



WEST VIRGINIA SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2019, 4:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on January 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 208-W.

All members being present, with the exception of Senator Takubo who was absent, the Chairman declared the presence of a quorum. (See attached roll call and agenda).

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

Chairman Trump moved **S. B. 101** to the top of the agenda.

S. B. 101 - Equalizing penalties for intimidating and retaliating against certain public officers and other persons.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Charles T. Miller, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S. B. 55 - Relating to driving privileges and requirements for persons under 18.

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Adam Holley, General Counsel, West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S. B. 103 - Relating generally to Public Defender Services.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Dana F. Eddy, Executor Director, Public Defender Services, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Chairman Trump vacated the chair and Senator Weld presided.

Senator Trump requested a ruling under the provisions of Senate Rule 43.

Chairman Weld replied that any impact of the Senator would be as member of a class of persons possibly to be affected by the passage of the bill, and refused to excuse Senator Trump from voting

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On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. B. 124 - Creating felony offense for actions of cruelty to animals which causes serious injury or death of animal.

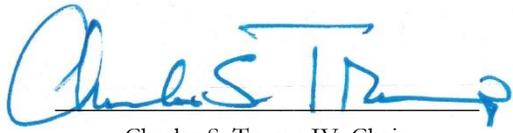
Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Heather Severt, West Virginia State Director, The Humane Society of the United States, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

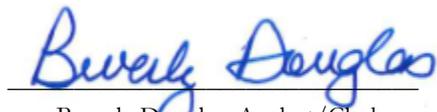
On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump IV, Chair



Beverly Douglas, Analyst/Clerk