

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, March 01, 2012
- TIME:** 1:15 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room E403
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood(35), Representative(s) Moyle, Bedke, Roberts, Rusche, Higgins, Cronin
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Higgins
- GUESTS:** Jeremy Pisca, Newspaper Association of Idaho, Rep. Thompson, Rep. Jacquet, Rep. Chew, Rep. Andrus
- Chairman Wood (35)** called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2012, meeting. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**
- RS 21391:** **Rep. Thompson** stated the proposed legislation would grant authority to school crossing guards to write a report for violations that occur at a school crossing. The crossing guards would provide a written report to a peace officer for further investigation. Currently this same authority is granted to school bus drivers in Idaho Code.
- Responding to committee questions regarding the reports, **Rep. Thompson** indicated the reports will contain the same information that is requested of school bus drivers who report violations, and the process for investigating will be identical. In response to questions regarding the process for gathering information on the incident and concerns regarding unsubstantiated reports, Rep. Thompson stated that he did not anticipate this as being a problem, but any issues related to unfounded reports would be resolved through police investigation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to introduce **RS 21391**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**
- RS 21429:** After a brief discussion, by committee members, it was decided **RS 21429** would be held in order to give the sponsors an opportunity to correct the Statement of Purpose.
- RS 21436:** **Rep. Andrus** stated that the proposed legislation would amend Idaho Code regarding the treatment of animals. The proposed legislation provides a clear definition of "torture" and creates a felony penalty on the first offense when specific criteria are met. It also includes exceptions for normal production conditions.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 21436**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

RS 21425: **Jeremy Pisca**, Newspaper Association of Idaho, stated the proposed legislation addresses publication notices for foreclosures of deed of trust. Idaho Code requires a notice be published in a newspaper with general circulation each week for four consecutive weeks. This proposed legislation would make it unlawful for the trustee to have a financial interest in any paper publishing the notice and, therefore, benefiting financially from the publication.

Responding to committee questions regarding the reports, **Mr. Pisca** stated it is the trustee's obligation to file the notice and chose the publication in which it will be published. This situation has been a problem in other states and is now becoming a problem in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21425. Motion carried by a voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjournment at 1:34 p.m.

Representative Wood(35)
Chair

Brenda Walters
Secretary