

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Jordan

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk; Tim Hurst, Secretary of State.

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

RS 25283: **Rep. Bell** presented **RS 25283**, a concurrent resolution that honors **Ray Houston**, Principal Budget & Policy Analyst of the Legislative Services Office, for his twenty-eight years of service to the legislature, upon his retirement in July 2017.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 25283** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 106: **Rep. Rubel** presented **SCR 106**, a concurrent resolution to honor the life and work of **Minoru Yasui** for his commitment to liberty, justice and public service. Mr. Yasui spent the majority of his life fighting for civil and human rights and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.

MOTION: **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to send **SCR 106** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rubel** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 25160: **Rep. Kloc** presented **RS 25160**, a concurrent resolution to recognize and support the important history and ongoing contributions of immigrants towards the building of the United States and Idaho. He stated the legislation is in reference to the legal immigrants that came in the 1800's and 1900's.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to introduce **RS 25160.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 150: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 150**, legislation that clarifies the early voting time for elections by defining when early voting may begin and to provide statewide consistency in the early voting process for those counties that elect to do early voting.

Phil McGrane, Chief Deputy, Ada County Clerk, spoke **in support** of **H 150** and stated early voting is more secure and the bill would increase access to the polls.

Tim Hurst, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State, spoke regarding **H 150** and stated early voting according to federal law allows for voting 45 days prior to elections. He stated the legislation limits the amount of time and discretion should be left to the counties.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 150** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Smith and **Rep. Barbieri** spoke **in opposition** to the motion and stated the counties should make the decision on the time lines for early voting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: A Roll Call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Loertscher, Reps. Monks, Luker, Crane, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Armstrong and Manwaring. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Barbieri, Harris, Scott, Giddings, Zito, Smith and Jordan. Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 151: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 151**, legislation that defines sled dog races and clarifies that the prohibition of dog racing in Idaho does not apply to sled dog races or to the training of dogs for a sled dog race. She stated sled dog racing has a long history in Idaho and sled dogs provided transportation in rugged areas in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 151** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Kasey Winder
Secretary