

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012
- TIME:** 1:15 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room E403
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood(35), Representative(s) Moyle, Bedke, Roberts, Rusche, Higgins, Cronin
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Rep. Judy Boyle, Rep. Elaine Smith, Sen. Lee Heider, Kerry Ellen Elliott, Idaho Association of Counties
- Chairman Wood (35)** called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2012 and the March 1, 2012 meetings. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**
- RS 21525:** **Sen. Heider** stated the proposed legislation should be a valued heritage of the people of Idaho. The language including the use of traditional methods of hunting, fishing and trapping are a valued heritage to the people of Idaho. Hunting, fishing and trapping should be the preferred means of managing wildlife. The proposed legislation will also protect private property, these rights are addressed in the title. The language used in drafting this proposed legislation was taken from the Virginia Constitution and is over 225 years old, and those same elements are included in the proposed legislation. We can use the Virginia model example to manage the process in our State. Questions have been raised whether a fee can be charged for this right, just as other licenses can be charged a fee the same would apply in this instance. The proposed bill will provide for future generations the same rights to hunt and fish that we have enjoyed.
- In response to questions raised by the committee regarding why this proposed legislation needs to be included in the Constitution, **Sen. Heider** stated there is not a threat at this time, however, we as Idahoans take these rights for granted. He went on to state that we do not know what the future will hold so we must preserve these rights for future generations. Responding to questions regarding possible litigation due to season or area closures, Sen. Heider indicated this legislation will allow Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage those situations.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Moyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 21525**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**
- RS 21489:** Due to the absence of the sponsor, **RS 21489** was held in committee.
- RS 21498:** **Rep. Smith (30)** stated the intent of proposed legislation is to educate expectant families regarding cord blood donation or storage after the birth of their child. The education would include information on how parents could donate the cord blood to a public blood bank for use by the general public, or at a private storage facility for exclusive use by their family. If nothing is done, the cord blood is destroyed as medical waste. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare would be charged with developing a brochure and distributing to licensed physicians and those certified by the State of Idaho to provide prenatal care. There are various medical trials across the country where physicians are using a child's cord blood to treat various medical conditions. This education could aid countless children in our state. Rep. Smith (30) plans to locate all the stakeholders and bring this proposed legislation back next year.

MOTION: Rep. Bedke made a motion to introduce **RS 21498. Motion carried by a voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Representative Wood(35)
Chair

Brenda Walters
Secretary