

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 18, 2013
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wood(35), Wills, Bateman, Henderson, Denney, Gestrin, Gibbs, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Patterson, Youngblood, Ringo, King, Gannon
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
- GUESTS:** Trent Wright, IADA, Bobby Petersen, Dealer Advisory Board, Rax Green, IADA, Kyle Durham, IADA, Amy Smith, ITD, Grant Petersen, IADA, Mollie McCarty, ITD.
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 167:** **Rep. Wood(35)** briefly introduced the Consumer Asset Recovery (ICAR) Fund. **Trent Wright**, IADA spoke in greater detail concerning the bill. He said that the current bonding levels have been in place for more than 15 years, at \$20,000 for vehicle dealers, and \$10,000 for motorcycles, off-road vehicles and trailer dealers. These bond levels have not kept pace with the rising increase in vehicle prices. He said the Dealer Advisory Board is appointed by the Governor to work with the ITD to create a Consumer Asset Recovery Fund. The fund requires all licensed dealers to contribute and will be solely funded by dealers as part of their annual licensing fees. These monies will be deposited in the State Treasury jurisdiction. He said that under this new ICAR fund the consumer will be protected up to \$50,000, an increase of 250%.
- Bobby Petersen**, IADA, **spoke in favor** of the bill. He said that the Idaho Consumer Asset Recovery (ICAR) fund board will determine the annual fee paid by dealers. They will oversee the fund and make decisions as to when the funds are released to claimants in a case where there may be multiple claimants for one dealer.
- Grant Petersen**, IADA, also **spoke in favor** of the bill. He summed up what **Trent Wright** and **Bobby Petersen** had said and encouraged the committee to approve this bill.
- Rep. Gannon** invoked **Rule 38** stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **H 167** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wood(35)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 169:** **Rep. Hixon**, said this bill will clarify the wording in relationship to special license plates.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to send **H 169** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 7:** **Rep. Hixon**, said this resolution states findings of the legislature and rejects a certain rule of the ITD relating to rules governing license plate provisions.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **HCR 7** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

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Secretary