

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 08, 2020
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gestrin
GUESTS: Lane Triplett, Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety; Matthew Conde, AAA; Nick Veldhouse, IAHD

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Palmer welcomed secretary, **Joyce McKenzie** and thanked her for returning to the committee. Committee Page, **Alicia Easterday** introduced herself. She is sponsored by **Rep. Kauffman**. Alicia is 17 years old and attends Lighthouse Christian School in Twin Falls. She lives with her mom and dad, **Debra Easterday Reeves** and **Tim Reeves**, on the family dairy farm in Buhl where she raises cows and sheep. She plans to study Animal Husbandry and Animal Nutrition after graduation.

Rep. Addis and **Rep. Gannon** were assigned as proofreaders.

RS 27280: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 27280**. He said this legislation prevents local authorities from implementing ordinances that prohibit or restrict the use of handheld wireless devices while driving and eliminates any such locally imposed regulations. The legislation also updates and clarifies what are classified as distracted driving conditions including the use of handheld wireless devices.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 27280**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27304: **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 27304**. He said this legislation creates a source of transportation funding for State and local roads while saving additional moneys for times of State revenue shortfalls or major disasters. The legislation creates an Economic Reserve and Investment Fund for the purpose of providing moneys for the Strategic Initiatives Program, meeting General Fund revenue shortfalls or meeting expenses incurred as the result of a major disaster declared by the Governor.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to introduce **RS 27304**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary