

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Raybould, Vice Chairman Harwood, Representative(s) Anderson, Eskridge, Hartgen, Simpson, Schaefer, Vander Woude, Block, DeMordaunt, Gibbs, Nielsen, Thompson, Smith(30), Jaquet, Cronin

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Simpson, Schaefer, Gibbs

GUESTS: Jesse Taylor, Westerberg & Associates; Sue Seifert, Office of Energy Resources; Rich Hahn, Idaho Power; Neil Colwell, Avista Corporation; Russell Westerberg, Rocky Mountain Power; Pat Barclay, Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment; Jason Kreizenbeck, Lobby Idaho; Stephen Goodson, Office of the Governor; Jo Elg, United Electric; Jen Sampaio, Lisa Young and Liz Woodruff, Snake River Alliance; Will Hart, Executive Director, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association; Karen Ellen Elliott, Idaho Association of Counties; Ben Otto, Idaho Conservation League; Brenda Tominga, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association

Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Raybould recognized the service of **Jordan Wright**, House Page, who has been assigned to the committee for the first half of the session.

HCR 34: **Rep. Eskridge**, Co-chair, 2011 Summer Interim Committee on the Idaho Energy Plan, presented **HCR 34** which provides for a House Concurrent Resolution accepting the revision of the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan. Rep. Eskridge explained that the legislation provided for the current state's power generation needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products produced within the state regarding energy, environment and technology. He asked the committee to formally adopt the 2012 Energy Plan.

Rep. DeMordaunt, Interim Committee member, stated that he supported the Interim Committee proposals and was impressed with the ideas discussed. He questioned if the Energy IQ portion of the Plan, for educating rate payers and students, would be implemented.

Responding to committee questions, **Rep. Eskridge** explained that the Plan and its recommendations would be given to the Department of Energy Resources. He also stated that the Plan's priorities were: (1) conservation, efficiency and demand response activities; (2) renewable resources; and (3) all other conventional resources. He also encouraged legislators to view the diverse supply of energy resources in Idaho as valuable.

MOTION: **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to send **HCR 34** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Jaquet asked for the record to show that the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan included the minority report.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Representative Raybould
Chair

Jean Vance
Secretary