

MINUTES
HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

TIME: Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Perry, Representative(s) Moyle, Crane, Vander Woude, Rusche, Erpelding, Pence

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle

GUESTS: Jack Lyman, Executive Vice President, Idaho Mining Association

Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M. The Chairman introduced **Quentin Frederick**, committee Page for the remainder of the legislative session. Quentin is sponsored by **Rep. Steven Harris** from District 21. His parents are **Ken** and **Marilyn Frederick**.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23687: **Kevin Hanigan**, Executive Vice President for the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association presented **RS 23687**. He stated the proposed legislation would help clarify the dealer franchise laws in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 23687**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23699: **Jack Lyman**, Executive Vice President, Idaho Mining Association presented **RS 23699**. He stated the Department of Environmental Quality recently changed the way it applied its groundwater quality rule to mining activities. This caused confusion with the industry and with the federal agencies overseeing mining activities. This proposed legislation provides statutory clarification that resolves that confusion.

MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to introduce **RS 23699**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23681: **Rep. Jeff Thompson** presented **RS 23681**. **Rep. Thompson** said the Idaho National Laboratory and its regional partners, through the Snake River Geothermal Consortium are currently competing nationally for hosting an enhanced geothermal (EGS) test site within Idaho. He stated the research activities would bring jobs and educational opportunities to the local community. If the research is successful, commercialization is expected to radiate out to other sites in southeastern Idaho providing baseload electricity production, jobs, and significant investment in the region.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 23681**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 23681** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Thompson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 23671: **Rep. Crane**, presented **RS 23671**. **Rep. Crane** said the proposed legislation would exempt Idaho from daylight savings time changes effective July 1, 2015.

Rep. Rusche expressed concerns that the change would mean a two hour time difference for northern Idaho residents.

MOTION: Rep. Crane made a motion to introduce RS 23671. Chairman Perry requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a vote of 4 AYE, 2 NAY and 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Erpelding, Pence, Crane, Perry. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Rusche and Vander Woude. Rep. Moyle was ABSENT/EXCUSED.**

Chairman Perry asked Rep. Crane and Rep. Erpelding to be proof readers. The committee will meet again Thursday, February 26, 2015, upon adjournment.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Representative Perry
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary