

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 07, 2018

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Vice Chairman Monks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

HCR 32: Continuation of legislation from February 6, 2018.

Carol Menges, Focus Idaho, **Trent Clark**, **Paul Hodson**, COS Action, **John Rumft**, Idaho resident, Army, Lawyer; Constitution prize, Constitutional Law, **Laurie Lister Frost**, Lawyer, **Robert Kelly**, Convention of the States Action, spoke **in support** of **HCR 32**. The Constitution was divinely inspired. A balanced budget is probably the only thing that would be approved by a Convention of States. Freedom has always come from a box, ballot box, jury box, and cartridge box. A real flaw is the greediness of the politicians out-ways the interest of the people. **George Mason**, 1775, said of amending the Constitution, "it is extraordinary and dangerous to leave the power with congress." We get the express opportunity to address amendments to the constitution, what a great opportunity. Federalism is the distribution of power. Article V is the solution of what people can do about when the Federal Government exceeds it's power. The only power is to propose amendments. All proposals have to come back to be voted on. **Chairman Loertscher** opined we have more power than we think, that power is in the 10th amendment.

Regina Bayer, **Dale Pearce**, **Michael Law**, **Kathy Griesmyer**, ACLU, **Eric Lecht**, Boise Police Department, **Karen Smith**, **Sheila Ford**, **Darryl Ford**, **David Monsees**, **Carmen Tyack**, **Steve Smith**, County Commissioner for District 3, **Janelle Winterstein**, **Karen Sayko**, **James Vandermaaz**, **Gwen McElhinney**, **Stephen L. Pugmire**, **Jane Rohling**, spoke **in opposition** of **HCR 32**. Article V is a dangerous threat to the Constitution and our liberties. It is alarming someone would defend rights physically. Given the times we shouldn't have a convention of States. Amending the Constitution is wrong, the Convention of the Constitution is erroneous. It would open up doors to term limits. The real problem is agency government. Many expressed fear of a runaway convention.

ADJOURN: Due to time constraints, it was determined to continue meeting on February 9, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary