

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 03, 2014

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman McKenzie, Senators Davis, Hill, Winder, Siddoway, Stennett and Werk

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Fulcher and Lodge

**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) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum present and introduced Senator Nuxoll to present **RS 23024**.

**RS 23024** A Senate Joint Memorial to Petition President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to Act to End the Unjust Imprisonment of U. S. Citizen and Ada County resident, Pastor Saeed Abedini.

**Senator Nuxoll** explained that the memorial is to petition President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to use every opportunity and resource to end the unjust imprisonment of U. S. citizen and resident of Ada County, Idaho, Pastor Saeed Abedini and to secure his immediate release. **Senator Nuxoll** described the circumstances under which Pastor Abedini is living while imprisoned at the Evin Prison in Iran and provided a history of events leading up to his imprisonment (See attachment A). A news release from the American Center for Law & Justice dated February 27, 2014, is included as an update about Pastor Abedini (See attachment B).

**MOTION:** **Senator Werk** moved, seconded by **Senator Winder**, to print **RS 23024**. Carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 23039** A Senate Concurrent Resolution to Honor Four Idaho Servicemen Who have Served their Country and made the Ultimate Sacrifice presented by Senator Davis.

Senator Davis stated that a previous Concurrent Resolution had been printed honoring Idaho servicemen. However, another individual had been identified and was buried in Lewiston but it appeared, at that time, that there were limited ties to Idaho. Since then, it has been discovered that he has stronger ties to the state than previously thought. It is requested that this Concurrent Resolution be printed and function instead of the prior one that is currently in the 10th Order of Business. It is the intent, if approved, to have it printed, sent to the 10th Order and held until the time set aside on Friday for the memorial service.

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved, seconded by **Senator Werk**, to print **RS 23039**. **Senator Werk** noted that the rules do not allow a concurrent resolution to be amended which means the concurrent resolution currently in the 10th Order cannot be changed. Carried by **voice vote**

**ADJOURNED:** **Chairman McKenzie** thanked the Committee and stated his appreciation in addressing both pieces of legislation in a timely manner. There being no further business, **Chairman McKenzie** adjourned the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

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Senator McKenzie  
Chair

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Twyla Melton  
Secretary