

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

TIME: 9:00 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: Karleen Davis, self; Julie Lynde, Cornerstone Family Council; Kerry Uhlenkott, Right to Life Idaho; Russell Westerberg, CDAR; Bill Roden, self; Helo Hancock, CDA Tribe; Jeff Anderson, Idaho Lottery Commission; Matt Reik, self.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

HCR 38: **Rep. Miller** presented **HCR 38**, a concurrent resolution that recognizes the history, power and impact of the cowboy in our society in Idaho. He stated the legislation recognizes National Day of the Cowboy in Idaho on July 25th of each year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

MOTION: **Rep. Bateman** made a motion to send **HCR 38** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 24354: **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 24354**, proposed legislation that requires the Department of Health and Welfare to compile a list of providers that perform free ultrasounds within 24 hours of an abortion and provide a pamphlet that states the woman has a right to obtain a free ultrasound, view an ultrasound image and hear tone monitoring, and to provide that no abortion be performed unless the woman is informed prior to the abortion that these services are available. He stated the legislation would ensure pregnant mothers are offered important accurate medical information prior to undergoing an abortion.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nate** stated any provider, health care facility or clinic could offer free ultrasounds. He stated there won't be a penalty for not reporting every year, the purpose is to compile a list of providers who will provide free ultrasounds.

MOTION: **Rep. Nielsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 24354**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Smith, McCrostie, Jordan and Smith** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Chairman Loertscher turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Batt**.

RS 24521: **Chairman Loertscher** presented **RS 24521**, proposed legislation that establishes an Idaho Gaming Agency under the auspices of the Governor. He stated the agency would oversee all gaming activities in the State of Idaho. He stated the Gaming Agency would consist of 3 members who would be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. He stated the legislation is not an attempt to say the Directors of the Lottery and Racing Commission are not doing well, it simply provides oversight to all gaming to be sure they are all following the state constitution, compacts and administrative rules.

In response to committee questions, **Chairman Loertscher** stated all aspects of gaming- the lottery, tribal gaming, and paramutuel wagering would be included in the oversight by the new agency. He stated the purpose of the legislation is to remove the self-regulation from the gaming in Idaho.

Rep. Jordan invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 24521. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Jordan and Wintrow** requested that they be recorded as voting **NAY**

Vice Chairman Batt turned the gavel back over to **Chairman Loertscher**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary