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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Martin (Chair), Forsht (Vice-Chair), Williams (Minority Chair), Hansen (Minority Vice-Chair), Anderson, Barnhart, Brooks, Clark, Coop-Gonzalez, Dean, Foster, Hall, Hardy, Hite, Holstein, Howell, Maynor, Mazzocchi, Miller, Phillips, Pritt, Rowe, Shamblin

RULES

Hanshaw (Chair), Householder (Vice-Chair), Hornbuckle (Minority Chair), Fluharty (Minority Vice-Chair), Anderson, Criss, Ellington, Espinosa, Fast, Gearheart, Hardy, Howell, Jeffries, Kelly, Linville, Phillips, Riley, Rohrbach, Summers, Toney, Westfall

SENIOR, CHILDREN AND FAMILY ISSUES

Mazzocchi (Chair), Petitto (Vice-Chair), A. Hamilton (Minority Chair), Lewis (Minority Vice-Chair), Adkins, Bridges, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Coop-Gonzalez, Dean, Dillon, Hall, Hite, Holstein, Kimble, Kirby, Lucas, Martin, Moore, Pinson, Rohrbach, Rowe, Sheedy, Toney, Winzenreid

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Rohrbach (Chair), Fehrenbacher (Vice-Chair), Butler, Chiarelli, Ellington, Gearheart, Holstein, Kelly, Maynor, Pushkin

TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Linville (Chair), Cannon (Vice-Chair), Williams (Minority Chair), Garcia (Minority Vice-Chair), Adkins, Brooks, Burkhammer, Butler, Espinosa, Fehrenbacher, Gearhart, Hillenbrand, Hite, Holstein, Lucas, Marple, Maynor, Petitto, Ridenour, Riley, Stephens, Ward, Willis, Young

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Jennings (Chair, Homeland Security), Cooper (Chair, Veterans Affairs), Longanacre (Vice-Chair, Veterans Affairs), Pushkin (Minority Chair, Homeland Security), Griffith (Minority Chair, Veterans Affairs), Anderson, Barnhart, Butler, Campbell, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Fluharty, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Jeffries, Kelly, Kimble, Kirby, Mazzocchi, McGeehan, Nestor, Ridenour, Sheedy, Smith, Steele

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Worrell (Chair), Crouse (Vice-Chair), Young (Minority Chair), Lewis (Minority Vice-Chair), Adkins, Butler, Cannon, Clark, Crouse, DeVault, Dittman, Ellington, Fast, Fehrenbacher, Ferrell, Forsht, Foster, Gearheart, Hansen, Horst, Mallow, Nestor, Stephens, Warner, Zatezalo

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Legislators carefully consider the viewpoints expressed by their constituents as they make up their minds on certain issues. Your elected officials want and need to hear from you.

You don't have to be an expert on the issues in order to lobby your legislators. It is your interest and concern rather than your knowledge about the issue that counts. However, the way that you lobby does make a difference.

BASIC RULES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- **Be brief.** A legislator's time is limited. So is yours
- **Be appreciative.** Acknowledge past support, and convey thanks for current action
- **Be specific.** Refer to local and district needs
- **Be informative.** Give reasons why a measure should be supported
- **Be courteous.** Be positive and polite. Ask for a specific action or support
Do not demand or threaten



PHONE CALLS

If you can't meet face-to-face with your representative, a telephone call is best, especially when time is short – like just before an important vote – and may indeed influence a legislator's decision whether to support or oppose an issue.

- Plan what you are going to say so you will be brief, clear and concise
- Ask for the legislator. If he or she is not available, leave a message describing your concern
- Give your name, address and type of ag operation
- Identify the issue by bill number if possible
- Leave your phone number in case there are further questions
- NEVER be rude, impolite or threatening

PERSONAL MEETINGS WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR(S)

Nothing is more effective in building personal relationships and getting your point across than a one-on-one meeting between you and your elected representatives. Send a thank you to your legislator after the meeting. Recap the purpose of your meeting and the points covered, and provide any additional information or materials that might have been requested.

- Make an appointment and be on time
- State the issue and how it will affect you. Offer personal experiences and observations
- Be positive. Don't argue
- Be bipartisan in your approach
- Ask for the legislator's views on the issue
- Leave a fact sheet on the issue
- Always thank them for their time and help



WRITING LETTERS AND EMAILS

Letters and email are effective communication tools. They are read. They elicit responses. They represent votes. Each letter-writer is deemed to represent several like-minded constituents. E-mails are a fast, easy way to communicate with legislators when the need for action is critical. The same general rules for regular correspondence apply.

- *Email is much more effective since 9/11*
- Be timely — write before the vote, not after the vote
- Give your name, address and phone number
- Tell them the type of farm or ranch operation you have
- Identify the issue, using the bill number if possible
- Tell them how it will personally affect YOU
- Limit your message to one issue
- Limit letters to one page. Handwrite the letter if you can do so legibly
- Use your own words. Form letters often go ignored
- Be polite—no name-calling or threats
- Raise questions; it means you expect a reply. Be sure to include your mailing address in the body of the email
- Letters and emails should not replace personal contacts



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Legislative bill tracking, bill text, journals, committee agendas, daily summaries, bills listed by subject, day introduced and sponsor, committee announcements, public hearing announcements and floor calendars are all now accessible through the WV Legislature website - <http://www.wvlegislature.gov>

WV Legislative 2023 Calendar:

January 10, 2024: First day of session.

February 13, 2024: Last day to introduce bills in the House.

February 19, 2024: Last day to introduce bills in the Senate.

February 25, 2024: Bills due out of committees in house of origin to ensure three full days for readings.

February 28, 2024: Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin. *Does not include budget or supplementary appropriation bills.*

March 9, 2024: Adjournment at Midnight.

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NOTE: to email some of your representatives, you must now fill out a form on their website.



NOTE: Since the anthrax mailings of 2001, the best way to communicate with your congressional representatives is either through phone, email, or fax. Letters can still be sent, but will be delayed considerably because of new security measures.

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