

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 08, 2018

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, King, Wintrow, Gannon

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Dixon and Blanksma

**GUESTS:** Woody Richards, Insurance Companies, Roger Seiber, Capitol West, Russell Westerberg, Western Aircraft, Nick Veldhouse, IAHD, R. Hobdey-Sanchez, ITD, Brendan Floyd, ITD, Pat Cars, ITD, Tim Horn, ISP, Shawn Staley, ISP, Alan Humphries, BLET, Mike Brassey, Union Pacific Railroad, Steve Thomas, BNSF, Lisa Kauffman, HSUS, Jeff Rosenthal, IHS, Siana Carlsrud, Intern

**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**RS 26128:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 26128**. This memorial is to encourage the United States Congress to review and revise regulations requiring commercial vehicles towing trailers with a gross weight of no more than 26,001 pounds.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to introduce **RS 26128**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26126:** **Lt. Jamie Leslie**, Meridian Police Department, presented **RS 26126**. Lt. Leslie stated police departments use drones to capture evidence of serious accident and crime scenes.

After discussion by the committee, **Lt. Leslie** stated there is no distinction between an individual or an agency regarding privacy issues. Lt. Leslie also stated it is impossible to obtain written consent from every individual captured on film at an accident or crime scene. Lt. Leslie further stated the current law is inadequate, and there are many questions that have not yet been answered.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 26126**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26080:** **Rep. Wintrow** presented **RS 26080**. Rep. Wintrow stated this proposed legislation would create a "Pet Friendly" license plate. The funds collected will assist low-income families in rural areas of Idaho with the cost of spaying or neutering their pets. This program will also enable veterinarians to assist and connect with pet owners and provide relief to Idaho animal shelters and impound facilities by decreasing pet over-population and unwanted litters.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 26080**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25955:** **Rep. Smith** presented **RS 25955**. Rep. Smith stated a two-person crew is needed to operate trains. A two-person crew will ensure a secure and safe railway and help prevent railroad incidents. The engineer will remain at the controls of the train, while the other member of the crew will perform safety checks and monitor conditions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25955**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Kimberly Lowder  
Secretary