

The Latest: W.Va. GOP flips to confirm Dem, labor appointees

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The Latest on the final day of West Virginia's 60-day legislative session Saturday: 1:30 p.m.

West Virginia Republicans have backed away from rejecting seven of Democratic Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's appointees, including prominent Democrats and labor leaders.

Senators confirmed the nominations yesterday. A GOP-led committee had dropped them from consideration this week, irking Democratic senators and Tomblin.

State Democratic Party Chairwoman Belinda Biafore was confirmed for the Women's Commission after previously being rejected.

Kenny Perdue, state AFL-CIO president, was confirmed for the Workforce Investment Board.

Democrat Elaine Harris, independent Michael Smith and Republican Troy Giatras were confirmed for the Public Employees Insurance Agency board.

James Frio was confirmed for the Auctioneers Board.

Anna Dailey withdrew consideration for the State Personnel Board.

Senators considered 454 nominations.