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**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 25, 2013
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman McKenzie, Senators Davis, Fulcher, Hill, Winder, Lodge, Siddoway, Stennett 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 McKenzie** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum present. **Chairman McKenzie** moved **H 42** to the top of the agenda and welcomed Chairman Maxine Bell from the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.
- H 42** **Chairman Bell** explained that in 1919, Minidoka, Jerome and Gooding Counties were part of Lincoln County; then the three counties were carved out. At that time, the session laws were correct but the code was not. Last spring the Tax Commission discovered that the session laws and the code were not the same; the county borders were incorrect in code. This had nothing to do with the taxing districts but it needed to be changed. **Chairman Bell** introduced Toni Poinelli, who represents the Idaho Association of Counties. They support the change. **Chairman Bell** asked for the support of the Committee.
- Senator Winder** asked if any neighbors were going to be impacted by this change. **Chairman Bell** responded that it doesn't run through anyone's barn, it is just in the code incorrectly.
- MOTION:** **Senator Stennett** thanked Chairman Bell stating that two of the counties are in her district and moved to send **H 42** to the Senate floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- MOTION:** **Senator Siddoway** moved to send the gubernatorial reappointment of Andrea Wassner to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Joe McNeal to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- REQUEST TO PRINT RS 22088** A request to print **RS 22088** from the Local Government and Taxation Committee to be presented by Stan Boyd, on behalf of the Idaho Wool Growers Association.
- Mr. Boyd** explained that the Idaho range sheep industry is a labor intensive operation dependent on workers coming in from foreign countries. The wool growers bring the workers in from other countries legally and have an investment of up to \$3,000 to do so. Within a short period of time, some of

those workers abandon their duties. It is the intent of this bill to make it a misdemeanor if that worker leaves his contract without proper notification to the employer. There is a process in place so that worker can legally withdraw from his contract. This legislation would also make it a misdemeanor for any person who aids and abets that worker. When those workers abandon their contract, they become one of the 11 million illegal immigrants within the United States.

**Senator Werk** asked if there was any other job description in Idaho where quitting a job was a misdemeanor. **Mr. Boyd** could not answer that question.

**MOTION:**

**Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 22088** to print and requested that the letter from the Senate Local Government and Tax Committee be withdrawn.

**Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. **Senator Werk** noted that, for the record, the withdrawal of the letter should also be applied to the February 25, 2013 agenda.

**Senator Siddoway** declared his conflict of interest under Senate Rule 39 H. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:**

Chairman McKenzie passed the gavel to Senator Lodge.

**RS 22039**

A Senate Concurrent Resolution rejecting a certain rule of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

**RS 22040**

A Senate Concurrent Resolution rejecting certain rules of the Department of Administration governing the exterior of state properties in the Capitol Mall and other state facilities.

**RS 22042**

A Senate Concurrent Resolution rejecting certain rules of the Department of Administration governing the Idaho State Capitol Exterior.

**Chairman McKenzie** explained that the three RSs reflect the Committee's action and the same is reflected in the approved minutes with respect to the completed rules review. Each Concurrent Resolution reflects those rules that were approved as well as those that were specifically rejected.

**Senator Lodge** asked if Chairman McKenzie would like to do all three RSs at the same time. **Chairman McKenzie** deferred to the Committee on that decision. **Chairman Lodge** asked for the will of the Committee.

**MOTION:**

**Senator Davis** moved to send **RS 22039**, **RS 22040**, and **RS 22042** to print. **Senator Werk** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:**

Senator Lodge passed the gavel back to Chairman McKenzie.

**ADJOURNED:**

**Chairman McKenzie** noted that there are interesting issues coming up for the next few meetings; thanked the Committee; and, adjourned the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

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Senator McKenzie, Chairman

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Twyla Melton, Secretary