

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015
TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Wills, Bateman, Gestrin, Hixon, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, King, Rudolph, Wintrow
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Bateman, Youngblood, Harris
GUESTS: None
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2015 and February 26, 2015, meeting. **Motion was carried voice vote.**
H 183: **Rep. Dixon** presented **H 183** regarding human trafficking signs. He explained this bill may seem big on the surface, but it is a serious topic and Idaho could be more educated on this issue. This legislation will allow non-profit anti-human trafficking organizations to place signs and posters that contain the contact information for state and national human trafficking hotlines in and around rest areas alongside state and interstate highways.
Savannah Hicks spoke on behalf of **H 183**. Right now Idaho has one of the lowest rates in the country with regards to human trafficking. This bill would allow the victims going through our state to have a chance at getting help. The numbers put on the signs are emergency numbers geared specifically towards human trafficking victims. She answered the committee's questions and explained that while it is what they would like to see happen, it is up to the people in charge of the rest areas to decide if the signs can be placed inside the bathrooms.
MOTION: **Rep. Packer** made a motion to send **H 183** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
Chairman Palmer explained to the committee **H 201** was going to be rescheduled for a different date.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Amber Duke
Secretary