

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 08, 2019

**TIME:** Upon Adjournment of Floor

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Youngblood, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Blanksma

**GUESTS:** Matthew Conde, AAA; Nick Veldhouse, IAHD; R Sanchez, ITD; Major Steven Stokes, IMD

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Addis** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Shepherd** presented the report of the Shepherd Subcommittee on Administrative Rules. He said the Subcommittee heard and recommends approval of all Dockets and Rules changes from the State Tax Commission and Idaho Transportation Department. Rep. Shepherd thanked the members of the subcommittee who were **Reps. Kauffman, Addis, Ricks and Davis.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to accept the report of the Shepherd Subcommittee on Administrative Rules. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26662C1:** **Major Stephen Stokes**, Idaho Military Division, Brigade Judge Advocate, 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team, presented **RS 26662C1**. Major Stokes said the proposed legislation seeks to amend and update the Idaho Code of Military Justice to align the ICMJ with the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which was revised by the federal Military Justice Act of 2016. He said he had been in communication with Judge Wood of the Idaho Supreme Court to address procedural concerns.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 26662C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26562:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 26562**. He said this Joint Memorial establishes an ever present need for local input as it relates to highway safety, highway improvements and human/wildlife interactions. It also expresses the need for all stakeholders to be involved in the process as it relates to projects relying on public funding. In answer to a committee question, he said it is important for the government to be aware of the importance of local input when planning highway projects.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 26562**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** asked to withdraw his motion. He made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 26562** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Chairman Palmer** asked if there were objections to the substitute motion. There was an objection to the substitute motion.

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:**

**Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26741C1:**

**Rep. Gannon** presented **RS 26741C1**. He stated currently a county wide highway district may collect a vehicle registration fee up to Idaho Code limits only on vehicles that weigh less than 8,000 pounds after voter approval. This proposed legislation allows a county wide highway district to collect a fee of up to \$75.00 on vehicles in excess of 8,000 pounds after voter approval. In answer to committee questions, Rep. Gannon said this fee only applies to Ada County and it provides the option to put the issue before the voters.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 26741C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26750:**

**Rep. Kauffman** presented **RS 26750**. Rep. Kauffman said currently Idaho requires red or fluorescent orange flags on projecting loads and/or loads that exceed legal width on Idaho highways. The proposed legislation would harmonize Idaho Code to require all flags be a minimum 18 inches by 18 inches so they are readily visible to the traveling public. This would eliminate the 12 inch by 12 inch flags currently in Idaho Code. It would bring into agreement the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Idaho Administrative Rules and neighboring states with similar warning flag requirements.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 26750**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary