civil liability for certain individuals rescuing animals locked in unattended vehicles** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

185. By Sen. Weld - **Exempting certain persons from hunting, trapping, and fishing fees** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance

186. By Sen. Weld and Hamilton - **Relating to certain pension benefits exempt from state taxation** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Pensions then Finance


188. By Sen. Weld - **Requiring participation in drug court program** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

189. By Sen. Weld - **Relating to partial filling of prescriptions** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

*190. By Sen. Weld - **Modifying requirement that racetrack participate in WV Thoroughbred Development Fund by certain date** (original similar to SB183) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/31/2020 - Passed Senate 2/5/2020 - To House 2/6/2020 - To Finance

*191. By Sen. Weld, Baldwin, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel and Romano - **Creating felony offense of aggravated cruelty to animals** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 1/28/2020 - To House 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary


194. By Sen. Sypolt - Eliminating requirement that schools be closed on election days - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Education then Judiciary


196. By Sen. Sypolt - Staying civil actions resulting from domestic violence for 60 days from date of final order - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

197. By Sen. Sypolt and Cline - Enacting Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Interstate Cooperation then Judiciary - To Judiciary 1/16/2020

198. By Sen. Blair and Hamilton - Creating Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund (original similar to HB4090) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance

199. By Sen. Weld - Creating Court Reporter Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

200. By Sen. Weld, Cline, Romano, Jeffries, Lindsay and Facemire - Including certain types of cancers for which rebuttable presumption of injury exists for firefighters (original similar to HB4705) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance


203. By Sen. Weld and Hamilton - **Allowing certain deductions from personal income tax refunds** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Military then Finance - To Finance 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance - To House Finance 2/27/2020

*204. By Sen. Weld and Baldwin - **Providing for nonpartisan elections of county prosecuting attorneys** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/14/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/20/2020 - To Judiciary

205. By Sen. Weld - **Allowing issuance of limited letters of administration for certain estates** (original similar to HB4374) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

206. By Sen. Weld - **Adding language to be contained in appraisement showing nonprobate assets not to be sold** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

*207. By Sen. Weld and Cline - **Creating Prosecuting Attorney’s Detectives Act** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/14/2020 - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary


210. By Sen. Tarr - **Prohibiting registered lobbyists from appointment to state legislative, executive, or judicial position for five years** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

211. By Sen. Palumbo and Lindsay - **Relating to unlawful discriminatory practices covered by Human Rights Act and Fair Housing Act** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

212. By Sen. Palumbo, Lindsay and Ihlenfeld - **Prohibiting civil rights violations based on gender identity or sexual orientation** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

*213. By Sen. Trump - **Relating to administration of trusts** (original similar to HB4933) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Title amended - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate amended House amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020
- House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 137, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

214. By Sen. Trump - Shifting funding from Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance


216. By Sen. Maynard and Romano - Requiring towing services be rotated within a towing district - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Government Organization

*217. By Sen. Maynard, Cline and Roberts - Requiring DHHR collaborate with Workforce Development Board and WV Division of Personnel for job placement - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Workforce then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/16/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/21/2020 - To House 1/22/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

218. - Creating Occupational Licensing Consumer Choice Act - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary


220. By Sen. Maynard and Roberts - Relating to exemptions from mandated immunizations - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

221. - Relating to disposition of vacated school buildings or other state-owned buildings (original similar to SB596) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

222. - Prohibiting renaming or removal of certain monuments (original similar to HB4384, HB4817, SB595) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

223. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - Exempting senior citizens from personal income tax - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance

224. By Sen. Maynard - Requiring State Board of Education to develop instructional program on home maintenance for elderly or disabled - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Education

226. By Sen. Maynard and Hamilton - Providing special obligation notes to finance construction of Interstate 73 and Interstate 74 through WV - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance


228. - Eliminating liability of owners of active or abandoned mine lands and active or inactive railway lines to persons who may enter upon premises - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

229. By Sen. Weld, Rucker, Takubo and Palumbo - Requiring Public Health Commissioner create program for reimbursement of adult dental care and free and charitable clinics - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - To Finance 2/12/2020

230. By Sen. Weld, Cline, Baldwin, Lindsay, Roberts, Stollings, Jeffries and Maroney - Requiring State Board of Education provide routine education in suicide prevention (original similar to HB4475, HB4491, HB4525, HB4568) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Children and Families then Education - Com. sub. reported 1/27/2020 - To Education 1/27/2020 - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/13/2020 - To Education - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Title amended - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 108, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

231. By Sen. Rucker, Carmichael (Mr. President), Maynard, Sypolt, Tarr, Cline, Hamilton and Roberts - Creating Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (original similar to HB4007) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

232. By Sen. Weld - Removing outdated prohibitions against electronic or mechanical ticket dispensers and readers (original similar to HB4809) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/10/2020 - Passed Senate 2/13/2020 - To House 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/2/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 149, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

233. By Sen. Weld and Hamilton - Establishing WV Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System (original similar to HB4363) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Pensions then Finance


235. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Hamilton, Woelfel, Romano and Facemire - Increasing criminal penalties for battery of police officer - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary

236. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Stollings, Woelfel, Rucker, Romano, Maroney and Facemire - Relating to online privacy protection of children - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Children and Families then Judiciary
237. By Sen. Baldwin, Beach, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano and Facemire - 
**Exempting emergency vehicles and private ambulances from paying tolls or other charges** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

238. By Sen. Lindsay, Beach, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel, Jeffries, Romano and Facemire - 
**Making state’s whistleblower law applicable to private employment sector** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary

239. By Sen. Ihlenfeld - 
**Requiring general contractors to have and maintain general liability insurance** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

*240. By Sen. Jeffries, Hamilton, Lindsay and Cline - 

*241. By Sen. Baldwin, Roberts, Rucker and Stollings - 
**Requiring State Board of Education develop method for student transportation costs as stand-alone consideration** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 1/24/2020 - Passed Senate 1/29/2020 - To House 1/30/2020 - To Education - Passed House 2/28/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House title amendment 2/29/2020 - Passed Senate 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 109, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

242. By Sen. Palumbo - 
**Relating to work requirements for SNAP benefits** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

243. By Sen. Baldwin and Jeffries - 
**Exempting firearm safe storage products from consumers sales tax** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance

244. By Sen. Baldwin, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel, Romano and Facemire - 
**Modifying Industrial Hemp Development Act** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Judiciary

245. By Sen. Baldwin, Lindsay and Facemire - 
**Relating to placement of traffic control devices before and after street and highway construction and maintenance** - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

*246. By Sen. Jeffries, Hamilton, Woelfel, Lindsay, Stollings, Ihlenfeld, Romano, Facemire and Plymale - 
**Including family court judges in retirement system for judges** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - To Finance 2/13/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance

247. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Woelfel, Baldwin, Lindsay, Stollings, Jeffries, Romano and Facemire - 
**Providing bonus for school service personnel who use less than"
four days of personal leave - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Finance

248. By Sen. Romano and Ihlenfeld - Repealing additional registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles (original similar to HB4947) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

249. By Sen. Ihlenfeld and Woelfel - Authorizing law enforcement to make safety inspections of commercial vehicles - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

250. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Hamilton, Woelfel, Stollings and Romano - Providing 11-month window to allow PERS members to purchase credited service (original similar to SB178, SB31) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

251. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano and Facemire - Allowing workers’ compensation benefits for first responders diagnosed with PTSD due to on-the-job event - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

252. By Sen. Baldwin, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano and Facemire - Creating Emergency Medical Services Personnel Loan Forgiveness Program - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

*253. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Stollings, Romano, Lindsay and Rucker - Providing for fair pay and maximized employment of disabled persons - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/18/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - On 3rd reading, Special Calendar 3/7/2020

254. By Sen. Rucker - Adding grievance and appellate procedures for individuals participating in DMV safety and treatment program - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

255. By Sen. Rucker, Tarr, Cline, Smith and Unger - Providing certain persons be allowed to carry pepper spray in State Capitol Complex (original similar to SB46) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

256. By Sen. Rucker and Cline - Requiring notice be sent to owners of record before real property can be sold due to nonpayment of taxes - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Government Organization

257. By Sen. Rucker and Roberts - Prohibiting discrimination in access to organ transplants based on physical or mental disability - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

258. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Woelfel, Baldwin and Stollings - Relating to when child passenger safety devices are required - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

*259. By Sen. Romano - Requiring mandatory incarceration prior to parole for certain persons convicted of distributing controlled substances near
libraries - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Referred to Rules on 2nd reading 2/25/2020

260. By Sen. Ihlenfeld and Baldwin - Collecting of personal information by retail establishments for certain purposes - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Economic Development then Judiciary - To Judiciary 1/23/2020

*261. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Stollings and Maynard - Creating criminal penalties for introducing ransomware into computer with intent to extort - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/27/2020 - Passed Senate 1/30/2020 - To House 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 84, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

262. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Lindsay and Stollings - Creating rebuttable presumption under workers’ compensation law for law-enforcement officer who has developed certain diseases - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

263. By Sen. Woelfel - Creating Zombie Property Remediation Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Economic Development then Judiciary

264. By Sen. Baldwin - Creating tax credit for persons who successfully complete firearms safety course - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

*265. By Sen. Swope, Woelfel, Baldwin, Cline, Stollings, Roberts, Plymale, Hamilton, Jeffries, Facemire and Palumbo - Authorizing DEP to develop Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/17/2020 - To Finance 1/17/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Finance

266. By Sen. Weld - Clarifying and updating language regarding Fairmont State alumni license plates - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/27/2020

*267. By Sen. Jeffries and Lindsay - Creating offenses of conversion of leased or rented personal property - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/30/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/4/2020 - To House 2/5/2020 - To Judiciary

268. By Sen. Tarr - Relating to certain waivers for SNAP benefits - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*269. By Sen. Stollings, Rucker, Roberts, Cline and Jeffries - Establishing advisory council on rare diseases - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization 1/31/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Government Organization - 2nd reference dispensed - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Title amended -
Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor
3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 259, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

270. By Sen. Takubo, Baldwin, Weld, Woelfel, Lindsay, Palumbo, Stollings and
Plymale - Relating to unlawful discriminatory practices covered by Human
Rights Act and Fair Housing Act (original similar to HB4948) - Introduced
1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

271. By Sen. Baldwin - Prohibiting civil rights violations - Introduced 1/10/2020
- To Judiciary

272. By Sen. Woelfel and Plymale - Repealing certain misdemeanor offenses
- Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

273. By Sen. Ihlenfeld - Reducing time original owner of real property may
redeem property after tax lien sale - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Government
Organization

hunting of coyote - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Natural Resources

*275. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Cline, Rucker and Roberts - Creating
Intermediate Court of Appeals - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then
Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/30/2020 - To Finance 1/30/2020 - Com. sub. for
com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020
- To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance - Motion to reconsider action as
to HFA Zukoff rejected - Amended - House rejected 3/6/2020 - Motion to table
motion to reconsider rejected - Motion to reconsider rejected

276. By Sen. Trump, Cline and Rucker - Creating Intermediate Court of Appeals
- Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

277. By Sen. Trump, Clements and Rucker - Relating to civil asset forfeiture
- Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

278. By Sen. Trump - Providing various methods to deal with defendant who
becomes incompetent during trial - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary -
Rereferred to Judiciary on 2nd reading 2/24/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate
with amended title 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended
- On 3rd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*279. By Sen. Trump, Stollings, Baldwin, Maroney, Romano, Hamilton, Jeffries,
Rucker, Roberts and Facemire - Requiring dental insurance plans honor
assignment made in writing by person covered (original similar to HB4171)
- Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary - To Judiciary
2/4/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House
2/18/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

280. By Sen. Tarr - Requiring establishment of paternity before awarding DHHR
benefits - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then
Judiciary

282. By Sen. Baldwin - **Authorizing transfer of accrued personal leave of former county board of education employee when subsequently employed by state agency** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Government Organization then Finance

283. By Sen. Weld and Rucker - **Relating to criminal offenses of strangulation and suffocation** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

*284. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Cline, Maynard and Maroney - **Creating WV Health Care Continuity Act** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Health and Human Resources 2/7/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*285. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Cline, Roberts and Sypolt - **Eliminating WV Greyhound Breeding Development Fund** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Amended - Rejected by Senate 2/19/2020

286. By Sen. Tarr - **Prohibiting syringe exchange programs** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

287. By Sen. Tarr - **Requiring county boards of education establish program for random drug testing of student drivers and student athletes** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Judiciary


290. By Sen. Weld - **Creating Underground Mining Subsidence Damage Act** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance
*291. By Sen. Weld and Woelfel - **Requiring PEIA and health insurance providers provide mental health parity** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/3/2020 - To Finance 2/3/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/14/2020 - Passed Senate 2/20/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Finance - Amended - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 186, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

292. By Sen. Weld, Ihlenfeld and Hamilton - **Relating to criminal offenses of stalking and harassment** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

293. By Sen. Weld, Stollings, Rucker, Roberts, Plymale, Maynard, Azinger, Hamilton, Clements, Cline and Jeffries - **Relating to adoption** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Children and Families then Health and Human Resources

294. By Sen. Tarr - **Requiring settlement moneys and recovered funds be deposited in general revenue** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

295. By Sen. Cline - **Establishing criminal penalties for certain sexual offenses committed by teacher against student** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary

296. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring student compete in school-sanctioned event based on athlete's biological gender listed on original birth certificate** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education

*297. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring Board of Education create family and consumer sciences course** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/17/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 1/23/2020 - To House 1/24/2020 - To Education then Finance

298. By Sen. Cline - **Redefining “autocycle”** (original similar to SB47) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary

299. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring Board of Education develop financial literacy course** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Finance

300. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - **Updating certain terms in WV Corporation Net Income Tax Act** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/5/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/6/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/14/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 322, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

301. By Sen. Tarr, Weld, Stollings, Rucker, Roberts, Plymale, Maynard, Azinger and Cline - **Relating to Foster Care Ombudsman Program** (original similar to HB4094) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance
302. By Sen. Weld, Stollings, Rucker, Roberts, Plymale, Maynard, Azinger and Cline - *Updating laws on foster care* (original similar to HB4092) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


305. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Stollings, Roberts and Clements - *Exempting certain nonpaid volunteers from workers’ comp benefits* (original similar to HB4134) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Government Organization

306. By Sen. Trump, Woelfel and Plymale - *Licensing of drivers utilizing bioptic telescopic devices* - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/27/2020


309. By Sen. Swope, Pitsenbarger, Clements and Cline - *Relating to competitive bidding for government construction contracts arising from state of emergency* (original similar to HB4130) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Government Organization

310. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Updating certain terms used in WV Personal Income Tax Act* (original similar to HB4135) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/14/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House changed effective date 2/17/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 324, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*312. By Sen. Weld, Stollings, Rucker, Roberts, Plymale, Maynard, Cline, Hamilton, Jeffries, Woelfel and Palumbo - **Relating to provisional licensure of social workers** (original similar to HB4128) - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Children and Families then Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Health and Human Resources 2/7/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 240, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

313. By Sen. Maynard, Clements, Smith, Sypolt and Swope - **Reorganizing various boards and authorities for licensing and oversight of trades, occupations, and professions** (original similar to HB4122) - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

314. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring insurance policies provide free emergency allergy medications** - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources

315. By Sen. Smith, Clements, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay, Roberts, Sypolt, Trump and Ihlenfeld - **Creating Special Road Repair Program** - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance


317. By Sen. Cline - **Creating Board for Professional Geologists** - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

318. By Sen. Maynard, Clements, Smith, Sypolt, Tarr, Swope, Trump and Cline - **Prohibiting regulation and licensing of occupations by local government** (original similar to HB4157) - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

319. By Sen. Rucker, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Stollings, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger, Baldwin, Jeffries, Woelfel, Romano, Facemire and Plymale - **Exempting moneys in WV EMS Retirement Fund from state or municipal tax** (original similar to HB4686) - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

320. By Sen. Sypolt, Maynard, Rucker, Tarr, Cline, Hamilton and Jeffries - **Creating WV Farm Fresh Dairy Act** - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


*323. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Administration promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4204) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/16/2020 - Passed Senate 1/21/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary - House further considered bill - Amended - Passed House 1/29/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 1/30/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/4/20 - Approved by Governor 2/10/20 - Chapter 205, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

324. By Sen. Maynard - **Dept of Administration rule for retention and disposal scheduling** (original similar to HB4205) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

325. By Sen. Maynard - **Dept of Administration rule relating to management of records** (original similar to HB4206) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

326. By Sen. Maynard - **Dept of Administration rule exempting fleet management division from management services** (original similar to HB4207) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

327. By Sen. Maynard - **Dept of Administration rule relating to financial services reporting** (original similar to HB4257) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

328. By Sen. Maynard - **Public Defender Services rule relating to payment of fees and expenses of court-appointed attorneys** (original similar to HB4330) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*329. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing DEP promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4217) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020

330. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to performance standards for new stationary sources** (original similar to HB4218) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

331. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to control of air pollution** (original similar to HB4270) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

332. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to emission standards for hazardous air pollutants** (original similar to HB4219) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
333. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to control of ozone season nitrogen oxides emissions** (original similar to HB4220) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

334. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to WV surface mining reclamation** (original similar to HB4348) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

335. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to groundwater protection** (original similar to HB4221) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

336. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to hazardous waste management system** (original similar to HB4222) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

337. By Sen. Maynard - **DEP rule relating to voluntary remediation and redevelopment rule** (original similar to HB4223) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

338. By Sen. Maynard - **Oil and Gas Commission rule relating to commission rules** (original similar to HB4311) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*339. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing DHHR promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4279) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/27/2020 - Passed Senate 1/30/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 2/20/2020 - Title amended - Effective from passage - Senate amended House amendment and passed 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/5/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 206, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

340. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to permit fees** (original similar to HB4280) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

341. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to vital statistics** (original similar to HB4281) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

342. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to emergency medical services** (original similar to HB4282) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

343. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to primary care center uncompensated care grants** (original similar to HB4283) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

344. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to primary care seed money grants** (original similar to HB4226) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

345. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program general provisions** (original similar to HB4284) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

346. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program growers/processors** (original similar to HB4285) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
347. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program laboratories** (original similar to HB4286) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

348. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program dispensaries** (original similar to HB4287) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

349. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis safe harbor letter** (original similar to HB4288) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

350. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to collection and exchange of data relating to overdoses** (original similar to HB4289) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

351. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to minimum licensing requirements for residential child care and treatment facilities** (original similar to HB4290) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

352. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to qualifications for provisional license to practice as social worker within DHHR** (original similar to HB4291) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

353. By Sen. Maynard - **DHHR rule relating to pilot program for drug screening of applicants for cash assistance** (original similar to HB4227) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

354. By Sen. Maynard - **Health Care Authority rule relating to critical care access hospitals** (original similar to HB4292) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

355. By Sen. Maynard - **Fire Commission rule relating to State Fire Code** (original similar to HB4275) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

356. By Sen. Maynard - **Fire Commission rule relating to State Building Code** (original similar to HB4276) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020

357. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Revenue promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4229) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/5/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/10/20 - Approved by Governor 2/14/20 - Chapter 207, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

358. By Sen. Maynard - **Insurance Commission rule relating to credit for reinsurance** (original similar to HB4297) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

359. By Sen. Maynard - **Insurance Commission rule relating to pharmacy auditing entities and benefit managers** (original similar to HB4230) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
360. By Sen. Maynard - **Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing**  
   (original similar to HB4331) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

361. By Sen. Maynard - **State Tax Department rule relating to payment of taxes by electronic funds transfer**  
   (original similar to HB4251) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

362. By Sen. Maynard - **State Tax Department rule relating to consumers sale and service tax**  
   (original similar to HB4343) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

363. By Sen. Maynard - **State Tax Department rule relating to exchange of information pursuant to written agreement**  
   (original similar to HB4344) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

364. By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Transportation promulgate legislative rules**  
   (original similar to HB4295) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 2/11/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/12/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 208, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

365. By Sen. Maynard - **DOH rule relating to transportation of hazardous waste on roads and highways**  
   (original similar to HB4228) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

366. By Sen. Maynard - **DOH rule relating to wireless facilities on DOH rights-of-way**  
   (original similar to HB4296) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

367. By Sen. Maynard - **DMV rule relating to safety and treatment programs**  
   (original similar to HB4304) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

368. By Sen. Maynard - **DMV rule relating to vehicle title, registration, and relicensing project of 2018**  
   (original similar to HB4235) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

369. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Accountancy rule relating to board rules and rules of professional conduct**  
   (original similar to HB4252) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

370. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Acupuncture rule relating to fees**  
   (original similar to HB4253) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

371. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Acupuncture relating to auricular detoxification therapy certificate**  
   (original similar to HB4254) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

372. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Acupuncture rule relating to waiver of certain initial licensing fees**  
   (original similar to HB4255) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Acupuncture rule relating to prior criminal convictions in licensure determinations** (original similar to HB4256) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to animal disease control** (original similar to HB4208) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to Fresh Food Act** (original similar to HB4209) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to auctioneers** (original similar to HB4260) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to poultry rules** (original similar to HB4210) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to pasteurized milk** (original similar to HB4211) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to West Virginia manufacture-grade milk** (original similar to HB4212) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to employment reference, inquiries, and background checks** (original similar to HB4261) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to WV Spay-Neuter Assistance Program** (original similar to HB4214) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to industrial hemp** (original similar to HB4262) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to hemp products** (original similar to HB4263) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to captive cervid farming** (original similar to HB4215) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to farmers markets** (original similar to HB4264) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to dairy farms, milk, and milk products processing rules** (original similar to HB4213) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Architects rule relating to registration of architects** (original similar to HB4258) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
388. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Architects rule relating to fees for registration** (original similar to HB4259) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

389. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Chiropractic Examiners rule for waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4265) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

390. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Chiropractic Examiners rule to consider prior criminal convictions for initial licensure determinations** (original similar to HB4266) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

391. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Examiners in Counseling rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4268) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

392. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Dentistry rule for WV Board of Dental Examiners** (original similar to HB4216) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

393. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Dentistry rule relating to dental advertising** (original similar to HB4269) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

394. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Licensed Dietitians rule relating to licensure and renewal requirements** (original similar to HB4271) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

395. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Licensed Dietitians rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4272) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

396. By Sen. Maynard - **Election Commission rule relating to corporate and membership organization political activity** (original similar to HB4273) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

397. By Sen. Maynard - **Election Commission rule relating to regulation of campaign finance** (original similar to HB4274) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

398. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Funeral Service Examiners rule for waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4277) -Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

399. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Funeral Service Examiners rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determination** (original similar to HB4278) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

400. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Hearing Aid Dealers rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4293) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

401. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Hearing Aid Dealers rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations** (original similar to HB4294) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
402. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Landscape Architects rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations (original similar to HB4298) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

403. By Sen. Maynard - Massage Therapy Licensure Board rule for waiver of initial licensing fees (original similar to HB4299) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

404. By Sen. Maynard - Massage Therapy Licensure Board rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations (original similar to HB4300) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

405. By Sen. Maynard - Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners rule relating to board (original similar to HB4301) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

406. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Medicine rule relating to licensure, disciplinary and complaint procedures, continuing education, and physician assistants (original similar to HB4302) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

407. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Medicine rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees (original similar to HB4303) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

408. By Sen. Maynard - Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board rule relating to nursing home administrators (original similar to HB4309) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

409. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to fees (original similar to HB4244) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

410. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees (original similar to HB4310) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

411. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations (original similar to HB4245) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

412. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Optometry rule relating to rules for board (original similar to HB4312) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

413. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Osteopathic Medicine rule relating to osteopathic physician assistants (original similar to HB4313) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

414. By Sen. Maynard - Board of Osteopathic Medicine rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees (original similar to HB4314) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
415. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to licensure and practice of pharmacy** (original similar to HB4315) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

416. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to recordkeeping and automated data processing systems** (original similar to HB4316) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

417. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to rules of registration of pharmacy technicians** (original similar to HB4317) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

418. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule for immunizations administered by pharmacists and pharmacy interns** (original similar to HB4246) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

419. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to rules for centralized prescription processing** (original similar to HB4318) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

420. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to regulations governing pharmacy permits** (original similar to HB4319) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

421. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to regulations governing pharmacists** (original similar to HB4320) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

422. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Pharmacy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4321) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

423. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to general provisions for physical therapist and assistants** (original similar to HB4322) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

424. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to fees for physical therapists and assistants** (original similar to HB4323) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

425. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to general provisions for athletic trainers** (original similar to HB4324) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

426. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to fees for athletic trainers** (original similar to HB4325) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

427. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4326) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
428. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Registration for Professional Engineers rule relating to examination, licensure, and practice** (original similar to HB4327) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

429. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Professional Surveyors rule relating to examination and licensing** (original similar to HB4328) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

430. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Psychologists rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in licensure determinations** (original similar to HB4329) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

431. By Sen. Maynard - **Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board rule relating to requirements for licensure and certification** (original similar to HB4332) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

432. By Sen. Maynard - **Real Estate Commission rule relating to waiver of initial fees** (original similar to HB4333) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

433. By Sen. Maynard - **Real Estate Commission rule to consider prior criminal convictions in license determination** (original similar to HB4334) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

434. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses rule relating to registration and licensure and conduct** (original similar to HB4247) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

435. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses rule for waiver of initial licensing fees** (original similar to HB4335) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

436. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to establishment of fees** (original similar to HB4336) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

437. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to student limited permit** (original similar to HB4337) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

438. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to consideration of prior conviction in licensure determinations** (original similar to HB4248) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

439. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Sanitarians rule relating to waiver of initial application fees and criteria for license** (original similar to HB4338) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

440. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Social Work rule relating to qualifications for profession of social work** (original similar to HB4339) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

441. By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Social Work rule relating to fee schedule** (original similar to HB4340) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology rule relating to licensure of speech-pathology and audiology** (original similar to HB4341) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology rule relating to disciplinary and complaint procedures** (original similar to HB4342) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **State Auditor rule relating to local government purchasing card program** (original similar to HB4249) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **State Conservation Committee rule relating to State Conservation Committee Grant Program** (original similar to HB4250) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to organization and operation and licensing of veterinarians** (original similar to HB4345) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to registration of veterinary technicians** (original similar to HB4346) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to schedule of fees** (original similar to HB4347) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*By Sen. Maynard - **Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules** (original similar to HB4267) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/28/2020 - Passed Senate 1/31/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/3/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/12/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 209, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Maynard - **Division of Labor rule relating to supervision of plumbing work** (original similar to HB4231) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Division of Labor rule relating to regulation of heating, ventilating, and cooling work** (original similar to HB4232) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Division of Forestry rule relating to sediment control during timber-harvesting operations-licensing** (original similar to HB4224) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Division of Forestry rule relating to sediment control during commercial timber-harvesting operations-logger certification** (original similar to HB4225) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Maynard - **Office of Miners’ Health, Safety, and Training rule relating to substance abuse screening, standards, and procedures** (original similar to HB4233) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary
455. By Sen. Maynard - Office of Miners’ Health, Safety, and Training rule relating to rules governing certification, recertification, and training of EMT-miners and certification of EMT-M instructors (original similar to HB4234) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

456. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to commercial whitewater outfitters (original similar to HB4236) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

457. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to transporting and selling wildlife pelts and parts (original similar to HB4237) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

458. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to boating rule (original similar to HB4238) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

459. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to special boating rule (original similar to HB4305) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

460. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to special requirements concerning boating (original similar to HB4239) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

461. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to public use of campgrounds in WV state parks, forests, and state rail trails under DNR (original similar to HB4306) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

462. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to special projects and grants for WV state parks, forests and rail trails under DNR (original similar to HB4307) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

463. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to defining terms used in all hunting and trapping (original similar to HB4240) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

464. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to prohibitions when hunting and trapping (original similar to HB4241) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

465. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to special fishing rule (original similar to HB4308) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

466. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to catching and selling bait fish (original similar to HB4242) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

467. By Sen. Maynard - DNR rule relating to falconry (original similar to HB4243) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary

468. By Sen. Pitsenbarger, Hamilton, Sypolt, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cline, Roberts, Romano, Swope, Tarr and Woelfel - Relating to eligibility for license or permit application (original similar to HB4515) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources
*469. By Sen. Hamilton, Sypolt, Prezioso, Jeffries and Woelfel - **Increasing replacement costs for game and protected species** (original similar to HB4513) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary 1/22/2020

*470. By Sen. Cline, Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Roberts and Azinger - **Relating to use of crossbow to hunt** (original similar to HB4549) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate with amended title 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Passed House 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 228, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

471. By Sen. Maynard and Swope - **Providing valuation of stolen scrap copper or copper wire for penalty purposes** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary

*472. By Sen. Maynard, Stollings, Clements and Cline - **Providing alternative sentencing program for work release** (original similar to SB612) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 59, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

473. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Requiring physicians notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

474. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Requiring public schools notify parents when dispensing contraceptives to minors** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

475. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Requiring posting of Ten Commandments in every courthouse** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary

476. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Requiring WV schools teach cursive writing** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Education

477. By Sen. Maynard (By Request) and Cline - **Prohibiting county airport authorities to regulate possession or carrying of firearm** (original similar to HB4038) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary

*478. By Sen. Maynard, Roberts and Cline - **Creating WV Motorsports Entertainment Complex Investment Act** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Finance 2/7/2020

479. By Sen. Maynard - **Relating to registration and use of military surplus vehicles** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

480. By Sen. Maynard - **Enacting WV Human Life Protection Act** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary
481. By Sen. Maynard - **Allowing primitive camping on state property** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources then Government Organization

482. By Sen. Maynard (By Request), Cline, Roberts and Azinger - **Eliminating permit requirement for storing concealed handgun in vehicle on school property for persons over 21** (original similar to HB4024, HB4076) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary

483. By Sen. Maynard (By Request) and Cline - **Eliminating restriction to carry firearm on State Capitol Complex grounds** (original similar to HB4093) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary

*484. By Sen. Lindsay, Stollings, Woelfel and Beach - **Requiring free feminine hygiene products be provided to female prisoners** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/6/2020 - To Finance 2/6/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

485. By Sen. Clements - **Relating to Board of Parole** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

486. By Sen. Cline, Sypolt, Prezioso, Palumbo and Stollings - **Permitting ABCC licensees operating at state park locations pay in arrears** (original similar to HB4545) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources

*487. By Sen. Sypolt, Hamilton, Azinger and Rucker - **Providing exception that all DNR payments be deposited within 24 hours** (original similar to HB4507) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Passed House 2/11/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 229, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


489. By Sen. Maynard, Clements, Smith, Sypolt, Tarr, Swope and Cline - **Moving provisions of licensing contractors to chapter 30 of code** (original similar to HB4181) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Government Organization - Rejected by Senate 2/26/2020

*490. By Sen. Sypolt, Smith, Rucker, Beach, Baldwin, Jeffries and Pitsenbarger - **Relating to criminal offenses against agricultural facilities** (original similar to HB4169) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary 1/23/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary - Passed House 3/4/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House title amendment 3/6/2020 - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 86, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Stollings and Hamilton - *Enacting Recognition of Emergency Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact* (original similar to HB4179) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Interstate Cooperation then Judiciary

By Sen. Rucker and Cline - *Increasing age limit for honorably discharged veteran of US armed forces or National Guard to 40 years for firefighter applications* - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Military then Pensions

By Sen. Rucker and Cline - *Allowing municipal police or fire departments join state municipal police and firefighters’ retirement system* - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

By Sen. Clements and Beach - *Relating to registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles* - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

By Sen. Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Pitsenbarger, Stollings, Woelfel, Baldwin and Lindsay - *Prohibiting employment of unauthorized employees in construction industry* (original similar to HB4578) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary

By Sen. Hamilton, Azinger, Jeffries, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Stollings, Baldwin, Facemire and Romano - *Relating to outdoor advertising regulated by Commissioner of Highways* - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

By Sen. Hamilton, Stollings, Smith, Baldwin, Woelfel, Facemire and Romano - *Creating New Worker Relocation Incentive Program* - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance

By Sen. Maynard, Clements, Smith, Sypolt, Swope, Cline, Roberts and Stollings - *Removing barriers to employment for certain individuals with criminal records* (original similar to HB4353) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

By Sen. Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt and Cline - *Relating to Class Y special crossbow hunting permit* (original similar to HB4517) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Amended - Passed House 2/11/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 230, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
*501. By Sen. Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Prezioso, Baldwin, Woelfel, Jeffries and Stollings - **Adding protection, operation of North Bend Rail Trail, Greenbrier River Trail, and Elk River Trail to Parks and Recreation Section of DNR** (original similar to HB4520) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Amended - Passed House 2/11/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 231, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


503. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Stollings, Jeffries, Baldwin, Hamilton, Lindsay, Palumbo, Woelfel and Facemire - **Removing barriers to employment for certain individuals with criminal records** (original similar to HB4352) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

504. By Sen. Woelfel, Baldwin, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Stollings, Jeffries, Facemire and Plymale - **Providing for timely and efficient handling of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases** (original similar to HB4476) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

*505. By Sen. Weld and Cline - **Relating to acquisition and disposition of property by urban development authority** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Economic Development then Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 1/24/2020 - To Government Organization 1/24/2020

506. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation** - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance

507. By Sen. Clements, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Baldwin, Cline, Stollings, Woelfel, Beach and Facemire - **Requiring certain persons who commit criminal offense while in juvenile custody not be held within sight or sound of adult inmates** (original similar to HB4470) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary

508. By Sen. Clements, Pitsenbarger, Rucker and Cline - **Removing mandate Board of Risk and Insurance Management purchase liability insurance for Division of Corrections** (original similar to HB4496) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Banking and Insurance - Referred to Rules on 2nd reading 1/30/2020

By Sen. Palumbo, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Prezioso, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel, Hamilton and Stollings - Making permanent land reuse agency or municipal land bank’s right of first refusal on certain tax sale properties (original similar to HB4394) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development - Passed Senate 2/4/2020 - To House 2/5/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 139, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Jeffries and Lindsay - Regulating pawnbrokers - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/29/2020 - Amended - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/4/2020 - Passed Senate with amended title 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Hamilton, Stollings, Lindsay, Ihlenfeld and Facemire - Increasing misdemeanor penalty for impersonation of law-enforcement officer - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Cline, Lindsay, Ihlenfeld and Woelfel - Protecting consumers against businesses using automatic renewals without consent - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Tarr and Plymale - Creating WV FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Act (original similar to HB 4621) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Rucker, Azinger, Cline, Maynard, Roberts, Swope and Sypolt - Creating Education Savings Account Act - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Education then Finance

By Sen. Roberts, Hamilton, Prezioso and Cline - Allowing DNR procure architect-engineer services (original similar to HB4506) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Natural Resources then Government Organization

By Sen. Hamilton, Prezioso, Stollings and Lindsay - Creating State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund (original similar to HB4505) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/28/2020 - To Finance 1/28/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/12/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 232, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Hamilton, Lindsay and Beach - Requiring one-year residency within district or county to fill vacancy in Legislature - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Clements, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Cline, Woelfel and Beach - Prohibiting bodily intrusion by inmate upon person at correctional facility (original similar to HB4510) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary
By Sen. Swope and Cline - Creating Natural Gas Liquids Economic Development Act of 2020 (original similar to HB4421) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance

*521. By Sen. Tarr, Swope, Sypolt, Cline and Roberts - Relating to job creation and economic incentives - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development then Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/18/2020 - To Government Organization 2/18/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization

*522. By Sen. Trump, Weld and Rucker - Relating to compensation awards to crime victims - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - To Finance 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate concurred in House changed effective date 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 46, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Sen. Jeffries and Lindsay - Prohibiting Natural Resources Commission from establishing bag limit for antlered deer - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Natural Resources

By Sen. Tarr and Swope - Requiring Secretary of Commerce present certain information to Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Economic Development then Government Organization

By Sen. Takubo, Baldwin, Cline, Rucker and Stollings - Requiring DHHR seek waiver within SNAP seeking exclusion of sweetened beverages and energy drinks from program - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Palumbo, Stollings, Lindsay and Unger - Creating small business and minority populations economic and workforce development taskforce - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Workforce then Finance

*528. By Sen. Swope, Azinger, Rucker, Trump, Cline and Maynard - Creating Uniform Worker Classification Act - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate with amended title 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Judiciary

*529. By Sen. Trump - Establishing limitations on claims and benefits against state - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 1/28/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 2/29/2020 - Title amended - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate refused to concur in House amendment 3/2/2020 - House refused to


531. By Sen. Blair and Cline - Shifting funding from Landfill Closure Assistance Fund to local solid waste authorities - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

*532. By Sen. Azinger, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Plymale, Tarr, Jeffries and Romano - Distributing assets remaining in municipal policemen's or firemen's pension and relief fund on death of last retiree or beneficiary (original similar to HB4429) - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Pensions - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 1/28/2020 - To House 1/29/2020 - To Pensions and Retirement - Amended - Passed House 2/12/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 69, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

533. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Beach, Stollings, Lindsay, Romano and Facemire - Relating to lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for certain foster or adoptive children - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Natural Resources


535. By Sen. Smith - Eliminating minimum spacing requirements for drilling of deep wells by oil and gas operators - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary

536. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin, Romano and Lindsay - Relating to disclosure of fundraising contributions during legislative session - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary

537. By Sen. Maynard - Relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Natural Resources

538. By Sen. Maynard - Repealing excise tax on soft drinks - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance
539. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - Clarifying county airports may not prohibit carrying or possessing of firearms by those allowed to by law - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary

540. By Sen. Maynard and Hamilton - Authorizing boards of education create dashboard to display certain information - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Education

541. By Sen. Baldwin, Romano, Stollings, Woelfel, Lindsay and Facemire - Creating position of homeless education coordinator - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Education then Finance

542. By Sen. Beach - Prohibiting political activities by members of State Board of Education - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

543. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Lindsay and Facemire - Establishing Minority Health Advisory Team - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

544. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Romano and Stollings - Authorizing pharmacists and pharmacy interns administer vaccines - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/31/2020 - Passed Senate 2/5/2020 - To House 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Amended - Passed House 2/17/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 241, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


546. By Sen. Beach, Romano, Lindsay and Facemire - Requiring Medicaid and insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance


548. By Sen. Maynard - Relating to occupational licensing or government certification - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary
549. By Sen. Maynard - **Relating to informed consent for vaccinations** - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

*550. By Sen. Maynard, Cline, Jeffries and Stollings - **Permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear** (original similar to HB4116, HB4514) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/28/2020 - Passed Senate 1/31/2020 - To House 2/3/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources


553. By Sen. Roberts, Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Sypolt and Tarr - **Relating to crimes against property** (original similar to HB4067) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary


555. By Sen. Takubo and Baldwin - **Enacting the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases** - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

556. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Plymale, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel - **Prohibiting members of Legislature and part-time public officials from having interest in public contracts** - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

557. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger, Woelfel and Cline -
Establishing vocational-technical programs in middle schools - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Education

558. By Sen. Takubo, Cline, Maroney, Rucker, Stollings, Baldwin, Roberts, Romano and Unger - Relating to study of health care workforce (original similar to HB4434) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Workforce

559. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Romano and Facemire - Authorizing small private employers buy-in to PEIA - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

*560. By Sen. Takubo, Maroney, Cline, Rucker and Roberts - Permitting nursing home use trained individuals administer medication (original similar to HB4423) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/31/2020 - Passed Senate 2/5/2020 - To House 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Amended - Passed House 2/13/2020 - Senate amended House amendment and passed 2/17/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 261, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

561. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger and Woelfel - Prohibiting insurers from denying coverage as result of preexisting condition (original similar to HB4588) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources


563. By Sen. Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, Woelfel and Facemire - Eliminating suspension of driver's license for failure to pay court fines and costs (original similar to HB4802) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary

564. By Sen. Azinger - Relating to tax exemption for child due support - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance

565. By Sen. Maynard and Roberts - Allowing private schools option of requiring vaccinations - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Education

566. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel - Relating to limits on political contributions - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary

567. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Stollings, Hardesty and Woelfel - Relating to wholesale importation of prescription drugs - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance
568. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel - *Increasing time period elected official may not appear before government entity they serve* - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary

569. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Expiring funds from various accounts to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund* (original similar to HB4487) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 12, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*570. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to DHHR, Medical Services Program Fund* (original similar to HB4489) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective ninety days from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 13, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*571. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Expiring funds from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to various accounts* (original similar to HB4490) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/13/2020 - To Finance - Amended - Passed House 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/29/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 14, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

572. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Expiring funds from General Revenue and Lottery Net Profits to various accounts* (original similar to HB4488) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/18/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/19/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/29/2020 - Effective ninety days from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 15, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

573. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - *Supplementing, amending, and increasing appropriations of public moneys for claims against state* (original similar to HB4486) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/11/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/21/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 16, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

574. By Sen. Maynard - *Relating to funding of road construction projects* - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

*575. By Sen. Maynard and Rucker - *Designating local fire department as safe-surrender site to accept physical custody of certain children from lawful custodian* - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com.
sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Title amended - Senate amended House amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 38, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


577. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Palumbo and Woelfel - Relating to insurance coverage for insulin (original similar to HB4554) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

*578. By Sen. Roberts and Cline - Recalculating tax on generating, producing, or selling electricity from solar energy facilities (original similar to HB4462) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance - To Finance 2/14/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/4/2020 - Title amended - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate concurred in House title amendment 3/6/2020 - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 326, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*579. By Sen. Cline and Roberts - Changing and adding fees to wireless enhanced 911 fee (original similar to HB4071) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - To Finance 2/13/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 303, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

580. By Sen. Rucker and Roberts - Continuing Foster Care Ombudsman Program - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Children and Families then Finance

581. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel - Requiring disclosure of dark money political expenditures - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary

582. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Woelfel and Lindsay - Imposing certain conduct requirements on pharmacy benefit managers - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*583. By Sen. Rucker, Blair, Smith, Weld, Cline, Maroney, Roberts and Palumbo - Creating program to further development of renewable energy resources (original similar to HB4562) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/14/2020 - To House 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Title amended - Senate
conced in House amendments and passed bill 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 304, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

584. By Sen. Rucker - Transferring jurisdiction of contested elections to circuit court - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary


*586. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Reorganizing and re-designating Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as Department of Homeland Security (original similar to HB4485) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - Reference dispensed - Amended - Passed House 2/27/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/28/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 158, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

587. By Sen. Beach - Mandating escorts for vehicles that exceed maximum width requirements - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Government Organization

588. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger and Woelfel - Expanding early childhood education programs to three-year-old children - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Education


590. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Hardesty, Woelfel and Unger - Implementing trauma-informed practices in schools - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Education

591. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano and Woelfel - Establishing Office of State Inspector General - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

592. By Sen. Beach and Romano - Relating to disposition of industrial hemp - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development

593. By Sen. Hamilton, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Mann, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Unger, Weld, Woelfel
and Lindsay - **Relating to required equipment for State Police and Natural Resources police officers** - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization

594. By Sen. Beach - **Relating to suspension or termination of courses by institutions which receive WV Invests Grants** - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Education

595. By Sen. Maynard - **Relating to WV Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2020** (original similar to SB222) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary

596. By Sen. Maynard - **Requiring Public Land Corporation and Real Estate Division review all vacated public-owned property** (original similar to SB221) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

*597. By Sen. Trump, Woelfel, Romano, Unger, Lindsay, Palumbo and Plymale - **Relating to judicial branch members’ salaries and pensions** - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/28/2020 - To Finance 1/28/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Finance - Amended - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Title amended - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 79, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

598. By Sen. Azinger and Maroney - **Creating WV Mutual to Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act** (original similar to HB4477) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

599. By Sen. Azinger - **Clarifying when claimant may file cause of action without screening certificate of merit** - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/11/2020

600. By Sen. Weld, Cline and Maroney - **Creating special revenue account designated Military Authority Fund** (original similar to HB4527) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Military - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 290, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

601. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Romano, Stollings, Woelfel and Beach - **Adding reporting requirements to financial disclosures** - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary

602. By Sen. Trump, Woelfel and Unger - **Relating to judicial branch members’ salaries and pensions** - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

603. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel - **Relating to prohibition on short-term duration health insurance** - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary
By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale and Romano - Creating cabinet position of State Surgeon General - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

By Sen. Tarr, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cling, Hamilton, Maynard, Roberts, Smith, Swope and Sypolt - Redefining definition of ‘life-prolonging intervention’ (original similar to HB4391) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary

By Sen. Trump, Cline, Roberts, Rucker and Stollings - Relating to relative placement for foster care and guardianship - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Children and Families then Health and Human Resources

By Sen. Sypolt, Clements, Hamilton, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Swope and Roberts - Reporting motor vehicle crashes to owners (original similar to HB4667) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Swope and Cline - Providing exemptions from certain taxes for out-of-state businesses (original similar to HB4383) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Finance

By Sen. Swope and Cline - Relating to Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (original similar to HB4182) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Government Organization

By Sen. Weld, Palumbo, Trump and Woelfel - Removing resident manager requirement for Alcohol Beverage Control Administration - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate 2/20/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 159, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Sen. Trump, Smith, Cline, Lindsay and Baldwin - Permitting third-party ownership of renewable and alternative energy generating facilities - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Economic Development

By Sen. Maynard and Cline - Allowing work programs or community service as alternative sentencing (original similar to SB472) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary

By Sen. Swope - Establishing State Resiliency Office and Officer (original similar to HB4401) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Government Organization


*616. By Sen. Trump - Relating to employment grievance procedure for public employees - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/6/2020 - To Judiciary 2/6/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

617. By Sen. Clements - Amending procedures for refusing certain offenders for commitment to jail (original similar to HB4501) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary

618. By Sen. Clements, Swope, Cline and Plymale - Conforming WV law to federal distance requirements for locations of salvage yards (original similar to HB4503) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Amended - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary

619. By Sen. Clements, Smith and Swope - Relating to motor fuel excise tax - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance

620. By Sen. Clements, Trump, Baldwin and Weld - Authorizing Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation approve home plans for inmates (original similar to HB4556) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 2/18/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/19/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 60, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

621. By Sen. Sypolt and Cline - Relating to tax credits for providing vehicles to certain persons - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Finance

622. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano and Stollings - Relating to taxation of prescription opioids - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance


624. By Sen. Stollings, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Smith, Woelfel, Plymale and Unger - Creating WV Black Lung Program - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance
*625. By Sen. Trump and Weld - Creating one-day annual license to permit charitable auction of sealed rare, antique, or vintage liquor bottles - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/3/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

626. By Sen. Ihlenfeld - Authorizing Office of Administrative Hearings hear appeals on suspension or revocation of graduated driver’s license - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/12/2020

627. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger, Woelfel, Cline and Lindsay - Authorizing local board of health to engage in office-based medication-assisted treatment - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


*629. By Sen. Trump - Clarifying alcohol by volume percentage for certain wines - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/3/2020 - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary

630. By Sen. Hamilton, Ihlenfeld and Lindsay - Creating WV Call Center Jobs Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary

631. By Sen. Maynard, Cline and Stollings - Authorizing Commissioner of Highways designate road as “Historic Route” - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

632. By Sen. Smith, Takubo, Stollings, Pitsenbarger, Hardesty, Hamilton, Jeffries, Ihlenfeld, Trump, Clements, Beach, Woelfel, Cline, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano and Lindsay - Clarifying time limitation for filing occupational pneumoconiosis claim does not limit claimant in obtaining evaluation - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Banking and Insurance

*633. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Creating Medicaid Families First Reserve Fund account (original similar to HB4643) - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance


*635. By Sen. Trump - Allowing administration of small estates - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective January 1, 2021 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary
636. By Sen. Prezioso, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Romano and Stollings - *Relating to blind trusts by public officials* - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary

637. By Sen. Beach, Pitsenbarger and Hamilton - *Prohibiting home schooling of children in certain circumstances* (original similar to HB4440) - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

*638. By Sen. Trump - *Creating new private club licenses and requirements* - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/10/2020 - Passed Senate 2/13/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*639. By Sen. Trump - *Relating to duties of prosecuting attorney in child abuse and neglect matters* - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Children and Families then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary 2/12/2020

640. By Sen. Trump - *Creating Division of Biological Evidence Services* - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance


643. By Sen. Maroney, Baldwin, Clements, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Stollings, Takubo, Hardesty, Palumbo, Plymale and Woelfel - *Creating Youth Mental Health Protection Act* - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

644. By Sen. Smith, Cline and Sypolt - *Assessing wildlife impact fee on wind power projects* - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Natural Resources then Judiciary

645. By Sen. Smith, Cline and Stollings - *Protecting albino deer* - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Natural Resources then Judiciary


647. By Sen. Takubo, Mann, Maroney, Stollings and Plymale - *Permitting physician’s assistants and advanced practice registered nurses issue do-not-resuscitate orders* - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - To House 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*648. By Sen. Takubo, Mann, Maroney, Prezioso, Stollings, Weld, Baldwin, Cline, Hardesty, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Unger, Roberts and Rucker - Providing dental coverage for adult Medicaid recipients - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/14/2020 - To Finance 2/14/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Senate amended House amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 262, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


650. By Sen. Maynard (By Request) and Cline - Altering color scheme for county, city, or municipality vehicle registration plates - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Government Organization


*653. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Tarr and Rucker - Increasing number of magistrates in certain counties - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Finance 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance 2/29/2020

654. By Sen. Tarr, Hardesty, Pitsenbarger, Prezioso, Smith, Weld, Cline, Stollings and Plymale - Allowing certain sheriffs transfer from PERS to Deputy Sheriff Retirement System (original similar to HB4350) - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To
Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 71, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

655. By Sen. Tarr and Woelfel - **Relating to valuation of natural resources land property** (original similar to HB4460) - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance - To Finance 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - To House 2/20/2020 - To Finance

656. By Sen. Tarr - **Facilitating interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology** (original similar to HB4375) - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


658. By Sen. Sypolt, Trump and Smith - **Establishing Office of Administrative Hearings within DMAPS** (original similar to HB4586) - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

659. By Sen. Rucker, Beach, Cline and Smith - **Prohibiting insurance companies from using credit ratings to establish home and auto premiums** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

*660. By Sen. Maynard, Roberts and Cline - **Regulating electric bicycles** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/12/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/18/2020 - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 343, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*661. By Sen. Rucker, Cline and Baldwin - **Replacing minimum minutes of instructional time required per day** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 3/2/2020 - To Finance then Education


663. By Sen. Beach, Stollings and Woelfel - **Exempting certain hygiene products from sales tax** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Finance

664. By Sen. Takubo and Maroney - **Adding physician’s assistant to list of medical professionals capable of determining if individual lacks capacity** -
Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - To House 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 263, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*665. By Sen. Weld, Sypolt and Maroney - Requiring persons convicted of certain crimes on or after March 8, 1995, provide DNA samples - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/11/2020 - To Judiciary

666. By Sen. Tarr and Sypolt - Improving quality of WV Medicaid Program - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance


669. By Sen. Cline and Roberts - Establishing WV Greenways and Trails Act - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance

*670. By Sen. Weld - Amending service of process on nonresident persons or corporate entities - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 1, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

671. By Sen. Weld - Relating to temporary food service permits - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*672. By Sen. Jeffries, Clements, Sypolt, Baldwin, Romano and Unger - Creating special registration plate recognizing Girl Scouts - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization

673. By Sen. Sypolt, Romano and Smith - Increasing monthly retirement annuity for certain retirees - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Pensions then Finance

*674. By Sen. Maynard - Permitting DOH purchase hardware items and equipment from local seller - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - To House 2/13/2020 - To Government Organization

675. By Sen. Stollings and Baldwin - Supplementing and amending by increasing and decreasing public moneys within DHHR General Revenue Fund - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Finance
*676. By Sen. Mann, Baldwin, Jeffries, Takubo, Weld, Roberts and Maroney - Permitting fees from Central Abuse Registry be used for information technology support costs - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - Reference dispensed - Passed House 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/25/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 291, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

677. By Sen. Maynard - Expanding jurisdiction of Legislative Claims Commission - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance


679. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Baldwin and Woelfel - Creating Clean Drinking Water Act of 2020 - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary

680. By Sen. Palumbo, Hamilton, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger and Takubo - Qualifying not-for-profit private baccalaureate institutions for Advanced Career Education programs and WV Invests Grant Program - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Education then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Education then Finance - To House Finance 2/28/2020

681. By Sen. Trump, Maroney and Rucker - Creating Persistent Symptoms Act - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

682. By Sen. Tarr - Creating pilot program to implement smart health cards for individuals receiving Medicaid - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

683. By Sen. Sypolt, Blair, Clements, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Trump, Cline and Smith - Separating Fire Marshal and Fire Commission (original similar to HB4644) - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization


685. By Sen. Cline, Boley, Clements and Roberts - Requiring WV schools teach cursive writing - Introduced 2/3/2020 - To Education


688. By Sen. Takubo, Baldwin, Cline and Stollings - Relating to telemedicine practice - Introduced 2/3/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


*692. By Sen. Trump - Clarifying persons indicted or charged jointly for felony offense can move to have separate trial - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/17/2020 - Passed Senate 2/20/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 3/5/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20

693. By Sen. Lindsay, Ihlenfeld, Smith, Stollings and Unger - Creating personal income tax credit for volunteer firefighters (original similar to HB4558) - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Finance

694. By Sen. Rucker, Azinger, Clements, Maroney, Maynard, Cline, Roberts and Smith - Relating to penalties for neglect, emotional abuse, or death by caregiver - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Judiciary

695. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt and Rucker - Relating to maintenance and repair of roads and highways - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance
696. By Sen. Hamilton - **Relating to Pay Transparency Act of 2020** (original similar to HB4894) - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Workforce then Judiciary


698. By Sen. Lindsay, Ihlenfeld, Stollings and Woelfel - **Relating to retirees employed as substitute bus drivers** - Introduced 2/4/2020 - To Pensions then Education


700. By Sen. Takubo, Blair and Stollings - **Exempting physicians from specified traffic laws when responding to emergencies** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/20/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

701. By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Maroney and Roberts - **Regulating pharmacy services administrative organizations** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

702. By Sen. Rucker and Maroney - **Designating specific grade levels in which nutrition and physical fitness programs are taught** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Education


704. By Sen. Stollings, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Palumbo, Prezioso, Rucker, Smith, Unger, Woelfel, Blair, Cline, Hardesty, Lindsay, Maroney, Plymale, Romano and Trump - **Allowing disabled purple heart recipients park free at municipal metered parking spaces** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Military then Government Organization - To Government Organization 2/12/2020

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*706. By Sen. Trump and Clements - **Clarifying duties of law-enforcement training and certification subcommittee** (original similar to HB4608) - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 242, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


708. By Sen. Tarr, Plymale, Roberts, Rucker, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Jeffries, Mann, Palumbo, Romano, Trump, Woelfel, Blair, Clements, Cline, Lindsay and Stollings - **Establishing loan repayment program for certified behavior analysts** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

709. By Sen. Hamilton, Prezioso, Romano, Baldwin, Lindsay and Woelfel - **Removing limitation on damages due to sexual assault or sexual abuse on minor** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Judiciary

*710. By Sen. Azinger, Cline, Maroney and Roberts - **Establishing pilot program to evaluate telemedicine health services** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources - To Health and Human Resources 2/18/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020


713. By Sen. Plymale, Mann, Romano, Stollings and Hardesty - **Relating to allocation of premiums for employers and employees in PEIA** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

714. By Sen. Plymale and Stollings - **Allowing certain deductions from personal income tax refunds** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Finance
715. By Sen. Lindsay and Romano - **Creating Patient Safety and Transparency Act** (original similar to HB4799) - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*716. By Sen. Takubo and Stollings - **Requiring DHHR pay for tubal ligation without 30-day wait between consent and sterilization** - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - To Finance 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Title amended - Effective July 1, 2020 - Senate concurred in House title amendment 3/7/2020 - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 183, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*717. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Hamilton, Prezioso, Rucker, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Weld, Stollings and Smith - **Relating generally to adult protective services** (original similar to HB4591) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - Passed Senate 2/18/2020 - To House 2/19/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 184, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

718. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Hamilton, Prezioso, Rucker, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Facemire and Stollings - **Providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for individuals who provide assistance on report of child abuse or neglect** (original similar to HB4585) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*719. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Prezioso, Rucker, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Clements and Stollings - **Imposing health care-related provider tax on certain health care organizations** - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - To Finance 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/20/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 327, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

720. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Prezioso, Rucker, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Clements and Stollings - **Including DHHR employees in WV Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screening process** (original similar to HB4581) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

721. By Sen. Maroney, Cline, Hamilton, Prezioso, Rucker, Takubo, Trump, Weld, Stollings and Woelfel - **Relating to certain institutions that provide care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals** (original similar to HB4557) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*722. By Sen. Boley, Azinger, Baldwin, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Romano, Smith, Swope, Tarr, Unger, Hardesty, Prezioso and Stollings - **Relating to special license plates for public and private nonprofit transit providers** (original similar to HB4730) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization - Amendment pending - On 3rd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

724. By Sen. Weld, Stollings and Woelfel - Including ulcerative colitis as serious medical condition (original similar to HB4754) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

725. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Preziosio [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation to various Department of Education accounts - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/18/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/19/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 17, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

726. By Sen. Cline, Boley, Blair, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Sypolt and Takubo - Requiring State Board of Education review WV K-12 academic standards - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Education


728. By Sen. Trump, Baldwin, Maroney, Rucker, Smith, Sypolt and Pitsenbarger - Exempting all property used for agricultural purposes from county property maintenance codes or ordinances - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Government Organization

729. By Sen. Mann, Azinger, Jeffries, Romano, Weld, Baldwin, Hardesty, Stollings, Hamilton and Roberts - Relating to awards and disability under Deputy Sheriff Retirement Act (original similar to HB4111) - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - To Finance 2/13/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 72, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

730. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - Campus Self Defense Act - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary
731. By Sen. Smith and Cline - Limiting severance tax break on steam coal - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance - To Finance 2/19/2020

732. By Sen. Trump and Cline - Authorizing fee payment and expense reimbursement for attorneys who participate on court teams established by Supreme Court of Appeals - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To Finance 2/11/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance 2/29/2020

733. By Sen. Trump and Ihlenfeld - Recognizing political party status - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/14/2020 - To House 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary

734. By Sen. Clements - Clarifying powers and duties of DOH in acquiring property for state road purposes (original similar to HB4651) - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - Reference dispensed - Passed House 2/27/2020 - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 313, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

735. By Sen. Takubo, Maroney and Roberts - Relating to excise tax on tobacco products - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Finance

736. By Sen. Maynard and Sypolt - Relating to public service districts’ laying of certain utility lines on state rights-of-way - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

737. By Sen. Azinger and Sypolt - Requiring contractors performing work on government computers use software to verify hours worked - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization


741. By Sen. Palumbo, Jeffries and Lindsay - Authorizing municipalities place certain property into receivership (original similar to HB4797) - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization

742. By Sen. Palumbo, Jeffries and Lindsay - Requiring video-recorded polygraph examinations (original similar to HB4867) - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary

743. By Sen. Unger and Prezioso - Establishing Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs under Joint Committee on Government and Finance (original similar to HB4645) - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

744. By Sen. Palumbo and Prezioso - Removing and repealing unauthorized and obsolete rules relating to DMAPS (original similar to HB4803) - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary

*745. By Sen. Tarr, Blair, Smith and Swope - Creating exemption to state sales and use tax for rental and leasing of equipment - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

*746. By Sen. Maroney, Stollings, Takubo and Palumbo - Providing contracted managed care companies access to uniform maternal screening tool - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 264, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*752. By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Romano and Woelfel - Relating generally to medical cannabis - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Motion to take bill up for immediate consideration and read bill first time adopted - On 3rd reading with right to amend, Special Calendar 3/7/2020

753. By Sen. Maynard, Trump, Rucker, Plymale, Hardesty, Prezioso, Cline, Jeffries, Stollings, Ihlenfeld and Hamilton - Authorizing PSC approve plans to install middle-mile broadband fiber - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Government Organization

754. By Sen. Prezioso - Establishing matrix necessary to exempt public higher education from HEPC - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Education


756. By Sen. Baldwin, Unger, Stollings and Romano - Supplemental appropriation from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to Department of Veterans' Assistance, Veterans' Home Fund - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Finance

757. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Plymale, Romano, Stollings, Unger and Woelfel - Relating to annual cost-of-living adjustment to certain retirees of PERS and State Teachers Retirement System - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Pensions then Finance


759. By Sen. Plymale and Woelfel - Authorizing municipalities establish low-cost alternative energy revolving loan program - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Government Organization

761. By Sen. Smith and Sypolt (Originating in Senate Energy, Industry, and Mining) - **Relating generally to state resource enhancement** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance 2/13/2020

*762. By Sen. Maroney, Takubo, Lindsay, Baldwin, Stollings, Woelfel and Rucker - **Creating Preserving Patient Stability Act of 2020** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance 3/2/2020

763. By Sen. Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Stollings and Facemire - **Improving accountability of opioid manufacturers** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance

764. By Sen. Swope, Blair, Jeffries, Pitsenbarger, Stollings, Cline and Plymale - **Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2020** (original similar to HB4383) - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Finance


768. By Sen. Takubo, Cline, Stollings and Hamilton - **Permitting hospital or state college and university establishing RPN program be eligible for grants under WV Invests Grant Program** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Education

769. By Sen. Cline - **Prohibiting stopping, standing, or parking in access aisle adjacent to van-accessible parking space** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

*770. By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Rucker and Plymale - **Revising requirements for post-doctoral training** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed
771. By Sen. Maynard - Preserving and protecting right to keep and bear arms - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Judiciary

*772. By Sen. Azinger, Smith, Sypolt and Trump - Clarifying American Law Institute’s Restatements of Law - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

773. By Sen. Maynard - Requiring county or regional solid waste authorities provide roll-off dumpster free of charge - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Government Organization

774. By Sen. Maroney, Roberts, Stollings and Plymale - Disposing of unused, unwanted, or expired medications - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

775. By Sen. Maroney and Rucker - Requiring two water bottle filling stations be included in newly built or renovated schools - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Education - Constitutional rule suspended - Rejected by Senate 2/25/2020


777. By Sen. Rucker - Exempting taxi, limousine, and ride-share company drivers from undergoing background checks for misdemeanor convictions - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure


780. By Sen. Blair, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Roberts, Tarr, Swope, Sypolt, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Prezioso, Plymale and Stollings (Originating in Senate Finance) - Supplemental appropriation by decreasing and adding new appropriation out of Treasury to DMAPS - Introduced 2/13/2020 - Passed Senate 2/18/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/19/2020 - To Finance
- Passed House 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/10/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 20, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


782. By Sen. Maroney and Plymale - Relating to fees assessed by Health Care Authority on certain hospitals - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

783. By Sen. Tarr and Plymale - Creating special revenue fund for site certification and closing - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Finance

784. By Sen. Smith - Relating to nonferrous metal sales and transportation to secondary recycler - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary


786. By Sen. Rucker and Cline - Recognizing anesthesiologist assistants - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*787. By Sen. Tarr, Hardesty, Maroney, Stollings and Plymale - Providing benefits to pharmacists for rendered care - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - To House Finance - Amended - Passed House 3/6/2020 - House further considered bill - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 188, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

788. By Sen. Tarr, Ihlenfeld, Maroney and Lindsay - Permitting wagering on certain professional or collegiate sporting events - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Finance

789. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) - Repealing obsolete sections of WV Code relating to Legislature - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Government Organization - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 50, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
790. By Sen. Cline, Smith, Sypolt and Hardesty - **Simplifying process for listing and decertifying road on Coal Resource Transportation System** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

791. By Sen. Weld and Cline - **Allowing state and federal criminal history record check of each adult living in residence when minor child is placed there due to emergency** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

792. By Sen. Stollings, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hamilton, Unger, Sypolt, Jeffries, Romano, Hardesty, Plymale and Woelfel - **Relating to employment of nurses in public schools** (original similar to HB4917) - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Education then Finance


794. By Sen. Maynard, Cline and Rucker - **Relating to responsibility for foster care homes by DHHR** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Children and Families

795. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Limiting initial increase in valuation of residential real property** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Finance

796. By Sen. Maynard and Cline - **Permitting prisoners or persons charged with crime be held in jails of counties of residence** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*797. By Sen. Takubo, Cline and Stollings - **Authorizing governing boards of public and private hospitals employ hospital police officers** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance - Amended - Motion for previous question rejected - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Title amended - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 269, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*798. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Stollings and Romano - **Requiring dairy foods processed in state be added to list of items to be purchased by state-funded institutions** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance


800. By Sen. Romano, Facemire and Smith - **Authorizing electric utilities construct and operate project within electric utility distribution system** -
801. By Sen. Palumbo, Stollings and Romano - Providing 12-month window to allow members of State Teachers Retirement System purchase qualified military service credits - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary


803. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of money out of General Revenue Fund to DHHR (original similar to HB4965) - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/25/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 21, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

804. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to PSC, Consumer Advocate Fund (original similar to HB4962) - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/21/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 22, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

805. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of moneys from Treasury to WV Commuter Rail Access Fund (original similar to HB4963) - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 23, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

806. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation out of federal funds in Treasury to DOT (original similar to HB4964) - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/21/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 24, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

807. By Sen. Beach, Baldwin, Facemire, Hamilton, Unger, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano, Plymale and Woelfel - Requiring statewide full-time professional counselor to student ratio of one to every 250 students - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Education then Finance
808. By Sen. Stollings and Unger - **Authorizing tax credit for business entities which invest in certain fresh food retailers** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance


812. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - **Supplemental appropriation from Lottery Net Profits to Bureau of Senior Services** (original similar to HB4961) - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance - Amended - Passed House 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 25, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

813. By Sen. Maynard - **Establishing searchable databases for registered corporation and sole proprietorship information** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

814. By Sen. Romano, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Stollings, Unger, Woelfel and Hamilton - **Providing pay raises to teachers** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Education then Finance

815. By Sen. Blair and Cline - **Removing residency requirement for Commissioner of DOH** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure


817. By Sen. Cline and Smith - **Reducing cost of prescription drugs** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance

818. By Sen. Roberts and Cline - **Empowering WV transfer Little Beaver State Park to Raleigh County Commission** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Natural Resources

*820. By Sen. Takubo, Cline and Stollings - **Authorizing DHHR transfer comprehensive community mental health centers and intellectual disability facilities to regional centers and facilities** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance 3/2/2020

*821. By Sen. Takubo - **Providing immunity from civil liability to facilities and employees providing crisis stabilization** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

822. By Sen. Mann, Woelfel and Stollings - **Increasing annual longevity-based salary increase for civil service deputy sheriffs** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance

823. By Sen. Hamilton, Lindsay, Ihlenfeld, Plymale, Unger, Stollings and Beach - **Increasing salaries for WV State Police** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance

824. By Sen. Romano, Lindsay, Woelfel and Stollings - **Establishing Summer Feeding for All Program** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Education then Finance

825. By Sen. Maynard - **Relating to payment of taxes by co-owners** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary

826. By Sen. Baldwin and Plymale - **Implementing system for ranked choice voting for election of justices to WV Supreme Court of Appeals** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary

827. By Sen. Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Baldwin, Stollings, Smith and Beach - **Relating to protection and repair of damage caused by oil and gas industry to state roads** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/20/2020

828. By Sen. Jeffries, Lindsay and Woelfel - **Clarifying municipal B&O taxation where business activity occurs** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance


830. By Sen. Blair - **Eliminating special merit-based employment system for health care professionals** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and
Human Resources - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 51, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

831. By Sen. Swope and Cline - **Clarifying Economic Development Authority board enter into contracts necessary to carry out duties** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Economic Development - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020

832. By Sen. Maynard - **Permitting retailers assume sales or use tax assessed on tangible personal property** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

833. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring schools have library and full-time librarian** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Education then Finance


835. By Sen. Plymale and Woelfel - **Transferring WV Network for Educational Telecomputing to Office of Technology** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

836. By Sen. Sypolt and Woelfel - **Providing rule-making power to DNR for purposes of regulating training dogs that pursue bear** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Natural Resources

837. By Sen. Blair, Tarr, Maroney, Roberts, Swope and Takubo (Originating in Senate Finance) - **Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property** - Introduced 2/19/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Finance


840. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay and Swope (Originating in Senate Energy, Industry, and Mining) - **Creating statutory fee for modifying permits issued by DEP Office of Oil
and Gas  - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

841. By Sen. Blair, Tarr, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Swope, Roberts, Takubo, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Stollings and Unger (Originating in Senate Finance) - Requiring Governor to fix salaries of certain appointed officers after office is vacated - Introduced 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance


843. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation of funds from Treasury to DHHR Energy Assistance Fund (original similar to HB4972) - Introduced 2/24/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/28/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 26, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

844. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR Birth-to-Three Fund (original similar to HB4974) - Introduced 2/24/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/28/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 27, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

845. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - Supplemental appropriation from Treasury to DHHR, Division of Human Services (original similar to HB4973) - Introduced 2/24/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/25/2020 - Passed Senate 2/28/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/28/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 28, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


848. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - **Clarifying persons charged with DUI may not participate in Military Service Members Court** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/18/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 97, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


850. By Sen. Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - **Prohibiting racial discrimination based on certain hair textures and hairstyles** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Motion to discharge from committee tabled


852. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - **Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to Department of Education, School Building Fund** (original similar to HB4976) - Introduced 2/25/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 3/2/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 3/2/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 29, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

853. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] - **Supplemental appropriation of public moneys from Treasury to**
Department of Education, School Building Authority (original similar to HB4975) - Introduced 2/25/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 3/2/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 3/2/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/11/20 - Approved by Governor 3/12/20 - Chapter 30, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


ALL SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED

1. By Sen. Trump and Blair - Clarification of the Judiciary’s Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

2. By Sen. Smith, Cline, Baldwin, Romano, Sypolt and Jeffries - Disabled Veteran Exemption From Ad Valorem Property Taxation Amendment - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

3. By Sen. Tarr, Cline, Roberts, Rucker and Smith - Protection of the Right to Bear Arms Amendment - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

4. By Sen. Sypolt - Protection of Electronic Communication and Data Amendment - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

5. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Pitsenbarger, Baldwin, Romano, Rucker, Unger, Smith, Maynard and Jeffries - Homestead Exemption Increase Amendment - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance

6. By Sen. Rucker, Blair, Maynard, Smith, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr and Roberts - Supervision of Free Schools Modification Amendment - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance
*7. By Sen. Trump, Rucker, Azinger, Cline and Maynard - Preserving the Separation of Powers Amendment - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/30/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Rejected by Senate 2/5/2020

8. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Tarr, Azinger, Swope, Takubo, Cline and Maynard - Manufacturing Growth Amendment - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance


ALL SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED

1. By Sen. Weld and Baldwin - Designating dogs adopted from animal shelters and rescues as WV official state dog - Introduced 1/10/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 1/14/2020 - To House 1/15/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Rules - To House Rules 2/24/2020

2. By Sen. Trump and Cline - Requesting Frederick County, Virginia, consider becoming part of State of West Virginia - Introduced 1/10/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 1/13/2020 - To House 1/14/2020 - To Government Organization then Rules - To House Rules 1/16/2020


5. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Blair and Roberts - Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance study ways to achieve higher levels of effectiveness and fairness in public school system - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Education


7. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Beach, Stollings, Lindsay, Smith, Jeffries and Romano - US Army PFC Clifford O. Eckard Memorial Bridge -
Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

*8. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Stollings, Romano, Smith and Jeffries - US Army 1LT Harold H. Frazier Memorial Bridge - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Adopted by Senate 2/13/2020 - To House 2/14/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 3/4/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020


10. By Sen. Rucker, Cline, Roberts and Baldwin - Requesting study of current WV laws relating to anti-bullying measures in schools - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Education - Adopted by Senate 1/30/2020 - To House 1/31/2020 - To Education then Rules - To House Rules 2/18/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020

11. By Sen. Rucker - Asking Congress call convention for proposing amendments to impose fiscal restraints on federal government - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary


14. By Sen. Romano, Baldwin, Beach, Lindsay, Stollings and Woelfel - Urging Congress declare Equal Rights Amendment to US Constitution - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary

15. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Beach, Lindsay, Stollings, Unger, Jeffries and Romano - Kaylee Grace Whetzel Memorial Bridge - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/5/2020 - To House 3/7/2020 - Reference dispensed - Adopted by House 3/7/2020

16. By Sen. Weld, Beach, Lindsay, Romano, Unger and Jeffries - Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

17. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Beach, Lindsay, Romano, Unger, Weld and Jeffries - USMC PFC Manuel P. Markos Memorial Bridge - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Amended - Adopted by Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Rules - To House Rules 2/21/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020


21. By Sen. Swope, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Stollings and Woelfel and Unger - US Army SSG James “Junior” Spurrier Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

22. By Sen. Swope, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Stollings and Unger - George M. Hall Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020


24. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Lindsay, Romano, Sypolt and Jeffries - Fire Chief Lee Thomas Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020


27. By Sen. Boley, Carmichael (Mr. President), Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Requesting study on ways to make State Capitol building more handicap accessible - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization - Adopted by Senate 2/20/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Technology and Infrastructure 2/21/2020

29. By Sen. Sypolt - Requesting DEA and USDA promulgate rule allowing state to take custody of certain cannabis plants for testing on lowering THC levels in processed hemp - Introduced 2/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Rules - To House Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/11/2020

30. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Lindsay, Unger, Jeffries and Romano - Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

31. By Sen. Ihlenfeld, Weld, Lindsay, Unger, Jeffries and Romano - US Marine Corps PFC Manuel P. Markos Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure


35. By Sen. Cline, Roberts, Stollings, Romano, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - Veterans Memorial Drive - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 2/28/2020 - To House 2/29/2020 - To Rules - To House Rules 2/29/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020


37. By Sen. Cline - Naming intersection in Hanover, Wyoming County, “Godfrey’s Corner” - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

38. By Sen. Swope, Azinger, Baldwin, Cline, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Mann, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Stollings and Tarr (Originating in Senate Economic Development) - Requiring Secretary of Commerce study foremost challenges in attracting businesses and provide report during 2020 interim sessions - Introduced 2/17/2020 - Referred to Rules 2/14/2020

40. By Sen. Cline, Hamilton, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings and Sypolt - Requesting study of establishing and expanding statewide system of greenways and trails  - Introduced 2/18/2020  - Referred to Rules 2/18/2020

41. By Sen. Cline, Hamilton, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings and Sypolt (Originating in Senate Natural Resources) - Requesting Governor take action necessary for WV to join Outdoor Recreation Industry Confluence of States and Accords  - Introduced 2/18/2020  - To Rules 2/18/2020


43. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Stollings, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - Naming portion of road in Wayne County “In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please Keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free”  - Introduced 2/21/2020  - To Transportation and Infrastructure  - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

44. By Sen. Woelfel, Plymale, Stollings, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - Requesting study of benefits of creating WV State Bank to facilitate access to capital for returning veterans  - Introduced 2/21/2020  - To Banking and Insurance

45. By Sen. Romano, Beach, Baldwin, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel and Stollings - Requesting study of benefits of creating WV State Bank to facilitate access to capital for returning veterans  - Introduced 2/21/2020  - To Transportation and Infrastructure  - Referred to Rules 3/3/2020

46. By Sen. Trump, Hardesty, Rucker, Lindsay, Romano, Beach, Weld, Takubo, Clements, Baldwin, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Jeffries, Cline and Woelfel (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Requesting DEP and DHHR propose public source-water supply study plan  - Introduced 2/20/2020  - Adopted by Senate 2/24/2020  - To House 2/25/2020  - To Health and Human Resources then Rules  - To House Rules 3/2/2020  - Adopted by House 3/7/2020

47. By Sen. Beach, Lindsay and Stollings - Requesting study of effectiveness of current laws maintaining private roads  - Introduced 2/24/2020  - To Transportation and Infrastructure  - Referred to Rules 3/3/2020

49. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Weld and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Requesting DOT, DOH evaluate October 1, 2018, “Updated Oil and Gas Road Policy” - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Adopted by Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judicial then Rules - To House Judiciary 2/26/2020


51. By Sen. Plymale, Baldwin, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Prezioso, Romano, Stollings, Unger and Woelfel - Requesting study amending WV Constitution to authorize Legislature to exempt or reduce tangible personal property from taxation - Introduced 2/26/2020 - To Finance

52. By Sen. Plymale, Woelfel, Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay and Romano - Haynie Family Veterans Memorial Bridge - Introduced 2/26/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

53. By Sen. Beach, Woelfel, Stollings, Lindsay and Romano - Requesting study providing free feminine hygiene products to female students in grades six through 12 - Introduced 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Rules - To Rules 3/3/2020

54. By Sen. Rucker, Stollings and Cline - Requesting study on WV academic standards in English and math - Introduced 2/27/2020 - To Education then Rules - To Education 2/28/2020

55. By Sen. Beach, Stollings, Hamilton and Romano - Requesting study on benefits of wage transparency - Introduced 2/28/2020 - To Rules


57. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Stollings, Lindsay, Beach, Unger and Jeffries - Frye Brothers Memorial Bridge - Introduced 3/3/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

58. By Sen. Prezioso, Stollings, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay, Rucker and Romano - Requesting study of sexual violence in WV - Introduced 3/4/2020 - To Rules

60. By Sen. Rucker, Stollings, Cline, Jeffries, Hardesty and Romano - Requesting study on nutrition of public school students when schools are closed - Introduced 3/4/2020 - To Rules


62. By Sen. Rucker, Stollings, Cline and Lindsay - Requesting study of proof of vision exam for all children enrolling in WV schools - Introduced 3/5/2020 - To Rules


64. By Sen. Rucker, Azinger, Baldwin, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Smith, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - Requesting study on domestic violence rates in WV - Introduced 3/6/2020 - Referred to Rules 3/7/2020


66. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo and Tarr - Urging Congress to allow US DOT create pilot study with WV, Kentucky, and Indiana on vehicle weight capacity - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020

ALL SENATE RESOLUTIONS OFFERED

1. By Sen. Takubo - Raising committee to notify House of Delegates Senate has assembled - Introduced 1/8/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/8/2020

2. By Sen. Takubo - Raising committee to notify Governor Legislature has assembled - Introduced 1/8/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/8/2020

3. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) - Creating Select Committee on Children and Families - Introduced 1/8/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/8/2020


7. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Baldwin, Cline, Hamilton, Palumbo, Roberts, Rucker and Stollings - **Designating January 15, 2020, as Tourism Day at Legislature** - Introduced 1/14/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/15/2020

8. By Sen. Romano, Swope, Baldwin, Hamilton, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Palumbo, Stollings and Jeffries - **Designating January 16, 2020, as Aviation Day** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/16/2020


10. By Sen. Prezioso, Beach, Sypolt, Smith, Clements, Maroney, Baldwin, Cline, Hamilton, Plymale, Romano, Rucker and Stollings - **Designating January 21, 2020, as West Virginia University Day** - Introduced 1/20/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/21/2020


anniversary of liberation of Auschwitz and creation of International Holocaust Remembrance Day - Introduced 1/24/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/27/2020


23. By Sen. Palumbo, Takubo, Cline, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings and Uger - Congratulating University of Charleston men's soccer team - Introduced 1/29/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/30/2020

24. By Sen. Pitsenbarger, Beach, Hamilton, Lindsay, Plymale and Stollings - Congratulating Lukas and Gabby Newcomer, of Noble Farms, Inc., for winning Conservation Farm of Year Award - Introduced 1/30/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/31/2020

25. By Sen. Palumbo, Takubo, Beach, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings and Sypolt - Congratulating George Washington High School Patriots boys' tennis team for winning 2019 Class AAA State Tennis Championship - Introduced 1/30/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/31/2020


27. By Sen. Palumbo, Takubo, Beach, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings and Sypolt - Congratulating George Washington High School Patriots boys' soccer team for winning 2019 Class AAA State Championship - Introduced 1/30/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 1/31/2020

By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Prezioso, Baldwin, Beach, Cline, Hamilton, Lindsay, Rucker and Smith - Designating February 4, 2020, as WV Alzheimer’s Association Day - Introduced 2/3/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/4/2020


By Sen. Weld, Hamilton, Baldwin, Beach, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Stollings, Trump, Unger, Smith and Sypolt - Designating February 6, 2020, as Veterans Visibility Day - Introduced 2/5/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/6/2020

By Sen. Blair, Baldwin, Cline, Lindsay, Plymale, Romano, Rucker, Stollings, Trump, Unger and Sypolt - Reaffirming sister-state relationship between WV and Taiwan - Introduced 2/5/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/6/2020

By Sen. Stollings, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay, Plymale and Prezioso - Designating February 7, 2020, as Dental Hygienists Day - Introduced 2/6/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/7/2020


By Sen. Sypolt, Smith, Hamilton, Cline, Prezioso, Baldwin, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings, Jeffries, Rucker and Maynard - Recognizing 75th birthday of Smokey Bear - Introduced 2/10/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/11/2020

By Sen. Jeffries, Prezioso, Lindsay, Rucker, Hamilton, Romano, Plymale, Stollings, Palumbo and Pitsenbarger - Designating February 12, 2020, as WV Literacy Day - Introduced 2/11/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/12/2020

By Sen. Trump, Weld, Prezioso, Beach, Cline, Lindsay, Jeffries, Unger, Stollings and Ihlenfeld - Recognizing contributions of AARP President Rich Stonestreet to WV and its people - Introduced 2/12/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/13/2020
39. By Sen. Stollings, Prezioso, Beach, Cline, Lindsay, Baldwin, Jeffries, Unger and Rucker - Designating February 13, 2020, as Tiny Hearts Day - Introduced 2/12/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/13/2020

40. By Sen. Jeffries, Cline, Lindsay, Unger, Facemire, Baldwin, Hamilton, Stollings and Palumbo - Recognizing WV Gold Star Mothers for dedication and commitment to veterans and families - Introduced 2/13/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/14/2020

41. By Sen. Smith, Stollings, Baldwin, Romano, Rucker, Plymale and Lindsay - Designating February 17, 2020, as Pancreatic Cancer Day - Introduced 2/14/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/17/2020

42. By Sen. Boley, Rucker, Cline, Sypolt, Stollings, Unger, Baldwin, Romano, Plymale and Lindsay - Commemorating centennial of ratification of 19th Amendment to the US Constitution - Introduced 2/14/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/17/2020

43. By Sen. Azinger, Sypolt, Cline, Roberts, Stollings, Unger, Romano, Rucker, Plymale and Lindsay - Recognizing President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln on President’s Day - Introduced 2/14/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/17/2020


45. By Sen. Boley, Cline, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - Congratulating St. Mary’s High School golf team for winning 2019 Class A state golf championship - Introduced 2/17/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/18/2020


47. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Unger, Lindsay, Baldwin, Jeffries and Stollings - Recognizing Clay County High School “We the People” team for winning sixth consecutive WV state championship - Introduced 2/19/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/20/2020

48. By Sen. Swope, Maynard, Lindsay, Stollings, Jeffries, Rucker, Cline and Baldwin - Recognizing 125th Anniversary of Bluefield State College - Introduced 2/20/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/21/2020

49. By Sen. Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, Rucker, Cline and Baldwin - Designating February 21, 2020, as WV State University Day - Introduced 2/20/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/21/2020

50. By Sen. Prezioso, Beach, Lindsay, Cline, Stollings, Rucker, Romano, Jeffries, Unger, Hamilton and Weld - Designating February 25, 2020, as Fairmont
State Day - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/25/2020

51. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Lindsay, Prezioso, Stollings, Jeffries, Unger and Hamilton - Recognizing Shinnston Fire Department’s 90th anniversary - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/25/2020

52. By Sen. Tarr, Cline, Lindsay and Stollings - Designating February 26, 2020, as WV Child Care Association Celebrating Children and Families Day - Introduced 2/25/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/26/2020


55. By Sen. Plymale, Woelfel, Carmichael (Mr. President), Stollings, Jeffries and Lindsay - Recognizing Red Hots and Heatwave Show Choirs - Introduced 2/26/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 2/27/2020


By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Rucker, Cline and Lindsay - Recognizing October as National Dwarfism Month - Introduced 3/2/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/3/2020

By Sen. Unger, Stollings, Lindsay, Cline, Baldwin, Prezioso, Beach, Palumbo, Ihlenfeld, Hardesty, Woefel, Jeffries and Plymale - Designating March 4, 2020, as Recovery Community Day - Introduced 3/3/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/4/2020


By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Lindsay, Unger and Jeffries - Designating WV State Folk Festival as official site of WV State Pepperoni Roll Championship - Introduced 3/3/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/4/2020

By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Stollings, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay and Romano - Recognizing March as Red Cross Month - Introduced 3/4/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/5/2020

By Sen. Weld, Maroney, Stollings, Cline, Jeffries, Lindsay and Romano - Designating March 5, 2020, as Treatment Court Day - Introduced 3/4/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/5/2020


By Sen. Cline, Roberts, Stollings, Unger, Plymale and Lindsay - Designating March 6, 2020, as McDowell County Day - Introduced 3/5/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/6/2020

By Sen. Azinger, Boley, Carmichael (Mr. President), Tarr, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Memorializing life of Karl Cameron “Butch” Lilly III, former Assistant Clerk of WV Senate - Introduced 3/6/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020

By Sen. Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay and Unger - Urging Congress safeguard pharmaceutical supply chains - Introduced 3/6/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020

By Sen. Beach, Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay, Baldwin, Cline, Rucker and Unger - Memorializing life of Dorothy Vaughan, NASA mathematician and
computer programmer  - Introduced 3/6/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020


75. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Beach, Azinger, Baldwin, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.  - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020

76. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Corey Palumbo  - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020

77. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Kenny Mann  - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020

78. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Azinger, Beach, Baldwin, Blair, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - Recognizing dedicated public service of Honorable Paul Hardesty  - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/7/2020


80. By Sen. Takubo  - Notifying Governor Legislature is ready to adjourn sine die  - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted 3/8/2020

SENATE BILLS COMMUNICATED TO HOUSE

8. By Sen. Azinger, Cline, Tarr, Romano, Smith, Maroney and Maynard - Exempting certain armed forces veterans from payment of fees for license
to carry deadly weapon - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Military then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance

*28. By Sen. Maroney - Allowing WV Board of Medicine investigators to carry concealed weapons - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

*38. By Sen. Azinger, Cline and Maynard - Requiring schools provide elective course on Hebrew Scriptures or Bible - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary 2/7/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Education then Judiciary

*66. By Sen. Lindsay and Romano - Requiring State Police to follow towing services policies of county of location - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization

*97. By Sen. Trump, Hamilton, Lindsay, Romano and Maroney - Allowing senior judge to continue receiving per diem compensation beyond annual salary of sitting judge due to delay by Governor in filling vacancy - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Pensions and Retirement then Finance


114. By Sen. Romano and Hamilton - Providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military members - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Military then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance - To House Finance 2/27/2020

*131. By Sen. Trump and Roberts - Creating Tim Tebow Act - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Education

*138. By Sen. Blair, Palumbo and Roberts - Incentives for consolidating local governments (original similar to SB109) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/16/2020 - To Finance 1/16/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization then Finance

140. By Sen. Blair and Hamilton - Changing rate at which certain judges are paid for mileage when traveling within state - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Finance

*142. By Sen. Sypolt, Hamilton, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger and Romano - Expanding Coyote Control Program through voluntary assessment on
breeding cows - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - To Finance 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance - To House Finance 2/24/2020

*160. By Sen. Sypolt, Beach, Clements, Hamilton, Stollings, Pitsenbarger, Romano and Facemire - Creating Voluntary WVU Rifle Team Check-Off Program on hunting and fishing licenses - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Natural Resources then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/22/2020 - To Finance 1/22/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

170. By Sen. Blair - Alleviating double taxation on foreign income at state level - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Finance - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*190. By Sen. Weld - Modifying requirement that racetrack participate in WV Thoroughbred Development Fund by certain date (original similar to SB183) - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/31/2020 - Passed Senate 2/5/2020 - To House 2/6/2020 - To Finance

*191. By Sen. Weld, Baldwin, Cline, Ihlenfeld, Woelfel and Romano - Creating felony offense of aggravated cruelty to animals - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/23/2020 - Passed Senate 1/28/2020 - To House 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary

203. By Sen. Weld and Hamilton - Allowing certain deductions from personal income tax refunds - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Military then Finance - To Finance 1/22/2020 - Passed Senate 2/7/2020 - To House 2/10/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Finance - To House Finance 2/27/2020

*204. By Sen. Weld and Baldwin - Providing for nonpartisan elections of county prosecuting attorneys - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/14/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/20/2020 - To Judiciary

*207. By Sen. Weld and Cline - Creating Prosecuting Attorney’s Detectives Act - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 1/14/2020 - Passed Senate 1/17/2020 - To House 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary

*217. By Sen. Maynard, Cline and Roberts - Requiring DHHR collaborate with Workforce Development Board and WV Division of Personnel for job placement - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Workforce then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/16/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 1/21/2020 - To House 1/22/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*246. By Sen. Jeffries, Hamilton, Woelfel, Lindsay, Stollings, Ihlenfeld, Romano, Facemire and Plymale - Including family court judges in retirement system for judges - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/13/2020 - To Finance 2/13/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance
*253. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Stollings, Romano, Lindsay and Rucker - **Providing for fair pay and maximized employment of disabled persons** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/18/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - On 3rd reading, Special Calendar 3/7/2020

*265. By Sen. Swope, Woelfel, Baldwin, Cline, Stollings, Roberts, Plymale, Hamilton, Jeffries, Facemire and Palumbo - **Authorizing DEP to develop Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Economic Development then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/17/2020 - To Finance 1/17/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Finance

*266. By Sen. Weld - **Clarifying and updating language regarding Fairmont State alumni license plates** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/27/2020

*267. By Sen. Jeffries and Lindsay - **Creating offenses of conversion of leased or rented personal property** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Rereferred to Transportation and Infrastructure on 2nd reading 2/24/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - On 3rd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*275. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Cline, Rucker and Roberts - **Creating Intermediate Court of Appeals** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/30/2020 - To Judiciary 1/31/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance - Motion to reconsider action as to HFA Zukoff rejected - Amended - House rejected 3/6/2020 - Motion to table motion to reconsider rejected - Motion to reconsider rejected

*278. By Sen. Trump - **Providing various methods to deal with defendant who becomes incompetent during trial** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Rereferred to Judiciary on 2nd reading 2/24/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - On 3rd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*279. By Sen. Trump, Stollings, Baldwin, Maroney, Romano, Hamilton, Jeffries, Rucker, Roberts and Facemire - **Requiring dental insurance plans honor assignment made in writing by person covered** (original similar to HB4171) - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/4/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Judiciary

*284. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Cline, Maynard and Maroney - **Creating WV Health Care Continuity Act** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Health and Human Resources 2/7/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Health and Human Resources
*297. By Sen. Cline - **Requiring Board of Education create family and consumer sciences course** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education then Finance - Com. sub. reported 1/17/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 1/23/2020 - To House 1/24/2020 - To Education then Finance

*306. By Sen. Trump, Woelfel and Plymale - **Licensing of drivers utilizing bioptic telescopic devices** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/27/2020


355. By Sen. Maynard - **Fire Commission rule relating to State Fire Code** (original similar to HB4275) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Referred to Rules on 3rd reading 2/26/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

468. By Sen. Pitsenbarger, Hamilton, Sypolt, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cline, Roberts, Romano, Swope, Tarr and Woelfel - **Relating to eligibility for license or permit application** (original similar to HB4515) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Natural Resources - Passed Senate 1/27/2020 - To House 1/28/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources

482. By Sen. Maynard (By Request), Cline, Roberts and Azinger - **Eliminating permit requirement for storing concealed handgun in vehicle on school property for persons over 21** (original similar to HB4024, HB4076) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary

*484. By Sen. Lindsay, Stollings, Woelfel and Beach - **Requiring free feminine hygiene products be provided to female prisoners** - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/6/2020 - To Finance 2/6/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance


*513. By Sen. Jeffries, Baldwin, Cline, Lindsay, Ihlenfeld and Woelfel - Protecting consumers against businesses using automatic renewals without consent - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

*514. By Sen. Tarr and Plymale - Creating WV FinTech Regulatory Sandbox Act (original similar to HB 4621) - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

*521. By Sen. Tarr, Swope, Sypolt, Cline and Roberts - Relating to job creation and economic incentives - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Economic Development then Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/18/2020 - To Government Organization 2/18/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization

*528. By Sen. Swope, Azinger, Rucker, Trump, Cline and Maynard - Creating Uniform Worker Classification Act - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Passed Senate with amended title 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Judiciary

*550. By Sen. Maynard, Cline, Jeffries and Stollings - Permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear (original similar to HB4116, HB4514) - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Natural Resources - Com. sub. reported 1/28/2020 - Passed Senate 1/31/2020 - To House 2/3/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources

*607. By Sen. Sypolt, Clements, Hamilton, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Smith, Swope and Roberts - Reporting motor vehicle crashes to owners (original similar to HB4667) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary

*616. By Sen. Trump - Relating to employment grievance procedure for public employees - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/6/2020 - To Judiciary 2/6/2020 - Com. sub. for com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary

618. By Sen. Clements, Swope, Cline and Plymale - Conforming WV law to federal distance requirements for locations of salvage yards (original similar to HB4503) - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Amended - Passed Senate 2/11/2020 - To House 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary

*625. By Sen. Trump and Weld - Creating one-day annual license to permit charitable auction of sealed rare, antique, or vintage liquor bottles - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/3/2020 - Amended
- Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*629. By Sen. Trump - Clarifying alcohol by volume percentage for certain wines
- Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/3/2020 - Passed Senate 2/6/2020 - To House 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary

*633. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President) and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive]
- Creating Medicaid Families First Reserve Fund account (original similar to HB4643)
- Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance

*635. By Sen. Trump - Allowing administration of small estates
- Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective January 1, 2021 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

*638. By Sen. Trump - Creating new private club licenses and requirements
- Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/10/2020 - Passed Senate 2/13/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary

*653. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Tarr and Rucker - Increasing number of magistrates in certain counties
- Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - To Finance 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance 2/29/2020

655. By Sen. Tarr and Woelfel - Relating to valuation of natural resources land property (original similar to HB4460)
- Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Energy, Industry, and Mining then Finance - To Finance 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/19/2020 - To House 2/20/2020 - To Finance

*661. By Sen. Rucker, Cline and Baldwin - Replacing minimum minutes of instructional time required per day
- Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 3/2/2020 - To Finance then Education

*665. By Sen. Weld, Sypolt and Maroney - Requiring persons convicted of certain crimes on or after March 8, 1995, provide DNA samples
- Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/5/2020 - Passed Senate 2/10/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/11/2020 - To Judiciary

*672. By Sen. Jeffries, Clements, Sypolt, Baldwin, Romano and Unger - Creating special registration plate recognizing Girl Scouts
- Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization

*674. By Sen. Maynard - Permitting DOH purchase hardware items and equipment from local seller
- Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/7/2020 - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - To House 2/13/2020 - To Government Organization
680. By Sen. Palumbo, Hamilton, Jeffries, Lindsay, Pitsenbarger and Takubo - Qualifying not-for-profit private baccalaureate institutions for Advanced Career Education programs and WV Invests Grant Program - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Education then Finance - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Education then Finance - To House Finance 2/28/2020


*700. By Sen. Takubo, Blair and Stollings - Exempting physicians from specified traffic laws when responding to emergencies - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Judiciary 2/20/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

*702. By Sen. Rucker and Maroney - Designating specific grade levels in which nutrition and physical fitness programs are taught - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Education - Com. sub. reported 2/12/2020 - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/18/2020 - To Education

*710. By Sen. Azinger, Cline, Maroney and Roberts - Establishing pilot program to evaluate telemedicine health services - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Health and Human Resources - To Health and Human Resources 2/18/2020 - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - On 2nd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*722. By Sen. Boley, Azinger, Baldwin, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Romano, Smith, Swope, Tarr, Unger, Hardesty, Prezioso and Stollings - Relating to special license plates for public and private nonprofit transit providers (original similar to HB4730) - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization - Amendment pending - On 3rd reading, House Calendar 3/7/2020

*728. By Sen. Trump, Baldwin, Maroney, Rucker, Smith, Sypolt and Pitsenbarger - Exempting all property used for agricultural purposes from county property maintenance codes or ordinances - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization - Com. sub. reported 2/19/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Government Organization

732. By Sen. Trump and Cline - Authorizing fee payment and expense reimbursement for attorneys who participate on court teams established by Supreme Court of Appeals - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To Finance 2/11/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary then Finance - To House Finance 2/29/2020
733. By Sen. Trump and Ihlenfeld - Recognizing political party status - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/14/2020 - To House 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary

*745. By Sen. Tarr, Blair, Smith and Swope - Creating exemption to state sales and use tax for rental and leasing of equipment - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance


*752. By Sen. Takubo, Stollings, Romano and Woelfel - Relating generally to medical cannabis - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective from passage - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Motion to take bill up for immediate consideration and read bill first time adopted - On 3rd reading with right to amend, Special Calendar 3/7/2020


*762. By Sen. Maroney, Takubo, Lindsay, Baldwin, Stollings, Woelfel and Rucker - Creating Preserving Patient Stability Act of 2020 - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance 3/2/2020

*772. By Sen. Azinger, Smith, Sypolt and Trump - Clarifying American Law Institute’s Restatements of Law - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/20/2020 - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary

782. By Sen. Maroney and Plymale - Relating to fees assessed by Health Care Authority on certain hospitals - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Health and Human Resources

*798. By Sen. Sypolt, Cline, Stollings and Romano - Requiring dairy foods processed in state be added to list of items to be purchased by state-funded institutions - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance
800. By Sen. Romano, Facemire and Smith - **Authorizing electric utilities construct and operate project within electric utility distribution system** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Economic Development - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary


*820. By Sen. Takubo, Cline and Stollings - **Authorizing DHHR transfer comprehensive community mental health centers and intellectual disability facilities to regional centers and facilities** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To House Finance 3/2/2020

*821. By Sen. Takubo - **Providing immunity from civil liability to facilities and employees providing crisis stabilization** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Com. sub. reported 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary

828. By Sen. Jeffries, Lindsay and Woelfel - **Clarifying municipal B&O taxation where business activity occurs** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/25/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Finance


832. By Sen. Maynard - **Permitting retailers assume sales or use tax assessed on tangible personal property** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To Finance - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

837. By Sen. Blair, Tarr, Maroney, Roberts, Swope and Takubo (Originating in Senate Finance) - **Providing exemptions from ad valorem taxes for certain types of personal property** - Introduced 2/19/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 2/24/2020 - To House 2/25/2020 - To Finance

840. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Boley, Clements, Cline, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay and Swope (Originating in Senate Energy, Industry, and Mining) - **Creating statutory fee for modifying permits issued by DEP Office of Oil and Gas** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

841. By Sen. Blair, Tarr, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Swope, Roberts, Takubo, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Stollings and Unger (Originating in Senate Finance) - **Requiring Governor to fix salaries of certain appointed officers after office is vacated** - Introduced 2/21/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Finance

850. By Sen. Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Takubo, Weld, Woelfel and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - **Prohibiting racial discrimination based on certain hair textures and hairstyles** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Passed Senate 2/26/2020 - To House 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Motion to discharge from committee tabled


**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS COMMUNICATED TO HOUSE**

1. By Sen. Weld and Baldwin - **Designating dogs adopted from animal shelters and rescues as WV official state dog** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 1/14/2020 - To House 1/15/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Rules - To House Rules 2/24/2020

2. By Sen. Trump and Cline - **Requesting Frederick County, Virginia, consider becoming part of State of West Virginia** - Introduced 1/10/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 1/13/2020 - To House 1/14/2020 - To Government Organization then Rules - To House Rules 1/16/2020

convention to propose amendment on congressional term limits  - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Judiciary - Adopted by Senate 1/22/2020 - To House 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary - Unfinished Business, Special Calendar 3/6/2020 - Unfinished Business, Special Calendar 3/7/2020

7. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Beach, Stollings, Lindsay, Smith, Jeffries and Romano - **US Army PFC Clifford O. Eckard Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/16/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020


16. By Sen. Weld, Beach, Lindsay, Romano, Unger and Jeffries - **Firefighter Marvin Layton Hughes Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020


22. By Sen. Swope, Beach, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Stollings and Unger - **George M. Hall Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020


24. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Lindsay, Romano, Sypolt and Jeffries - **Fire Chief Lee Thomas Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

27. By Sen. Boley, Carmichael (Mr. President), Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Blair, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hamilton, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Mann, Maroney, Maynard, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Trump, Unger, Weld and Woelfel - **Requesting study on ways to make State Capitol building more handicap accessible** - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization - Adopted by Senate 2/20/2020 - To House 2/21/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Technology and Infrastructure 2/21/2020

29. By Sen. Sypolt - **Requesting DEA and USDA promulgate rule allowing state to take custody of certain cannabis plants for testing on lowering THC levels in processed hemp** - Introduced 2/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 2/10/2020 - To House 2/11/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Rules - To House Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/11/2020

30. By Sen. Smith, Sypolt, Lindsay, Unger, Jeffries and Romano - **Stanley W. and Evelyn C. See Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/13/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

44. By Sen. Woelfel, Plymale, Stollings, Lindsay, Jeffries and Unger - **Naming portion of road in Wayne County “In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please Keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free”** - Introduced 2/21/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

48. By Sen. Baldwin, Lindsay, Stollings, Romano, Jeffries and Unger - **US Army PFC Ronald Lee Berry Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

49. By Sen. Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Clements, Cline, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Romano, Rucker, Smith, Weld and Trump (Originating in Senate Judiciary) - **Requesting DOT, DOH evaluate October 1, 2018, “Updated Oil and Gas Road Policy”** - Introduced 2/24/2020 - Adopted by Senate 2/25/2020 - To House 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary then Rules - To House Judiciary 2/26/2020


52. By Sen. Plymale, Woelfel, Stollings, Jeffries, Lindsay and Romano - **Haynie Family Veterans Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/26/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

57. By Sen. Romano, Facemire, Stollings, Lindsay, Beach, Unger and Jeffries - **Frye Brothers Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 3/3/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

66. By Sen. Carmichael (Mr. President), Takubo and Tarr - **Urging Congress to allow US DOT create pilot study with WV, Kentucky, and Indiana on vehicle weight capacity** - Introduced 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020

**HOUSE BILLS COMMUNICATED TO SENATE**

*2028.* By Del. Fast - **Limiting supervision of laying of lines on state rights-of-way** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Passed


2164. By Del. Shott, Canestraro, Fleischauer, Wilson, Porterfield, Fast and Capito - **Clarifying that appeals to the Supreme Court are a matter of right** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/4/2020 - To Senate 2/5/2020 - To Judiciary

*2321. By Del. Lovejoy, Miller, Canestraro, Rohrbach, Brown, N., Wilson, Robinson, Byrd, Maynard, Hornbuckle and Angelucci - **Allowing workers’ compensation benefits for first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services then Judiciary - To House Political Subdivisions 1/17/2020 - To House Judiciary 1/24/2020 - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To Health and Human Resources 2/24/2020 - To Finance 3/3/2020


*2419. By Del. Shott, Householder and Porterfield - **Relating to the authorization to release a defendant or a person arrested upon his or her own recognizance** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/29/2020 - To Senate
*2433. By Del. Kelly, J., Cooper, Atkinson, Wilson, Steele, Dean, Campbell, Kelly, D., Hanna, Fast and Jeffries, D. - Modifying the school calendar to begin not earlier than September 1 and end no later than June 7 - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education - Amended - House rejected 1/29/2020 - Motion house reconsider its action rejected


*2602. By Del. Miller, Canestraro, Brown, N., Kelly, D., Foster and Steele - Including possession of known stolen property in the offense of receiving or transferring stolen property - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/17/2020 - To Senate 1/20/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/12/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 2/13/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 89, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


2775. By Del. Martin, C., Dean, Maynard, Martin, P., Mandt, Pack, Fast, Porterfield and Bibby - Requiring each high school student to complete a full credit course of study in personal finance - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Education - Passed House 2/18/2020 - To Senate 2/19/2020 - To Education - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading

2877. By Del. Martin, P. and Martin, C. - Relating to charging a fee for parking in an accessible parking space bearing the international symbol of access - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 1/16/2020 - Passed House 1/29/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 1/30/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance - To Transportation and Infrastructure 1/30/2020


2924. By Del. Howell, Pack, Martin, C. and Hamrick - Permitting the West Virginia Tourism Office to decide to contract with the Division of Highways to sell advertising space on the WV511 website - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 1/17/2020 - To Senate 1/20/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed Senate 2/12/2020 - To Governor 2/18/20 - Approved by Governor 2/24/20 - Chapter 163, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

2961. By Del. Fast, Martin, C., Foster, Mandt and Butler - Permitting the commissioner to require a water supply system be equipped with a
backflow prevention assembly - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/6/2020 - Amended - Passed House 2/17/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/18/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Finance - To Transportation and Infrastructure 2/18/2020 - 2nd reference dispensed - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/7/2020 - Senate reconsidered action - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 271, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*3098. By Del. Williams, Lavender-Bowe, Thompson, C., Estep-Burton, Cooper, Campbell, Fluharty, Pushkin and Pyles - Allowing the same business owner to brew and sell beer to also distill and sell liquor - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 5, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4007. By Del. Rowan, Jeffries, D., Pack, Maynard, Porterfield, Foster, Waxman, Bibby, Hanna, Barnhart and Kump - Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (original similar to SB231) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 1/15/2020 - To Senate 1/16/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - To Health and Human Resources 1/16/2020 - To Judiciary 1/31/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/10/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment with amendment 2/18/2020 - Passed House 2/18/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 2/19/2020 - To Governor 2/27/20 - Approved by Governor 3/2/20 - Chapter 272, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4011. By Del. Little, Howell, Cowles, Foster, Porterfield, Higginbotham, Mandt, Shott, Butler and Ellington - Reorganizing various boards and authorities for the licensing and oversight of trades, occupations, and professions - Introduced 1/9/2020 - To Government Organization - Motion to have bill Recommitted to Government Organization rejected - Passed House 1/27/2020 - To Senate 1/28/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - To Government Organization 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary 2/11/2020


*4020. By Del. Foster, Phillips, Jennings, Atkinson, Bibby, Steele, Butler, Waxman, Espinosa, Porterfield and Mandt - Removing authority of municipalities to require occupational licensure if licensure for the occupation is required by the state - Introduced 1/13/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Passed House 1/21/2020 - To Senate 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - To Government Organization 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary 1/24/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 3/5/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 244, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


- Amended - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 192, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4062. By Del. Pack, Hill, Bates, Fleischauer and Thompson, C. - Reducing the cost of prescription drugs - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 1/21/2020 - To Senate 1/22/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Finance - To Health and Human Resources 1/22/2020

*4067. By Del. Pack, Steele, Cooper, Hill and Bates - Relating to crimes against property (original similar to SB553) - Introduced 1/8/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/17/2020 - To Senate 2/18/2020 - To Judiciary


4089. By Del. Pyles, Porterfield, Fast, Linville and Hicks - Requiring cursive writing to be taught - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To Education - Passed House 1/28/2020 - To Senate 1/29/2020 - To Education


*4101. By Del. Rohrbach, Kessinger, Robinson, Walker, Bartlett, Ellington, Hanna, Hornbuckle, Kelly, D., Mandt and Pushkin (Originating in House Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse) - Relating to requiring a court to verify certain conditions are met before a child who has been removed from a home - Introduced 1/10/2020 - To House Judiciary 1/10/2020 - Passed House 2/17/2020 - To Senate 2/18/2020 - To Children and Families

*4102. By Del. Rohrbach, Kessinger, Robinson, Walker, Bartlett, Ellington, Hanna, Hornbuckle, Kelly, D., Mandt and Pushkin (Originating in House Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse) - Relating to opioid antagonists -


4155. By Del. Jennings, Foster, Kessinger, Hardy, Bibby, Cowles, Sypolt and Steele - Relating generally to the regulation of plumbers - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Motion to reconsider action on HFA Worrell rejected - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To
Government Organization - Amended - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading

*4158. By Del. Cadle, Hott, Martin, C., Phillips, Howell, Cooper, Jeffries, J., Westfall, Foster, Staggers and Householder - **Allowing a person to manufacture a stated amount of alcoholic liquor for personal consumption** - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/13/2020 - To Senate 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary


4161. By Del. Worrell, Summers and Atkinson - **Making it illegal to scleral tattoo a person** - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 2/5/2020 - To Senate 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Amended - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 277, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4166. By Del. Foster, Phillips, Bibby, Steele, Butler, Waxman, Espinosa, Porterfield, Kessinger, Lovejoy and Bartlett - **Prohibiting certain sex offenders from being in a supervisory position over children** (original similar to HB4536) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/27/2020 - To Senate 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/17/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 100, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4176. By Del. Miller, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Miley, Shott, Kelly, D., Kessinger, Canestraro and Lovejoy - **West Virginia Intelligence/Fusion Center Act** - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Veterans’ Affairs and Homeland Security then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/12/2020 - Amended - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill 3/7/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 296, Acts, Regular Session, 2020
4178. By Del. Miller, Lovejoy, Lavender-Bowe, Kelly, D., Hansen and Brown, S. - Requiring calls which are recorded be maintained for a period of five years - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 1/30/2020 - Passed House 2/12/2020 - To Senate 2/13/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 297, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4179. By Del. Maynard, Jennings, Bibby, Campbell, Jeffries, J., Lovejoy, Miller, Pack, Sypolt and Worrell - Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (original similar to SB492) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 1/31/2020 - To Senate 2/3/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/12/2020 - House refused to concur and requested Senate to recede 2/13/2020 - Senate receded and passed 2/17/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 278, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4217. By Del. Foster - Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate legislative rules (original similar to SB329) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Previous Question Rejected - Amended - Passed House 2/14/2020 - To Senate 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 195, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4252. By Del. Foster - Authorizing miscellaneous agencies and boards to promulgate legislative rules (original similar to SB369) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 1/21/2020 - Amended - Passed House 2/24/2020 - Effective from passage - To Senate 2/25/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/3/2020 - Effective from passage - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/6/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 212, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4275. By Del. Foster - Authorizing Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety promulgate legislative rules relating to the Fire Commission (original similar to SB355) - Introduced 1/14/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/23/2020 - Effective from passage - To Senate 1/24/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/11/2020 - Effective from passage - House refused to concur and requested Senate to recede 2/18/2020 - Senate refused to recede and requested conference 2/20/2020 - To conference 2/21/2020 - House adopted conference report and passed bill 3/5/2020 - Effective from passage - Senate adopted conference report and passed bill
3/7/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 213, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4353. By Del. Howell, Porterfield, Jeffries, J., Hott, Kump, Cadle, Sypolt and Hamrick - Creating a rational nexus requirement between prior criminal conduct and initial licensure decision making (original similar to SB499) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 1/30/2020 - To Senate 1/31/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/18/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 2/19/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 247, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4354. By Del. Worrell, Summers and Wilson - Adding nabiximols to the permitted list of distributed and prescribed drugs - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 1/31/2020 - Passed House 2/25/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill 3/7/2020 - Passed House 3/7/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 56, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4356. By Del. Hill, Rohrbach, Porterfield and Summers - Relating to the administration of anesthetics - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Amended - Motion to Postpone action on bill and amendment by 1 day adopted - Amended - Passed House 2/5/2020 - To Senate 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


*4363. By Del. Graves, Pack, Steele, Ellington, Kessinger, Jennings, Summers, Waxman, Maynard, Sypolt and Rowan - Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System (original similar to SB233) - Introduced 1/15/2020 - To Pensions and Retirement then Finance - To House Finance 2/12/2020 - Passed House 2/24/2020 - To Pensions then Finance - To Pensions 2/24/2020 - On 2nd reading to Finance 3/2/2020 - Amended - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 257, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill 3/7/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 321, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4395. By Del. Summers, Longstreth and Porterfield - Removing the requirement that a veterinarian access and report to the controlled substance monitoring database - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Passed House 2/5/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/6/2020 - To...
Health and Human Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - Vetoed by Governor 3/19/20


*4398. By Del. Fast, Worrell, Foster, Hanna, Dean, Martin, C., Ellington, Rowan, Bibby, Hardy and Martin, P. - Relating to required courses of instruction - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Education - Amended - Passed House 2/13/2020 - To Senate 2/14/2020 - To Education - Amended - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading


*4408. By Del. Higginbotham, Toney, Hanna, Pushkin, Bibby, Jennings and Martin, C. - Requiring the State Board of Education to develop and implement an online database for the employment of school principals - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Education - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Education


4410. By Del. Nelson, Criss, Westfall, Azinger, Estep-Burton, Lovejoy, Espinosa, Barrett, Bates, Jeffries, D. and Capito - Permitting directors and executive officers of a banking institution to borrow from a banking institution with which he or she is connected - Introduced 1/17/2020 - To Banking and
Insurance then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 1/22/2020 - Passed House 2/5/2020 - To Senate 2/6/2020 - To Banking and Insurance - Passed Senate 3/5/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 33, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4419. By Del. Rohrbach, Kessinger, Robinson, Walker, Bartlett, Ellington, Hanna, Hornbuckle, Kelly, D., Mandt and Pushkin (Originating in House Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse) - Relating to the Controlled Substance


*4439. By Del. Householder, Criss, Butler, Anderson, Rowan, Linville, Graves, Maynard, Barrett, Boggs and Hartman - **Clarifying the method for calculating the amount of severance tax attributable to the increase in coal production** - Introduced 1/21/2020 - To Energy then Finance - To House Finance 2/12/2020 - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Finance - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 335, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4453. By Del. Foster, Jeffries, D. and Jennings - **Expanding the eligibility requirements for private investigator and security guard licensure** - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/7/2020 - To Senate 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization
*4461. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - Requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated or after July 1 - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/28/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Amended - Passed Senate 3/2/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill 3/6/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 168, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4476. By Del. Shott, Criss, Steele, Howell, Kelly, D., Miller, Brown, N., Maynard, Lovejoy, Mandt and Fast - Providing for the timely and efficient collection, submission, testing, retention, and disposition of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases (original similar to SB504) - Introduced 1/22/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 1/31/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/3/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/17/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 300, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4496. By Del. Shott, Criss, Graves, Steele, Howell, Kelly, D., Miller, Brown, N., Maynard, Mandt and Fast - **Removing the specific mandate of the Board of Risk and Insurance Management to purchase liability insurance for the Division of Corrections** (original similar to SB508) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 1/30/2020 - To Senate 1/31/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Passed Senate 2/4/2020 - To Governor 2/11/20 - Approved by Governor 2/17/20 - Chapter 200, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

Education then Finance - To House Finance 2/19/2020 - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Education - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Amended on 3rd reading - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 119, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4501. By Del. Miller, Criss, Graves, Howell, Shott, Brown, N. and Maynard - Relating to the ability to refuse offenders for commitment to a jail (original similar to SB617) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 1/30/2020 - To Senate 1/31/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 2/19/2020 - Effective from passage - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 2/27/2020 - Effective from passage - To Governor 3/2/20 - Approved by Governor 3/7/20 - Chapter 62, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4513. By Del. Atkinson, Anderson, Tomblin, Westfall, Cadle, Dean and Porterfield - **Increasing the replacement costs required of a person causing injury or death of game or protected species** (original similar to SB469) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/4/2020 - Passed House 2/14/2020 - To Senate 2/17/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 2/29/2020 - To Governor 3/5/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 235, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4514. By Del. Atkinson, Anderson, Cadle, Westfall, Tomblin, Porterfield and Hott - **Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear** (original similar to SB550) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Amended - Passed House 2/20/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/21/2020 - To Natural Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill 3/7/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 236, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4515. By Del. Sypolt, Hartman, Westfall, Tomblin, Anderson, Cooper, Cadle, Hott, Atkinson, Dean and Kelly, D. - **Relating to wildlife resources, eligibility for license or permit application** (original similar to SB468) - Introduced 1/23/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources - Passed House 2/7/2020 - To Senate 2/10/2020 - To Natural Resources - Passed Senate 2/21/2020 - To Governor 2/27/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 237, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4523. By Del. Summers, Paynter, Hardy, Worrell and Maynard - **Removing the limitation of number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person may purchase** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/11/2020 - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Natural Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 238, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4530. By Del. Westfall - **Authorizing daily passenger rental car companies to charge reasonable administrative fees** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/14/2020 - Passed House 2/24/2020 - To Senate 2/25/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 226, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4535. By Del. Toney, Campbell, Cooper and Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - **Relating to student aide class titles** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Education - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Education - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading

*4537. By Del. Maynard, Jeffries, J., Tomblin, Linville, Miller, Martin, P., Mandt, Worrell, Pack and Rohrbach - **Permitting DNR to issue up to 100 permits for boats greater than 10 horsepower on Upper Mud River Lake** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization - To House Government Organization 2/11/2020 - Passed House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Natural Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 3rd reading


*4557. By Del. Hill - Relating to centers and institutions that provide the care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/5/2020 - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Amended - Passed Senate 3/5/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 284, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4559. By Del. Shott, Byrd, Pushkin, Brown, S., Fast, Brown, N. and Steele -
Modifying the limitations on civil actions against the perpetrator of sexual
assault or sexual abuse upon a minor - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary
- Passed House 2/5/2020 - To Senate 2/6/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended -
Passed Senate with amended title 3/3/2020 - House concurred in Senate
amendment and passed 3/3/2020 - To Governor 3/12/20 - Approved by
Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 2, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4560. By Del. Hansen, Higginbotham, Skaff, Steele, Fleischauer, Walker, Pyles,
Williams, Barrett, Canestraro and Pushkin - Relating to deliveries by a
licensed wine specialty shop - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed
House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed
Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with
amend, passed bill 3/7/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and
passed bill 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 -
Chapter 8, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4573. By Del. Hill - Relating to Medicaid subrogation liens of the Department of
Health and Human Resources - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Health and Human
Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/7/2020 - Passed House
2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Removed from calendar by
action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate
3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and
passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/13/20 - Vetoed by Governor 3/25/20

*4574. By Del. Hansen, Skaff, Tomblin, Miller, Bates, Evans, Hornbuckle, Anderson,
Cooper, Miley and Brown, S. - Establishing Just Transition support for coal
and timber related jobs - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Small Business,
Entrepreneurship and Economic Development then Government Organization -
To House Government Organization 2/14/2020 - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To
Senate 2/27/2020 - To Workforce then Finance - To Workforce 2/27/2020

*4576. By Del. Shott, Nelson, Lovejoy, Canestraro, Steele, Byrd and Pyles -
Establishing a procedure for correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust and
mortgages - Introduced 1/28/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/12/2020 -
To Senate 2/13/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended
title 3/3/2020 - House concurred in Senate amend with amend, passed bill
3/5/2020 - Senate concurred in House amendments and passed bill 3/7/2020 -
To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 145, Acts,
Regular Session, 2020

*4581. By Del. Pack and Hill - Relating to West Virginia Clearance for Access:
Registry and Employment Screening - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Health and
Human Resources - Passed House 2/17/2020 - To Senate 2/18/2020 - To Health
and Human Resources - Amended - Passed Senate 3/5/2020 - House concurred
in Senate amendment and passed 3/6/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved
by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 170, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4582. By Del. Criss, Pack, Hardy, Bates, Pethel, Barrett, Hartman and Williams -
Declaring certain claims against agencies of the state to be moral
obligations of the state - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Finance - Passed House
2/10/2020 - Effective from passage - To Senate 2/11/2020 - To Finance - Passed
4585. By Del. Hill and Pack - Providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/7/2020 - To Senate 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 49, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4594. By Del. Higginbotham - Allowing poll workers to be appointed to work in precincts outside their county - Introduced 1/29/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/20/2020 - To Senate 2/21/2020 - To Judiciary - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading


Pensions - Passed Senate 2/18/2020 - To Governor 2/28/20 - Approved by Governor 3/5/20 - Chapter 75, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

By Del. Evans, Shott, Paynter, Lavender-Bowe, Zukoff, Miley, Caputo, Fleischauer, Thompson, R. and Rodighiero - Increasing the penalty for DUI causing death when a child is present - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed House 2/26/2020 - Title amended - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary


By Del. Howell - Authorizing the operation of mobile shops for hair, nail, cosmetology, and aesthetics services - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/7/2020 - To Senate 2/10/2020 - To Government Organization - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/7/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 251, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Capito, Atkinson, Westfall, Queen, Nelson, Summers, Kelly, J., Barrett, Boggs and Miley - Approving plans proposed by electric utilities to install middle-mile broadband fiber - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/14/2020 - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - Title amended - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 37, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4634. By Del. Evans, Bates, Toney, Dean, Paynter and Porterfield - Southern West Virginia Lake Development Study Commission Act - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/11/2020 - Passed House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Natural Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Amended - Constitutional rule suspended - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 105, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

*4639. By Del. Kump, Linville, Butler, Fast, Criss, Porterfield and Foster - Changing frequency of mandatory state inspections of motor vehicles (original similar to HB4016) - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Finance - To House Finance 2/14/2020 - Motion for previous question rejected - House rejected 2/26/2020

*4645. By Del. Householder, Barrett, Criss and Bates - Establishing the Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs under the Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Introduced 2/3/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed


4664. By Del. Shott, Kelly, D., Canestraro, Miller, Brown, N., Queen and Westfall (Originating in House Judiciary) - **Clarifying the offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs** - Introduced 2/5/2020 - Passed House 2/7/2020 - To Senate 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Referred to Rules on 2nd reading 3/6/2020


3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 344, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4705. By Del. Steele, Jennings, Paynter, Phillips, Toney, Pack, Sypolt, Lovejoy and Thompson, R. - Including three types of cancer for which rebuttable presumption of injury from employment exists for firefighters (original similar to SB200) - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/14/2020 - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Banking and Insurance then Finance - To Banking and Insurance 2/27/2020

funds due to unknown or unlocatable interest owners - Introduced 2/5/2020 - To Energy then Judiciary - 2nd reference dispensed - Passed House 2/13/2020 - To Senate 2/14/2020 - To Judiciary


*4734. By Del. Hill and Pack - Rewriting the article on registered professional nurses - Introduced 2/6/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Judiciary - 2nd reference dispensed - Amended - Passed House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Health and Human Resources


*4747. By Del. Howell and Martin, C. - Extending electronic submission of various applications and forms for nonprofit and charitable organizations, professionals and licensees - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/20/2020 - To Senate 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd


4777. By Del. Dean, Howell, Martin, C., Hamrick and Steele - **Relating to the right of disposition of remains** - Introduced 2/10/2020 - To Judiciary - Passed House 2/20/2020 - To Senate 2/21/2020 - To Health and Human Resources - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/24/20 - Chapter 253, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4797. By Del. Capito, Pushkin, Miller, Nelson and Westfall - Authorizing municipalities to enact ordinances that allow the municipal court to place a structure, dwelling or building into receivership (original similar to SB741) - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Political Subdivisions then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/17/2020 - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate 3/6/2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/17/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 77, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


*4820. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Relating to inventory of firearms owned by state agencies - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Government Organization - Amended - House rejected 2/21/2020

*4823. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Developing a plan for periodic audits of the expenditure of the fees from the emergency 911 telephone system and wireless enhanced 911 - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Government Organization - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading - Passed Senate 3/7/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 308, Acts, Regular Session, 2020

4853. By Del. Martin, C., Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Martin, P., Butler and Fast - Relating to a customer constructing a connection or other infrastructure necessary for the customer to connect to the public utility - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To House Judiciary 2/19/2020 - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary - To Transportation and Infrastructure 2/26/2020

4859. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Accounting for state funds distributed to volunteer and part-volunteer fire companies and departments - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed Senate 3/4/2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 302, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


4865. By Del. Foster, Howell, Waxman and Porterfield - Requiring certain boards that seek to increase a fee or seek to impose a new fee to also submit cost saving measures - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/20/2020 - To Senate 2/21/2020 - To Government Organization then Judiciary - To Government Organization 2/21/2020 - On 2nd reading to Judiciary 3/2/2020


4886. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Requiring the PSC and the DOH to submit reports concerning activity on the Coal Resource Transportation Road System - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

4887. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Miley - Relating to revocation, cancellation, or suspension of business registration certificates - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Government Organization - Passed House 2/25/2020 - To Senate 2/26/2020 - To Judiciary - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/2/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - House refused to concur and requested Senate
to recede 3/3/2020 - Senate refused to recede and requested conference 3/5/2020 - To conference 3/6/2020

*4892. By Del. Linville and Householder - Reducing personal income tax rates when personal income tax reduction fund is funded at a certain threshold - Introduced 2/11/2020 - To Finance - Passed House 2/26/2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Finance - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd reading


4958. By Del. Hamrick, Canestraro, Kelly, D., Lovejoy, Miller, Shott, Nelson, Mandt, Fleischauer, Pushkin and Pyles (Originating in House Judiciary) - Relating to eliminating the ability of a person’s driver license to be suspended for failure to pay court fines and costs - Introduced 2/21/2020 - Amended - Passed House 2/26/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Senate 2/27/2020 - To Judiciary - Removed from calendar by action of Committee on Rules on 2nd
reading - Amended - Passed Senate with amended title 3/6/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - House concurred in Senate amendment and passed 3/7/2020 - Effective July 1, 2020 - To Governor 3/19/20 - Approved by Governor 3/25/20 - Chapter 227, Acts, Regular Session, 2020


**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS COMMUNICATED TO SENATE**

1. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - **Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly** - Introduced 1/8/2020 - Reference dispensed - Adopted by House 1/8/2020 - To Senate 1/8/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 1/8/2020


*20. By Del. Westfall and Atkinson - U. S. Army PFC James Ray Miller Memorial Bridge - Introduced 1/20/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020


32. By Del. Linville - **Wolfe Brothers, Edward, William, Paul, George and Fred, WW II Veterans Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/3/2020


34. By Del. Longstreth, Evans, Fleischauer, Butler, Pethtel, Diserio, Angelucci, Campbell, Cooper, Toney and Pushkin - **Requesting the Division of Highways to place at least 10 additional signs along highways entering West Virginia honoring fallen veterans and Gold Star Families** - Introduced 1/24/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/3/2020

35. By Del. Martin, P. and Martin, C. - **U.S. Navy BT 2nd Wade E. Burnside Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020

38. By Del. Miller, Westfall, Tomblin, Rodighiero, Hicks, Butler and Linville - **U. S. Army PFC Nile C. Ballard Memorial Road** - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/3/2020

39. By Del. Barnhart, Kelly, D., Azinger, Kelly, J., Anderson and Criss - **Coach Kenny Wright Road** - Introduced 1/27/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure


*42. By Del. Hartman, Sponaugle, Thompson, C. and Brown, N. - **PFC David Henry Shifflet Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/27/2020 - Adopted by House 2/29/2020 - To Senate 3/2/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020

45. By Del. Robinson, Rowe, Estep-Burton, Byrd, Pushkin, Skaff and Linville - **U. S. Army Sgt John Matthew Tully Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure

47. By Del. Robinson, Estep-Burton, Rowe and Skaff - **U. S. Army Air Corps SSGT Charles Dexter Duncan Memorial Road** - Introduced 1/30/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/27/2020 - Adopted by House 2/29/2020 - To Senate 3/2/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020


52. By Del. Barnhart, Kelly, J., Maynard and Linville - **U. S. Army PFC Paul Eugene Gregg Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 1/31/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/5/2020


*56. By Del. Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) - **U. S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Eddie Dean Starcher Memorial Bridge** - Introduced 2/3/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 3/4/2020 - Adopted by House
3/6/2020 - To Senate 3/7/2020 - Committee reference dispensed - Adopted by Senate 3/7/2020


70. By Del. Atkinson, Westfall and Kelly, J. - **U. S. Army Air Corps Private Albert J. Sutphin Memorial Highway** - Introduced 2/7/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 2/19/2020 - To Senate 2/20/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure


82. By Del. Thompson, R., Hicks, Rodighiero, Tomblin, Lovejoy and Rohrbach - **Naming a portion of Buffalo Creek Road, In Memory of Tootsie Hensley, Please keep Buffalo Creek Litter Free** - Introduced 2/12/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House Rules 2/27/2020 - Adopted by House 2/29/2020 - To Senate 3/2/2020 - To Transportation and Infrastructure - Adopted by Senate 3/9/2020

85. By Del. Fast (Originating in House Industry and Labor) - **Requesting Joint Committee on Government and Finance to study ways the state can leverage technology** - Introduced 2/17/2020 - To House Rules 2/14/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020

87. By Del. Campbell, Hornbuckle, Pack, Hill, Miller, Staggers, Longstreth, Jeffries, D., Canestraro and Fluharty - **Recognizing the last day of February every year as Rare Disease Day** - Introduced 2/14/2020 - To Health and Human Resources then Rules - To House Rules 3/2/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020


96. By Del. Howell, Martin, C., Hott, Hamrick, Cadle, Sypolt, Wilson, Swartzmiller, Hansen, Jeffries, J. and Worrell - **Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the hiring exemptions of the West Virginia State Tax Department and the West Virginia Division of**
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102. By Del. Ellington, Higginbotham, Hanna and Campbell (Originating in House Education) - Requiring the development of funding formulas for West Virginia’s public institutions of higher education - Introduced 2/20/2020 - Adopted by House 2/21/2020 - To Senate 2/24/2020 - To Education


*108. By Del. Canestraro, Fluharty, Zukoff, Storch, McGeehan, Diserio, Pethtel and Swartzmiller - U. S. Navy PO3 Heath “Scrappy” Shilling Memorial Road - Introduced 2/25/2020 - To Technology and Infrastructure then Rules - To House


112. By Del. Storch, Miller, Walker, Brown, S., Little, Jennings, Doyle, Longstreth and Cowles (Originating in House Political Subdivisions) - **Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to conduct a study the impact on counties that pay for the cost of transporting persons requiring mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment to mental health facilities or state hospitals outside of that county** - Introduced 2/25/2020 - To House Rules 2/25/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020


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129. By Del. Martin, C., Azinger, Barnhart, Cadle, Caputo, Diserio, Hamrick, Hansen, Hanna, Hicks, Hott, Jeffries, D., Jeffries, J., Jennings, Little, Pyles, Staggers, Sypolt, Tomblin, Walker, Wilson and Worrell (Originating in House Government Organization) - Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the professional and occupational licensing

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134. By Del. Hill and Pack (Originating in House Health and Human Resources) - Requesting a study to determine the usage and whereabouts of federal money allocated to the State of West Virginia for the purpose of prevention and treatment efforts regarding the state opioid crisis - Introduced 3/2/2020 - To House Rules 3/2/2020 - Adopted by House 3/7/2020

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83. Creating Fetal Heartbeat Act
89. Creating Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program
137. Requiring Legislature provide funds to DHHR for local boards of health pay raises in certain circumstances
189. Relating to partial filling of prescriptions
197. Enacting Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact
202. Allowing one member of PSD board to be county commissioner
220. Relating to exemptions from mandated immunizations
229. Requiring Public Health Commissioner create program for reimbursement of adult dental care and free and charitable clinics
252. Creating Emergency Medical Services Personnel Loan Forgiveness Program
257. Prohibiting discrimination in access to organ transplants based on physical or mental disability
268. Relating to certain waivers for SNAP benefits
269. Establishing advisory council on rare diseases
278. Providing various methods to deal with defendant who becomes incompetent during trial
286. Prohibiting syringe exchange programs
288. Relating to family planning and child spacing
291. Requiring PEIA and health insurance providers provide mental health parity
473. Requiring physicians notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors
480. Enacting WV Human Life Protection Act
505. Relating to acquisition and disposition of property by urban development authority
526. Requiring DHHR seek waiver within SNAP seeking exclusion of sweetened beverages and energy drinks from program
543. Establishing Minority Health Advisory Team
544. Authorizing pharmacists and pharmacy interns administer vaccines
546. Requiring Medicaid and insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
549. Relating to informed consent for vaccinations
555. Enacting the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases
558. Relating to study of health care workforce
560. Permitting nursing home use trained individuals administer medication
565. Allowing private schools option of requiring vaccinations
567. Relating to wholesale importation of prescription drugs
577. Relating to insurance coverage for insulin
603. Relating to prohibition on short-term duration health insurance
605. Redefining definition of ‘life-prolonging intervention’
610. Removing resident manager requirement for Alcohol Beverage Control Administration
624. Creating WV Black Lung Program
627. Authorizing local board of health to engage in office-based medication-assisted treatment
628. Creating WV Children’s Vision Act
643. Creating Youth Mental Health Protection Act
647. Permitting physician’s assistants and advanced practice registered nurses issue do-not-resuscitate orders
648. Providing dental coverage for adult Medicaid recipients
664. Adding physician’s assistant to list of medical professionals capable of determining if individual lacks capacity
666. Improving quality of WV Medicaid Program
671. Relating to temporary food service permits
679. Creating Clean Drinking Water Act of 2020
681. Creating Persistent Symptoms Act
682. Creating pilot program to implement smart health cards for individuals receiving Medicaid
688. Relating to telemedicine practice
689. Enacting Requiring Accountable Pharmaceutical Transparency, Oversight, and Reporting Act
702. Designating specific grade levels in which nutrition and physical fitness programs are taught
707. Relating to nursing career pathways
715. Creating Patient Safety and Transparency Act
720. Including DHHR employees in WV Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screening process
724. Including ulcerative colitis as serious medical condition
739. Authorizing PSC protect consumers of distressed and failing water and wastewater utilities
746. Providing contracted managed care companies access to uniform maternal screening tool
747. Requiring Bureau for Public Health develop Diabetes Action Plan
748. Increasing awareness of palliative care services
752. Relating generally to medical cannabis
758. Relating to authority of Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
763. Improving accountability of opioid manufacturers
767. Relating to licensure of hospitals
774. Disposing of unused, unwanted, or expired medications
782. Relating to fees assessed by Health Care Authority on certain hospitals
797. Authorizing governing boards of public and private hospitals employ hospital police officers
817. Reducing cost of prescription drugs
820. Authorizing DHHR transfer comprehensive community mental health centers and intellectual disability facilities to regional centers and facilities
830. Eliminating special merit-based employment system for health care professionals

HUMAN RIGHTS
16. Creating Protect Our Right to Unite Act
40. Permitting civil actions by social media user for suppression or censorship of user’s speech
211. Relating to unlawful discriminatory practices covered by Human Rights Act and Fair Housing Act
212. Prohibiting civil rights violations based on gender identity or sexual orientation
231. Creating Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act
257. Prohibiting discrimination in access to organ transplants based on physical or mental disability
270. Relating to unlawful discriminatory practices covered by Human Rights Act and Fair Housing Act
271. Prohibiting civil rights violations
585. Relating to Human Life Non-Discrimination Act
771. Preserving and protecting right to keep and bear arms
850. Prohibiting racial discrimination based on certain hair textures and hairstyles

**HUMAN SERVICES**
5. Presuming shared legal and physical custody of child in divorce is in best interest of child
67. Creating litigation practice license for social workers
68. Designating DHHR social workers to promote school attendance and performance
78. Requiring DHHR to file petition to terminate parental rights under certain circumstances
93. Creating shared table initiative for senior citizens who suffer from food insecurity
114. Providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military members
155. Relating to payment of attorney fees in subsidized adoptions or guardianships
217. Requiring DHHR collaborate with Workforce Development Board and WV Division of Personnel for job placement
238. Making state’s whistleblower law applicable to private employment sector
242. Relating to work requirements for SNAP benefits
253. Providing for fair pay and maximized employment of disabled persons
268. Relating to certain waivers for SNAP benefits
280. Requiring establishment of paternity before awarding DHHR benefits
312. Relating to provisional licensure of social workers
567. Relating to wholesale importation of prescription drugs
575. Designating local fire department as safe-surrender site to accept physical custody of certain children from lawful custodian
606. Relating to relative placement for foster care and guardianship
639. Relating to duties of prosecuting attorney in child abuse and neglect matters
648. Providing dental coverage for adult Medicaid recipients
666. Improving quality of WV Medicaid Program
675. Supplementing and amending by increasing and decreasing public moneys within DHHR General Revenue Fund
682. Creating pilot program to implement smart health cards for individuals receiving Medicaid
716. Requiring DHHR pay for tubal ligation without 30-day wait between consent and sterilization
717. Relating generally to adult protective services
721. Relating to certain institutions that provide care and treatment of mentally ill or intellectually disabled individuals
749. Requiring Fatality and Mortality Review Team share data with CDC
794. Relating to responsibility for foster care homes by DHHR

**INSURANCE**
26. Increasing surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies
55. Ensuring insurance coverage for residents with preexisting conditions
56. Prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancer
95. Authorizing PEIA to establish base benefits insurance plans
115. Relating to surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies for funding volunteer fire departments
116. Creating surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies to help municipalities and counties with certain fire-related cleanup and demolition
133. Requiring new original equipment parts be used to maintain motor vehicle manufacturer’s warranty
215. Creating Health Care Choice Act
239. Requiring general contractors to have and maintain general liability insurance
279. Requiring dental insurance plans honor assignment made in writing by person covered
284. Creating WV Health Care Continuity Act
314. Requiring insurance policies provide free emergency allergy medications
508. Removing mandate Board of Risk and Insurance Management purchase liability insurance for Division of Corrections
545. Authorizing transfer of moneys from Insurance Commission Fund to Workers’ Compensation Old Fund
546. Requiring Medicaid and insurance coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders
559. Authorizing small private employers buy-in to PEIA
561. Prohibiting insurers from denying coverage as result of preexisting condition
577. Relating to insurance coverage for insulin
582. Imposing certain conduct requirements on pharmacy benefit managers
598. Creating WV Mutual to Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act
603. Relating to prohibition on short-term duration health insurance
641. Allowing WVCHIP flexibility in rate setting
659. Prohibiting insurance companies from using credit ratings to establish home and auto premiums
701. Regulating pharmacy services administrative organizations
710. Establishing pilot program to evaluate telemedicine health services
713. Relating to allocation of premiums for employers and employees in PEIA
762. Creating Preserving Patient Stability Act of 2020
787. Providing benefits to pharmacists for rendered care
849. Relating to military service as factor in certain insurance coverage rates

JUVENILES
50. Creating emergency text number systems for children
134. Transferring child welfare enforcement responsibilities to State Police
236. Relating to online privacy protection of children
473. Requiring physicians notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors
474. Requiring public schools notify parents when dispensing contraceptives to minors
580. Continuing Foster Care Ombudsman Program
606. Relating to relative placement for foster care and guardianship
639. Relating to duties of prosecuting attorney in child abuse and neglect matters
641. Allowing WVCHIP flexibility in rate setting
709. Removing limitation on damages due to sexual assault or sexual abuse on minor
711. Relating to juvenile jurisdiction of circuit courts
718. Providing immunity from civil or criminal liability for individuals who provide assistance on report of child abuse or neglect
776. Creating ACCELERATE Act
794. Relating to responsibility for foster care homes by DHHR

LABOR
9. Requiring certain documents that contain wage records be considered confidential
11. Relating to certification requirements of crane operators
48. Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting means of regulating certain areas of employer-employee relationship and sale or marketing of consumer merchandise
59. Requiring contractors provide county boards of education number of units constructed prior to issuance of permit
135. Prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, or other legal requirements
489. Moving provisions of licensing contractors to chapter 30 of code
496. Prohibiting employment of unauthorized employees in construction industry
528. Creating Uniform Worker Classification Act
630. Creating WV Call Center Jobs Act of 2020

LEGAL GAMING
183. Modifying requirement that racetrack participate in WV Thoroughbred Development Fund by certain date
190. Modifying requirement that racetrack participate in WV Thoroughbred Development Fund by certain date
232. Removing outdated prohibitions against electronic or mechanical ticket dispensers and readers
610. Removing resident manager requirement for Alcohol Beverage Control Administration
756. Supplemental appropriation from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Veterans’ Home Fund
788. Permitting wagering on certain professional or collegiate sporting events

LEGISLATURE
87. Drug testing of legislators
122. Creating Appropriation Supremacy Act of 2020
176. Limiting number of days legislators may receive compensation under certain circumstances
179. Relating to retirement and pension benefits of certain PERS and Teachers Retirement System members
192. Relating to WV Secondary School Activities Commission audits
556. Prohibiting members of Legislature and part-time public officials from having interest in public contracts

615. Declaring certain claims against state as moral obligations of state

743. Establishing Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs under Joint Committee on Government and Finance

789. Repealing obsolete sections of WV Code relating to Legislature

LEGISLATURE—RULE MAKING

58. Relating generally to directing certain amendments to DEP rules relating to Air Quality and Water Resources

323. Authorizing Department of Administration promulgate legislative rules

324. Dept of Administration rule for retention and disposal scheduling

325. Dept of Administration rule relating to management of records

326. Dept of Administration rule exempting fleet management division from management services

327. Dept of Administration rule relating to financial services reporting

328. Public Defender Services rule relating to payment of fees and expenses of court-appointed attorneys

329. Authorizing DEP promulgate legislative rules

330. DEP rule relating to performance standards for new stationary sources

331. DEP rule relating to control of air pollution

332. DEP rule relating to emission standards for hazardous air pollutants

333. DEP rule relating to control of ozone season nitrogen oxides emissions

334. DEP rule relating to WV surface mining reclamation

335. DEP rule relating to groundwater protection

336. DEP rule relating to hazardous waste management system

337. DEP rule relating to voluntary remediation and redevelopment rule

338. Oil and Gas Commission rule relating to commission rules

339. Authorizing DHHR promulgate legislative rules

340. DHHR rule relating to permit fees

341. DHHR rule relating to vital statistics

342. DHHR rule relating to emergency medical services

343. DHHR rule relating to primary care center uncompensated care grants

344. DHHR rule relating to primary care seed money grants

345. DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program general provisions

346. DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program growers/processors

347. DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program laboratories

348. DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis program dispensaries

349. DHHR rule relating to medical cannabis safe harbor letter

350. DHHR rule relating to collection and exchange of data relating to overdoses

351. DHHR rule relating to minimum licensing requirements for residential child care and treatment facilities

352. DHHR rule relating to qualifications for provisional license to practice as social worker within DHHR

353. DHHR rule relating to pilot program for drug screening of applicants for cash assistance

354. Health Care Authority rule relating to critical care access hospitals

355. Fire Commission rule relating to State Fire Code

356. Fire Commission rule relating to State Building Code
Authorizing Department of Revenue promulgate legislative rules
Insurance Commission rule relating to credit for reinsurance
Insurance Commission rule relating to pharmacy auditing entities and benefit managers
Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing
State Tax Department rule relating to payment of taxes by electronic funds transfer
State Tax Department rule relating to consumers sale and service tax
State Tax Department rule relating to exchange of information pursuant to written agreement
Authorizing Department of Transportation promulgate legislative rules
DOH rule relating to transportation of hazardous waste on roads and highways
DOH rule relating to wireless facilities on DOH rights-of-way
DMV rule relating to safety and treatment programs
DMV rule relating to vehicle title, registration, and relicensing project of 2018
Board of Accountancy rule relating to board rules and rules of professional conduct
Board of Acupuncture rule relating to fees
Board of Acupuncture relating to auricular detoxification therapy certificate
Board of Acupuncture rule relating to waiver of certain initial licensing fees
Board of Acupuncture rule relating to prior criminal convictions in licensure determinations
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to animal disease control
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to Fresh Food Act
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to auctioneers
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to poultry rules
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to pasteurized milk
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to West Virginia manufacture-grade milk
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to employment reference, inquiries, and background checks
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to WV Spay-Neuter Assistance Program
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to industrial hemp
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to hemp products
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to captive cervid farming
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to farmers markets
Commissioner of Agriculture rule relating to dairy farms, milk, and milk products processing rules
Board of Architects rule relating to registration of architects
Board of Architects rule relating to fees for registration
Board of Chiropractic Examiners rule for waiver of initial licensing fees
Board of Chiropractic Examiners rule to consider prior criminal convictions for initial licensure determinations
Board of Examiners in Counseling rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
392. Board of Dentistry rule for WV Board of Dental Examiners
393. Board of Dentistry rule relating to dental advertising
394. Board of Licensed Dietitians rule relating to licensure and renewal requirements
395. Board of Licensed Dietitians rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
396. Election Commission rule relating to corporate and membership organization political activity
397. Election Commission rule relating to regulation of campaign finance
398. Board of Funeral Service Examiners rule for waiver of initial licensing fees
399. Board of Funeral Service Examiners rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determination
400. Board of Hearing Aid Dealers rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
401. Board of Hearing Aid Dealers rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations
402. Board of Landscape Architects rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations
403. Massage Therapy Licensure Board rule for waiver of initial licensing fees
404. Massage Therapy Licensure Board rule to consider prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations
405. Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners rule relating to board
406. Board of Medicine rule relating to licensure, disciplinary and complaint procedures, continuing education, and physician assistants
407. Board of Medicine rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
408. Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board rule relating to nursing home administrators
409. Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to fees
410. Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
411. Board of Occupational Therapy rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations
412. Board of Optometry rule relating to rules for board
413. Board of Osteopathic Medicine rule relating to osteopathic physician assistants
414. Board of Osteopathic Medicine rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
415. Board of Pharmacy rule relating to licensure and practice of pharmacy
416. Board of Pharmacy rule relating to recordkeeping and automated data processing systems
417. Board of Pharmacy rule relating to rules of registration of pharmacy technicians
418. Board of Pharmacy rule for immunizations administered by pharmacists and pharmacy interns
419. Board of Pharmacy rule relating to rules for centralized prescription processing
420. Board of Pharmacy rule relating to regulations governing pharmacy permits
Board of Pharmacy rule relating to regulations governing pharmacists
Board of Pharmacy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to general provisions for physical therapist and assistants
Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to fees for physical therapists and assistants
Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to general provisions for athletic trainers
Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to fees for athletic trainers
Board of Physical Therapy rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees
Board of Registration for Professional Engineers rule relating to examination, licensure, and practice
Board of Professional Surveyors rule relating to examination and licensing
Board of Psychologists rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in licensure determinations
Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board rule relating to requirements for licensure and certification
Real Estate Commission rule relating to waiver of initial fees
Real Estate Commission rule to consider prior criminal convictions in license determination
Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses rule relating to registration and licensure and conduct
Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses rule for waiver of initial licensing fees
Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to establishment of fees
Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to student limited permit
Board of Respiratory Care rule relating to consideration of prior conviction in licensure determinations
Board of Sanitarians rule relating to waiver of initial application fees and criteria for license
Board of Social Work rule relating to qualifications for profession of social work
Board of Social Work rule relating to fee schedule
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology rule relating to licensure of speech-pathology and audiology
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology rule relating to disciplinary and complaint procedures
State Auditor rule relating to local government purchasing card program
State Conservation Committee rule relating to State Conservation Committee Grant Program
Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to organization and operation and licensing of veterinarians
Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to registration of veterinary technicians
Board of Veterinary Medicine rule relating to schedule of fees
Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules
Division of Labor rule relating to supervision of plumbing work
Division of Labor rule relating to regulation of heating, ventilating, and cooling work
Division of Forestry rule relating to sediment control during timber-harvesting operations-licensing
Division of Forestry rule relating to sediment control during commercial timber-harvesting operations-logger certification
Office of Miners’ Health, Safety, and Training rule relating to substance abuse screening, standards, and procedures
Office of Miners’ Health, Safety, and Training rule relating to rules governing certification, recertification, and training of EMT-miners and certification of EMT-M instructors
DNR rule relating to commercial whitewater outfitters
DNR rule relating to transporting and selling wildlife pelts and parts
DNR rule relating to boating rule
DNR rule relating to special boating rule
DNR rule relating to special requirements concerning boating
DNR rule relating to public use of campgrounds in WV state parks, forests, and state rail trails under DNR
DNR rule relating to special projects and grants for WV state parks, forests and rail trails under DNR
DNR rule relating to defining terms used in all hunting and trapping
DNR rule relating to prohibitions when hunting and trapping
DNR rule relating to special fishing rule
DNR rule relating to catching and selling bait fish
DNR rule relating to falconry
Authorizing School Building Authority promulgate legislative rules

8. Exempting certain armed forces veterans from payment of fees for license to carry deadly weapon
30. Extending expiration of driver’s licenses for active military members’ spouses
92. Exempting first $150,000 of assessed value of primary residence for certain veterans
114. Providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military members
172. Exempting certain veterans from carry concealed permit fees
187. Relating generally to in-state tuition rates for certain persons
289. Creating Green Alert Plan
493. Increasing age limit for honorably discharged veteran of US armed forces or National Guard to 40 years for firefighter applications
600. Creating special revenue account designated Military Authority Fund
705. Allowing military veterans with certain experience qualify for examination as electrician or plumber
756. Supplemental appropriation from State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund to Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Veterans’ Home Fund

2. Providing for automated license plate reader systems
3. Relating to registration fees for certain military-related license plates
6. Allowing DOH issue permits for certain tractors with certain trailers not exceeding specified maximum axle weights
23. Creating “Choose Life” special registration plate supporting adoption
30. Extending expiration of driver’s licenses for active military members’ spouses
32. Allowing vehicles operated by certain county boards of education to use red flashing warning lights
34. Relating generally to emergency vehicles
61. Allowing vehicles operated by certain county boards of education to use red flashing warning lights
66. Allowing certain county boards of education to use red flashing warning lights
88. Relating to safety of tow trucks, wreckers, and tilt-bed vehicles
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MUNICIPALITIES
15. Removing municipalities’ authority to restrict firearm possession without carry concealed permit during brief temporary events
109. Relating to incentives for consolidating local governments
116. Creating surcharge on fire and casualty insurance policies to help municipalities and counties with certain fire-related cleanup and demolition
159. Allowing municipalities to contract projects up to $50,000 without bidding
209. Relating to annexation by minor boundary adjustment
225. Empowering municipalities to enact Adopt-A-Street programs
227. Creating Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act
263. Creating Zombie Property Remediation Act of 2020
281. Removing residency requirement for persons applying for reappointment to municipal police dept
311. Relating to court-ordered community service
318. Prohibiting regulation and licensing of occupations by local government
523. Extending deadline for municipalities to offer Social Security coverage to certain municipal retirement system members
532. Distributing assets remaining in municipal policemen’s or firemen’s pension and relief fund on death of last retiree or beneficiary
634. Authorizing municipality adopt most recent edition of ICC International Property Maintenance Code
650. Altering color scheme for county, city, or municipality vehicle registration plates
741. Authorizing municipalities place certain property into receivership
751. Removing certain requirements of municipality annexing property within urban growth boundary
759. Authorizing municipalities establish low-cost alternative energy revolving loan program

NATURAL RESOURCES
36. Establishing Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority
41. Encouraging landowners make land available for recreation purposes by limiting landowner liability
58. Relating generally to directing certain amendments to DEP rules relating to Air Quality and Water Resources
60. Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation
82. Creating Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act
84. Allowing for expedited oil and gas well permitting and permit modifications upon payment of fee
91. Permitting certain veterans to hunt, trap, or fish in state without license
104. Creating Timber Cotenancy Modernization and Majority Protection Act and Unknown and Unlocatable Timber Interest Owners Act
160. Creating Voluntary WVU Rifle Team Check-Off Program on hunting and fishing licenses
161. Relating to Division of Forestry members’ salaries
185. Exempting certain persons from hunting, trapping, and fishing fees
186. Relating to certain pension benefits exempt from state taxation
198. Creating Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund
274. Authorizing year-round hunting of coyote
290. Creating Underground Mining Subsidence Damage Act
316. Relating to oil and gas conservation commission membership
468. Relating to eligibility for license or permit application
469. Increasing replacement costs for game and protected species
470. Relating to use of crossbow to hunt
481. Allowing primitive camping on state property
486. Permitting ABCC licensees operating at state park locations pay in arrears
487. Providing exception that all DNR payments be deposited within 24 hours
488. Relating to membership of Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
500. Relating to Class Y special crossbow hunting permit
501. Adding protection, operation of North Bend Rail Trail, Greenbrier River Trail, and Elk River Trail to Parks and Recreation Section of DNR
516. Allowing DNR procure architect-engineer services
517. Creating State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund
520. Creating Natural Gas Liquids Economic Development Act of 2020
524. Prohibiting Natural Resources Commission from establishing bag limit for antlered deer
533. Relating to lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for certain foster or adoptive children
537. Relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses
550. Permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear
554. Relating to termination, expiration, or cancellation of oil or natural gas leases
644. Assessing wildlife impact fee on wind power projects
645. Protecting albino deer
669. Establishing WV Greenways and Trails Act
677. Expanding jurisdiction of Legislative Claims Commission
802. Relating to public utilities generally
818. Empowering WV transfer Little Beaver State Park to Raleigh County Commission
836. Providing rule-making power to DNR for purposes of regulating training dogs that pursue bear
840. Creating statutory fee for modifying permits issued by DEP Office of Oil and Gas

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
77. Establishing tax credit for certain physicians who locate to practice in WV
189. Relating to partial filling of prescriptions
199. Creating Court Reporter Act of 2020
313. Reorganizing various boards and authorities for licensing and oversight of trades, occupations, and professions
318. Prohibiting regulation and licensing of occupations by local government
489. Moving provisions of licensing contractors to chapter 30 of code
492. Enacting Recognition of Emergency Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact
511. Regulating pawnbrokers
544. Authorizing pharmacists and pharmacy interns administer vaccines
548. Relating to occupational licensing or government certification
Relating to proposals for new occupational regulation
Relating to telemedicine practice
Removing and repealing unauthorized and obsolete rules relating to DMAPS
Revising requirements for post-doctoral training
Recognizing anesthesiologist assistants
Providing benefits to pharmacists for rendered care

PUBLIC SAFETY
Removing municipalities’ authority to restrict firearm possession without carry concealed permit during brief temporary events
Relating to age requirements for appointment as deputy sheriff
Creating emergency text number systems for children
Relating to procedure for driver’s license suspension and revocation for DUI
Transferring child welfare enforcement responsibilities to State Police
Allowing certain motorcycle operators to ride without helmet
Increasing criminal penalties for battery of police officer
Relating to online privacy protection of children
Requiring hotels and restaurants secure manhole covers of certain grease traps
Authorizing law enforcement to make safety inspections of commercial vehicles
Relating to when child passenger safety devices are required
Exempting certain nonpaid volunteers from workers’ comp benefits
Relating to Board of Parole
Enacting Recognition of Emergency Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact
Providing for timely and efficient handling of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases
Requiring certain persons who commit criminal offense while in juvenile custody not be held within sight or sound of adult inmates
Prohibiting bodily intrusion by inmate upon person at correctional facility
Changing and adding fees to wireless enhanced 911 fee
Relating to required equipment for State Police and Natural Resources police officers
Reporting motor vehicle crashes to owners
Relating to Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Establishing State Resiliency Office and Officer
Amending procedures for refusing certain offenders for commitment to jail
Creating Division of Biological Evidence Services
Permitting county emergency phone system directors negotiate contracts for mobile phones
Establishing Office of Administrative Hearings within DMAPS
Requiring persons convicted of certain crimes on or after March 8, 1995, provide DNA samples
676. Permitting fees from Central Abuse Registry be used for information technology support costs
683. Separating Fire Marshal and Fire Commission
697. Requiring State Police be compensated for time spent on standby
706. Clarifying duties of law-enforcement training and certification subcommittee
729. Relating to awards and disability under Deputy Sheriff Retirement Act
771. Preserving and protecting right to keep and bear arms
791. Allowing state and federal criminal history record check of each adult living in residence when minor child is placed there due to emergency
797. Authorizing governing boards of public and private hospitals employ hospital police officers
822. Increasing annual longevity-based salary increase for civil service deputy sheriffs
823. Increasing salaries for WV State Police
838. Directing State Police establish referral program for substance abuse treatment

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
216. Requiring towing services be rotated within a towing district
551. Relating to Water and Wastewater Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Act
583. Creating program to further development of renewable energy resources
589. Creating Critical Needs/Failing Systems Sub Account
684. Excluding certain wholesale electric generating facilities from PSC regulation
686. Exempting contract and common carrier laws for certain vehicles
739. Authorizing PSC protect consumers of distressed and failing water and wastewater utilities
753. Authorizing PSC approve plans to install middle-mile broadband fiber
773. Requiring county or regional solid waste authorities provide roll-off dumpster free of charge

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
70. Requiring any newly constructed building to meet minimum standards for universal design for disabled persons
75. Changing determination of compensation paid to landowner when eminent domain used for pipeline
79. Relating generally to proceeds from certain oil and gas wells
263. Creating Zombie Property Remediation Act of 2020

RECORDS AND PAPERS
576. Relating to management of public records

RETIREMENT
31. Providing 11-month window for PERS members to purchase certain credited service
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