

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 26, 2017

**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None.

**Chairman Loertscher** called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Armstrong** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Harris subcommittee meeting of January 18, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24987C1:** **Rep. Shepherd** presented **RS 24987C1**, proposed legislation to provide a legal process to bring checks and balances to all Federal Government action that may be unconstitutional when Article 1, Section 8 is applied to those actions. He stated there are many Federal court decisions, Federal laws and executive orders that have been enacted that are not compliant with the original intent of the United States Constitution. He stated all elected officials and appointed judges are required to take an oath of office to uphold the Constitution and having a legal process in statute is the best way to keep that oath.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Shepherd** stated the legislature has the right and responsibility to make sure checks and balances are kept. He stated the legislature was created based on the original intent of the United States Constitution.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 24987C1**. He spoke to the motion and stated more discussion is needed on the important topic. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Nye** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Representative Loertscher  
Chair

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Kasey Winder  
Secretary