

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013

**TIME:** 1:30 or upon Adjournment

**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:** Rep. Henderson

**GUESTS:** Rex Green, Radio Amateurs, Alan Frew, Idaho Transportation Department, Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau, Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho, Dan Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers, Jeff Saver, Commerce

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ringo** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1065:** **Senator Heider** presented **S 1065**. This legislation exempts CB and amateur radio towers from being lighted, marked and painted. He explained currently there are about 6,000 licensed CB users in the State of Idaho. Most of the equipment is on personal property. The height of the towers are not an issue to low flying aircraft.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wills** made a motion to send **S 1065** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 290:** **Senator Guthrie** presented **H 290**. He said the current practice of loading farm commodities in rural Idaho can be a challenge. Often a producer must use air gauges or best guess estimates to ensure the gross and axle load weight of the transport is legal. Commodities can vary, with respect to pounds per bushel, and bulk loads tend to shift during transport. Senator Guthrie said **H 290** would allow some latitude to compensate for those shipping realities. Vehicles owned and operated by a farmer or his agent may be operated on a highway up to two thousand pounds in excess of any axle, bridge or gross vehicle weight limit.

**Rep. Gibbs** invoked Rule 38 stating a conflict of interest but that he would be voting on this legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to send **H 290** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wood(35)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**SCR 103:** **Senator Winder** presented **SCR 103**. The purpose of this legislation is to encourage Idaho Colleges and Universities to prepare a proposal on behalf of the State of Idaho to be selected as one of the Federal Aviation Administration's six unmanned aircraft system test sites. Senator Winder said that this would also include the Idaho National Laboratory. Senator Winder explained that **S 1134aa** is the bill that provides the protection of privacy of personnel and personal property from individuals or entities using these aircraft. He explained that this is an opportunity for Idaho to step out and be a leader in this technology.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Packer** made a motion to send **SCR 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ringo requested to be recorded as voting NAY.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Leah Kent  
Secretary