

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representative(s) Anderson(1), Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Monks, Packer, Smith, Gannon, Woodings

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Anderson(1)

GUESTS: Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Association; Frank Lamb, Idaho Racing Commission; Ed Hawley, self; Teresa Baker, ISP; Colby Cameron, Sullivan and Reberger.

Vice Chairman Batt called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22568: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **RS 22568**, a proposed joint resolution to amend Article III of the Idaho Constitution to allow the Legislature to delegate rulemaking authority to executive agencies as provided by law. He stated Idaho's government is unique in that the Legislature has the duty and privilege to review the Administrative Rules every year and approve or reject those Rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Woodings** made a motion to introduce **RS 22568**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22422C1: **Frank Lamb**, Executive Director, Idaho Racing Commission, presented **RS 22422C1**, proposed legislation that raises the fiscal year-end balance of the Racing Commission account from \$400,000 to \$600,000. He responded to the question of stimulating purse money and explained that the extended amount of the fiscal year-end balance is to retain an adequate rainy day fund not to take away from the purse fund. He stated while the Les Bois Park was closed for two and a half racing seasons, the Commission struggled to regulate small track racing activity throughout the State. He stated the Commission nearly closed down due to the financial stress of the costs of regulation. He stated once the savings cap is reached the excess monies will go back into the industry in the form of purse money. He stated the requested \$600,000 is an amount estimated to cover expenses for temporary emergency periods and will go a long way in ensuring the Commission will continue to operate during a recession.

MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 22422C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Perkins
Secretary