SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 22, 2017
TIME:	8:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Room WW55
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chairman Siddoway, Vice Chairman Hagedorn, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Lodge, Stennett, and Buckner-Webb
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Senator Lakey
NOTE:	The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
CONVENED:	**Chairman Siddoway** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed the Committee.
VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:	**Vote on the Gubernatorial appointment of Jerry F. Aldape to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board.**
	Senator Winder moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Jerry F. Aldape to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to the Senate floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
MINUTES APPROVAL:	**Senator Winder** moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**
	Senator Hagedorn moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**
	Senator Hill moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017. **Senator Hagedorn** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
PAGE GRADUATION:	**Chairman Siddoway** asked Aaron Swanson to come forward and introduce himself and tell the Committee about his experience as a Page and some of the moments that stand out.
	Aaron Swanson, Page, explained that, because all of his siblings had been pages, he knew it would be a lot of work but he was not prepared for all the paperwork; he had never dealt with paperwork in his life. He said that time flew by and he would like to be here longer but knew that he couldn't. **Mr. Swanson** stated that he thought he knew a lot about the process but it is completely different when viewing it from the gallery than from the floor, among the Senators, and listening to all sides of an issue. The committee meetings are completely different. The experience has opened his eyes to what really happens instead of what he thought happened.
	Chairman Siddoway asked about Mr. Swanson's plans for the future. **Mr. Swanson** responded that he has been accepted into Brigham Young University, Provo, for the film making program, or he will go into engineering.
	Vice Chairman Hagedorn asked what was the most hilarious thing that has happened while you were here. **Mr. Swanson** explained that when he attended a hockey game, he observed other people in attendance were consuming alcohol and their speech was rather funny.

Senator Hill asked if Mr. Swanson listened to the issues and debates for both sides of an issue that is before the Committee or the Senate, then try to determine how he would view that issue and vote on it. **Mr. Swanson** answered that he tries to pay attention to both sides of an issue and determine which side to agree or not agree with. Sometimes he gets so involved in the debates that he forgets what he is supposed to be doing and then gets in trouble.

Senator Buckner-Webb asked what could be done with the system to make it more appealing to a page or to ease the workload. **Mr. Swanson** answered that there are only nine pages and one more page would help. There is a lot to be done, but they still do get everything they need to do accomplished.

Chairman Siddoway presented Mr. Swanson with a letter of recommendation signed by the Chairman; a framed letter signed by the Committee members; and a gift card and framed picture from the Committee in appreciation for his work. **Chairman Siddoway** stated his appreciation to Mr. Swanson for work well done, and the contributions of his family.

ADJOURNED: Being no further business, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

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Senator Siddoway
Chair

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Twyla Melton
Secretary