

MINUTES
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012
- TIME:** 1:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW54
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Darrington, Vice Chairman Vick, Senators Davis, Lodge, McKague, Mortimer, Nuxoll, and Bock
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator LeFavour
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- Chairman Darrington** called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and asked the secretary to call the roll. He asked if there were minutes to approve.
- MOTION** **Vice Chairman Vick** moved, seconded by **Senator Mortimer**, to approve the minutes of **March 14, 2012** as written. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- MOTION** **Senator Bock** moved, seconded by **Senator Lodge**, to approve the minutes of **March 21, 2012** as written. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- H 639aa** **Relating to Contracts. Representative Lynn Luker** explained this legislation clarifies existing Idaho Code which voids provisions in contracts that would force Idaho residents to waive their rights to access Idaho courts. He said there were some concerns about these changes affecting the rights to have arbitration agreements. He clarified that it did not do away with arbitration agreements, but makes sure that those arbitrations are preserved in Idaho.
- MOTION** **Senator Bock** moved, seconded by **Senator Lodge**, to send **H 639aa** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- Chairman Darrington** thanked the intern, Alicia Lardieri, for her work and presented her with letters of recommendation. **Vice Chairman Vick** commented that Alicia had also done work for him and did a terrific job. **Chairman Darrington** then thanked the Senate Page, Alexa Woodland, for her good work for the Committee and presented her with a gift, a letter of thanks from the Committee and letters of recommendation.
- Senator Lodge** and **Senator Bock** spoke of their appreciation of Chairman Darrington and the pleasure they have had working with him. He will be missed.
- ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, **Chairman Darrington** adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Senator Darrington
Chairman

Leigh Hinds
Secretary