

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 27, 2015
TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Raybould, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Gibbs, Miller, Bateman, Burtenshaw, Mendive, VanOrden, Youngblood, Pence, Erpelding, Rubel
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Vander Woude, Bateman, Rubel
GUESTS: Norm Semanko; Idaho Water Users Association

Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order at 12:51 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1169: **Senator Stennett** indicated the Idaho Department of Water Resources continues to issue permits for consumptive water use although the water rights are fully appropriated. This legislation increases the total dollar amount from one dollar to three dollars per two hundredths cubic foot per second of ground water for certain warrants that are authorized to be issued relating to indebtedness of a ground water district. She stated the current limit is \$25,000 dollars. She explained the cost of running the election is \$20,000 which includes publications and notices of election. She stated there is anticipation of a water call on May 4th and an expert hydrologist will research and brief the district. She suggested the ground water districts need more money to form districts. The Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Idaho Water Users Association support **S 1169**.

Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association, stood **in support** of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **S 1169** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pence** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Representative Raybould
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary