

MINUTES  
**SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 14, 2013

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lodge, Vice Chairman Vick, Senators Davis, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Hagedorn, Lakey, Bock, and Werk

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:**

**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.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Lodge** called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed the members of the Committee.

**Chairman Lodge** introduced Mayor Dale's Nampa Teen Council, comprised of three seniors, a freshman and sophomore, who were visiting the Legislature today. She also introduced the Page, Austin Petellin and the Intern, Dain Johnson.

**Chairman Lodge** instructed the committee to fill out the contact information slip inside their folders so she would be aware of their schedule, phone numbers, and e-mail. She said they would be going on field trips in conjunction with the House Committee leaving around 12:00 p.m. on some days. She stated that Vice Chairman Vick would be handling the Rules, but she encouraged the members to look over the Rules as well as the legislation that corresponds with those rules to gain insight as to why they were written. She hopes to have the Rules hyper-linked so they will be on the screen for the audience to view them. The members may want to have their laptop or iPad available to view the legislation. Some presentations have been scheduled; if you would like others presented to the Committee let the Chairman know.

There will be Gubernatorial Appointments and members will be given handouts on each individual prior to the meeting in order to prepare questions. **Chairman Lodge** said she would be closely reviewing all suggested legislation, the Statement of Purpose and Fiscal Note and would appreciate being made aware of any controversial legislation. She stressed to members that they be courteous and considerate of those who appear before the Committee as they are not judge or jury, but policymakers. **Chairman Lodge** also suggested that they get to know the agencies just as Senator Darrington had done in the past.

**Senator Davis** explained to the Committee (for the benefit of the new members) that the Judiciary and Rules Committee was a privileged committee and not limited to the timeline deadlines for legislation. He said there were policies on how bills were introduced in privileged committees and members should be aware of the additional pressure put on the Committee as the Session proceeds.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business, **Chairman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

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Senator Lodge  
Chairman

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Leigh Hinds  
Secretary