

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012

TIME: Upon recess of the House

PLACE: Room E403

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood(35), Representative(s) Moyle, Bedke, Roberts, Rusche, Higgins, Cronin

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Higgins and Cronin

GUESTS: Patti Tobias, Idaho Supreme Court, Senior District Judge Barry Wood, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, Rep. Dennis Lake

Chairman Wood (35) called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

RS 21463C1: **Patti Tobias**, Idaho Supreme Court, stated the proposed legislation is a result of a collaborative effort on behalf of all three branches of government to stabilize the judge's retirement fund. She recognized the efforts of Rep. Dennis Lake, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, Rep. Ken Roberts and Rep. Darrell Bolz for the work on this project.

Justice Barry Wood, Senior District Judge, stated an agreement containing eight points was used forth in developing the proposed legislation. They included: an increase in employer's contribution, increase in the employee's contribution, an increased filing fee, modification of the current retirement qualifier, reduction in surviving spousal benefits, establishment of an annual retiree COLA, transfer of the Judges Retirement Fund to PERSI, and a provision requiring annual year end evaluation of the program to the germane committees.

In response to questions raised by the committee members, **Rep. Roberts** stated the C1 was a change to deal with the fee provisions. **Rep. Lake** addressed questions regarding the judiciary budget and how it is impacted, he also stated the Governor has a trailer bill to address the changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21463C1**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Rep. Moyle** asked to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 21501: **Rep. Moyle** stated the proposed legislation fixes a gap in the Hire One Act from last session. The Hire One Act left a gap of time that disqualified employers from receiving a tax credit during that time period. This proposed legislation will fix the gap and will be retroactive to January 1, 2011.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21501**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Representative Wood(35)
Chair

Brenda Walters
Secretary