

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Marriott, Representative(s) Collins, Bayer, Chadderdon, Barbieri, Luker, Perry, Sims, Higgins, Buckner-Webb

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:**

GUESTS: Larry Benton, Kris Ellis, Tony Smith, Benton Ellis; Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau; Boone Carter, citizen; Miguel Legarda, Realtor.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Chairman Barrett introduced Local Government Committee Secretary, **Kimra Burger**, and Page, **Alex Baca**.

RS 20892: **Representative Luker** presented **RS 20892**, which maintains the status of a resident homeowner's homestead exemption for property taxes while the owner is away from their primary dwelling due to military, humanitarian or religious service. Current law specifies that all homeowners lose this exemption when they are away from the home for a prolonged period of time.

Representative Luker pointed out that when a homeowner rents their home while away due to military, humanitarian or religious service, the rental status also negates the exemption. The legislation contained in **RS 20892** enables those specific homeowners to maintain their tax exemption as long as they do not change permanent residence. The time period for claiming the exemption is up to three years. If a notice is not filed within that period, it is possible for the homeowner to challenge the removal of the tax exemption by going through the process of the law.

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to introduce **RS 20892**. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Rep. Marriott introduced his grandson, **Boone Carter**, who was a guest at the meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Representative Barrett
Chair

Kimra Burger, Secretary
Signed by Jeanne' Clayton