

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 09, 2015
- TIME:** 9:30 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Batt, Representatives Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Bateman, Cheatham, Nielsen, Smith, Jordan, McCrostie, Wintrow
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Frank Priestly, Idaho Farm Bureau; John Robison, Idaho Conservation League; Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League; Martin Balben, Conservative Voters; Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates.
Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Sims** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- HJM 001:** **Rep. Dayley** presented **HJM 001**, a memorial that urges Congress to submit a Constitutional Amendment to the States that would allow Congress to be involved in the review of Federal regulations. He stated there are two parts: the substance of the proposed Amendment and the process to be used for ratification of the proposed Amendment. He stated if the legislation passes, it would require congressional review of Federal Regulations. If either the U.S. House or Senate declares opposition to a Federal Regulation, that regulation would require a majority vote of both the House and the Senate for it to take effect. Three-fourth of the States must ratify the proposed Amendments for them to become part of the U.S. Constitution.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Dayley** stated that not many States have legislative review of the Rules. He stated the review process is very helpful as it gives the people a voice regarding Rules to which they will have to adhere to. He stated he has not spoken to the Congressmen from Idaho.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **HJM 001** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Smith, Jordan, McCrostie and Wintrow** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Frank Priestly, Idaho Farm Bureau, spoke **in support** of **HJM 001**.
- HJM 002:** **Rep. Romrell** presented **HJM 002**, a memorial to stand in opposition to designating National Monument designations in Fremont County. He stated 93% of local voters were opposed to the monument designation and Fremont County does not want another layer of federal regulations in their area.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Romrell** stated the monument designation would put restrictions on recreational activities that the community and visitors of Fremont County currently enjoy.

Frank Priestly, Idaho Farm Bureau, spoke **in support** of **HJM 002**.

John Robison, Idaho Conservation League, spoke **in opposition** to **HJM 002**. He stated monument designations help the community by creating more use for the public. He stated it would bring in more federal funding to help protect the land.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Robison** stated monument designations help the community and provides additional funds to help protect the quality of life. He stated the legislation is bad because it has no end date and if the community changes its mind and agrees to allow monument designations in their County, the legislation could stop that. He stated the designation of a national monument can be customized and can be a community not just a natural place.

In closing, **Rep. Romrell** stated Fremont County already has the U.S. Forest Service regulating the area and the designation of a national monument would add an extra layer of unwanted regulations.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to send **HJM 002** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried on a vote of 15 AYE, 2 NAY.** **Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Batt, Andrus, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Sims, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, McMillan, Bateman, Cheatham, Nielsen, Smith and Jordan.** **Rep. Romrell** will sponsor the bill on the floor. **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. McCrostie and Wintrow.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary