

**West Virginia Legislature**

**Senate Finance Committee**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

3:00pm

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 4:15 p.m. in room 451-M on Tuesday, March 5, 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, Takubo, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman Mann to approve the minutes from the Monday, March 4, 2019, 3:00. meeting. 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 HB 2828 – Relating to Qualified Opportunity Zones, explain the proposed committee amendments, and to answer questions of the committee. Ryan Dressler, Advantage Capital, was also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized the Senator Plymale, who asked for a ruling of the Chair regarding his eligibility to vote. The Chair ruled that the Senator was considered a member of a class and therefore was eligible.

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 then recognized Senator Tarr for an amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

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

The Chairman again recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved the adoption of HB 2828, as amended, 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 2831 – Finding and declaring certain claims against the state and its agencies to be moral obligations of the state, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt to withdraw his amendment to the amendment from the March 4, 2019, 3:00 p.m. meeting.

The Chairman then recognized the Vice-Chair who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2831, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Nichols, to explain HB 2853 – Establishing the West Virginia Program for Open Education Resources and to answer questions of the committee. Hunter Barclay, Student Body President, Marshall University, was also recognized to speak to the bill.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman, who moved adoption of HB 2853 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 2010 – Relating to Foster Care, explain the pending amendment from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, to which the bill was first referred, and answer questions of the committee.

After Counsel Johnson explained the bill, the Chairman moved to recess until following the Senate Floor session. The committee recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Upon return from recess, the committee reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

The Chairman recognized Jeremiah Samples, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, and Linda Wiseman, Commissioner, West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families, to answer additional questions of the committee.

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

The Chairman then recognized Senator Plymale for an amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment to the amendment adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Plymale for another amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment to the amendment adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Plymale for another amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment rejected.

The Chairman recognized the Vice-Chairman who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2010, 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 the Vice-Chairman for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.