

**West Virginia Legislature**

**Senate Finance Committee**

Monday, March 4, 2019

3:00pm

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:10 p.m. in room 451-M on Monday, March 4, 2019. Senator Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the committee clerk took a silent roll call to establish a quorum.

Members present: Senators Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Mann, Maroney, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman Mann to approve the minutes from the Saturday, March 2, 2019, 10:30 a.m. meeting. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Chris DeWitte, Budget Analyst to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain HB 2667 – Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, Division of Corrections, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of HB 2667 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2550 – Creating a matching program for the Small Business Innovation and Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, explain the pending amendment from eh Committee on Economic Development, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of the pending amendment from Economic Development. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2550, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Ben Agsten, Budget Analyst to the Senate Committee on Finance, to present HB 3135 – Expiring funds to the balance of the Department of Commerce, Development Office, explain the proposed committee amendment, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of the committee amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 3135, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Alan Nichols, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2579 –Relating to the collection of tax and priority of distributor of an estate or property in receivership, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2579, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2452 – Creating the West Virginia Cybersecurity Office, and to answer questions of the committee. Joshua Spence, Chief Technology Officer, West Virginia Department of Administration, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2452, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2001 –Relating to exempting social security benefits from personal income tax, explain the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman who moved adoption of the committee substitute. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for SB 2001, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2831 – Finding and declaring certain claims against the state and its agencies to be moral obligations of the state, explain the proposed committee amendment, and answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman who moved adoption of the amendment with the recommendation it do pass.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Sypolt, who moved that the bill lie over pending additional information. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2992 – Relating to governmental websites, explain the pending committee amendment from the Committee on Government Organization, and answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of the amendment from the Committee on Government Organization with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Swope for an amendment to the Committee on Government Organization amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman who moved the adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2992, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 3144 – North Central Appalachian Coal Severance Tax Rebate Act, explain the pending amendment from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, and to and answer questions of the committee. Mark Muchow, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adopted of the pending amendment from the Committee on Health and Human Resources. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 3144, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chairman recognized Senator Roberts for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.