

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 12, 2021

**TIME:** Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Okuniewicz, McCrostie

**GUESTS:** Carson Tester, Westerberg & Assoc; Brian Goeke, ITD  
**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce the following: **RS 28448; RS 28492; RS 28459; RS 28417; RS 28501; RS 28553; RS 28546; RS 28513; RS 28369.**  
**Rep. Monks** spoke to the motion. He stated voting for the motion doesn't necessarily mean there is universal support for the individual pieces of proposed legislation.  
**Rep. Harris** spoke in **opposition** to the motion. He was of the opinion each piece of proposed legislation should be heard.  
**Rep. Rubel** inquired as to whether **Rep. Adams** would be able to present **RS 28320C2**. **Chairman Palmer** assured her, Rep. Adams would be afforded the opportunity to stand before the committee with his proposed legislation.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Harris** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.**  
**Chairman Palmer** put the committee at ease to await the arrival of **Rep. Adams**, who was presenting in another committee.  
**Chairman Palmer** resumed the meeting.

**RS 28320C2:** **Rep. Adams** presented **RS 28320C2**, "The Defend the Guard Act". The proposed legislation requires that congress has the exclusive power to declare war. A declaration of war must be enacted to call the National Guard into active duty combat.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 28320C2**. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary