

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 02, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Ellsworth, Representative(s) Wood(35), Smith(24), Bedke, Wills, Hart, Nonini, Hagedorn, Bateman, Henderson, Nessel, Ringo, King, Killen

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Smith(24), Bedke, Hart

GUESTS: Amy Smith and John D. Thomas, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

Representative Ringo made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2012 and January 30, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21010: **Rep. Jim Guthrie** presented **RS 21010**. When citizens leave the country temporarily, and their driver license expires, drivers had to retest if it expired for 12 months or more. This new provision gives drivers 25 months expiration before they have to take the appropriate tests and vision screening. ITD does not endorse outside legislation, but looked at this legislation and had no technical issues, however they added some clarification language. This legislation also brings the same renewal provisions for identification cards with some additional extension time. Military persons have 60 days after re-entering the country before they have to surrender their old ID card and obtain a new one.

MOTION: **Rep. Nonini** made a motion to introduce **RS 21010**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 20960: **Representative Rusche** presented **RS 20960**, which creates the Idaho Territory Sesquicentennial License plate. The proceeds from this new plate are to be shared by the county historical society in which the vehicle is registered. Rep. Rusche said Section 1 puts this plate into Code and Section 2 describes how the money will be utilized from its sale.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Ellsworth** made a motion to introduce **RS 20960**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21138: **Representative Batt** presented **RS 21138**, which establishes standards to lighting and markings of guyed towers that are 50 feet in height or more and have lines coming down from them for support. This legislation was brought by low level aircraft pilots like crop dusters, air ambulance, medevac, military, fire suppressors, Idaho Fish and Game personnel, rescuers and general aviators. These towers are not covered by FAA regulations, which has created a loop hole. There is a safety issue because these towers can be as high as 190 feet.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Ellsworth** made a motion to introduce **RS 21138**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

The committee asked for more clarification on the costs for a company to add these markings and lights, as well as what is being done currently on these towers. **Rep. Batt** will bring the estimates on the costs when the bill comes back to committee. When questioned about urban areas, since this bill just references towers in areas outside the city, Rep. Batt said regulations are in place for towers in urban areas.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Jane Clark
Secretary