

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 20, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wood(35), Wills, Bateman, Henderson (Chambers), Denney, Gestrin, Gibbs, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Ringo, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jerry Whitehead, ITD Board; Jonathan Parker, Holland & Hart; John Foster, Kestrel West; Jude Foster, Self; Bryan Foote, Horrocks Engineers

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Ringo** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Dave Butzier, Program Manager at URS Corporation, presented "*Lifespan of Infrastructure.*" Mr. Butzier opened with "roads and bridges are our life blood and we need to take care of them." Many of Idaho's bridges are 90 years old with weight restrictions, he gave an example of a bridge in Canyon County that was built in 1922. Mr. Butzier, using the Canyon County bridge, explained the difference between structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. Structurally deficient - if significant load carrying elements are in poor condition. Functionally obsolete - insufficient deck roadway width exists, horizontal or vertical clearances are poor, and the approach to the roadway is poor.

Mr. Butzier continued to highlight the Interstate Highway System which was built in the 1960s. The freeway was narrow at the time providing for limited expansion, he suggests an outside fifth lane is needed. The Cole-Overland interchange provides an excellent example of "Build it and they will come." The interchange was built in 1996 with little development in the area. In 2014 this area has been fully developed as a result of the better access to the Interstate. Improving Idaho's road system helps commerce. Mr. Butzier stated planning for the future now, will help keep cost of upgrading and building infrastructure down.

Rep. Wood(35), Chairman of the Rules Subcommittee, gave a report of seven Pending Rules - Docket No.s **39-0260-1301, 39-0271-1301, 39-0312-1301, 39-0315-1301, 39-0322-1301, 39-0322-1302, and 39-0323-1301** from Idaho Department of Transportation. Rep. Wood(35) stated these Pending Rules were reviewed by the subcommittee and recommended to go to the full committee for approval.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to accept the report of the Rules Subcommittee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22407: **Alan Frew** of Idaho Transportation Department explained that **RS 22407** is to clean up language and to alleviate inconsistencies in areas of Title 49 and Title 67 of the Idaho code. This bill will benefit vehicle owners who have lost their title and wish to transfer ownership by combining two administrative steps and benefits the department by reducing duplication. The changes clarify and allow local jurisdictions to apply fines for loss of title. Mr. Frew added the bill also integrates 2013 legislation allowing special plate owners to retain their plate and renew their registration up until the seven year life of the plate.

MOTION: **Rep. Wills** made a motion to introduce **RS 22407**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee: the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Linda Mott
Secretary