

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 23, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman McKenzie, Vice Chairman Lodge, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Lakey, Stennett and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Siddoway

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CONVENED: **Chairman McKenzie** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:02 a.m. He welcomed Senator Lodge back to the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGE: **Chairman McKenzie** introduced Joshua Price who will be serving as the Committee's Page until the end of the Legislative Session. He asked Joshua to tell the Committee about his business endeavors, his Eagle Scout experience, what brought him to the Capitol as a page and when he attended Boys State. **Joshua Price** said he has met all the requirements for the Eagle Scout badge. His two older brothers were pages last year, and they said it was a great experience, so he decided to apply for the position too. He attended Boys State last summer. In addition to working at the Capitol, he is also working at Papa Murphy's on Saturdays. **Joshua Price** said he started a babysitting business in 2009 that was a science and animal camp for kids. That has evolved into a farm animal camp since the kids were more interested in animals than in science. **Chairman McKenzie** thanked Joshua and welcomed him to the Committee.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Lakey** moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2015. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Hill** moved to approve the Minutes of February 2, 2015. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Winder** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Gary Michael to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Stennett** moved to send the gubernatorial reappointment of Major General Gary Saylor as Adjutant General of the Military Division to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Lakey** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT HEARING: The appointment of Shane Gehring to the Bingo Raffle Advisory Board (Board) .
Chairman McKenzie welcomed Shane Gehring and asked him to provide some information about his background and how he views his role on the Board.

Mr. Gehring stated that he is a lifelong resident of Idaho. He has worked for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, the Idaho State Police and spent almost 30 years with the Nampa Police Department. He retired as a Lieutenant in 2011. **Mr. Gehring** said he has kept busy with charitable organizations, two of which are the Giving Hand Charities and Columbian Charities. Those two groups run a bingo operation in Nampa which, by law, gives 20 percent of the proceeds to charity. Last year they gave approximately \$240,000 to charity. That money went to schools, pro-life, Boy Scouts and other organizations. As manager, he is very involved in how the bingo operation works. He has experience in reading, understanding, and applying the law, and the operation of charitable gambling.

Vice Chairman Lodge asked if any of the bingo funds went to the elderly for medical devices. **Mr. Gehring** responded that funds went to the Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP). HELP loans out equipment without charge to those in need. HELP, along with the new food bank, is located in the same facility as the bingo operation. **Mr. Gehring** said that, with the cutbacks in what Medicare and Medicaid pay, the demands have grown from 4-5 people on the 2 days a week they are open to 40-50 people. Health care providers are referring people to them. **Vice Chairman Lodge** thanked Mr. Gehring for his service.

Chairman McKenzie thanked Mr. Gehring for his contribution to the community.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Senator McKenzie
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary