

MINUTES
SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 08, 2014

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Siddoway, Vice Chairman Rice, Senators Hill, McKenzie, Johnson, Vick, Bayer, Werk, and Lacey

**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 Siddoway** called the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee (Committee) to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chairman Siddoway welcomed the Committee members to the 2014 Session. He introduced the secretary for the Committee, Marchelle Fias, and he shared a short biography of her background and education. He then introduced the page for this Committee, Hannah Utley, and he shared a short biography of her education and experience in leadership. Chairman Siddoway thanked Marchelle and Hannah for their participation in this session.

Chairman Siddoway asked Vice Chairman Rice to manage the rules assignment. He then brought the Committee's attention to the binders on their desks. He stated that each Senator was assigned a rule to oversee, however he urged the Senators to look at all of the rules.

Chairman Siddoway stated that the Tax Commission wanted legal representation for the Personal Property Tax presentation, and that the Personal Property Tax rules would be moved forward to the January 21st meeting.

Chairman Siddoway asked each of the Senators to explain why they wanted to sit on the Committee.

Chairman Siddoway explained his interest in the Personal Property Tax and in the Internet Sales Tax.

Vice Chairman Rice echoed the Chairman on the Personal Property Tax, and shared an interest in the Internet Tax.

Senator Hill shared an interest in the Personal Property Tax, but said tax relief was secondary to education.

Senator McKenzie stated an interest in the Personal Property Tax and acknowledged the burden it places on businesses.

Senator Johnson is looking for ways to put money where it is most effective.

Senator Vick has an interest in simplifying the tax structure while keeping taxes low and compliance simple.

Senator Bayer looks forward to seeing where the dust settles from the last legislative session, and looks for practical application and structural soundness of the tax code.

Senator Werk stated an interest in urban renewals. His long term goal is to benefit the people of the State while protecting a useful tool for our government.

Senator Lacey stated an interest in the creation of jobs and a desire to make it easier for companies to come into the state of Idaho and rebuild our communities.

Senator Siddoway stated that he believes the Committee would collectively set tax policies for the good of the citizens of Idaho.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Siddoway** adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. until Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Senator Siddoway
Chairman

Marchelle Fias
Secretary