

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2018

TIME: 8:00 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 (Gannon)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheets will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of session. Following the end of session, the sign-in sheets will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

H 419: **Rep. Redman** presented **H 419**, legislation saying "American and Idaho Laws for Idaho Courts" is written to be the public policy of the State of Idaho to protect its citizens from the application of foreign laws when the application of a foreign law will result in the violation of a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Idaho including, but not limited to, due process, freedom, of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage embodied in the Constitution of the State of Idaho. Some foreign laws are hostile to our laws and no foreign laws should be allowed.

Debora Mesmarian, Foad Roghani, Darcy James, Michael Witry, Julianne Donnelly Tzul, Steven Martin, Kathy Griesmeyer, Naffie Barh Christina Avadalla, Rev. Sara LuWall, Ahmed Abdelnaby, Lori Burelle, Phillip Thompson, Rabbi Daniel Fink, feel that **H 419** speaks against the Muslim religion. Muslim members in the United States are taught to obey the laws of this country and want to be here. Some fear unintended consequences. Not all testifying have read **H 419**. **Gerald Harbel, Warren Grover, Mary Grover, Randal Garrett, Doug Davina, Rev. William Thomas Howie, Freda Wanta, Steve Sherer, Darryl Ford, Ruth? Victor Bedia, and Steve Hyatt,** spoke in support of **H 419**.

It was found offensive by some who were told "we make it difficult for Muslims and we don't want them here".

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 419** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep.(s) Smith, Gannon, and Manwaring** are recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 26187C2: **Roy Eiguren** presented **RS 26187C2**, legislation stating the Idaho Open Meetings Law applies to all public agencies of state and local government created by statute. The law does not apply to the 28 public agencies established by Executive Order of the Governor. This legislation applies the law to all Public agencies established by Executive Order. This is a Sunset law and will end in five years.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to introduce **RS 26187C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26186: **Rep. Ilana Rubel** presented legislation recognizing and honoring the achievements of **Marilyn Tate Shuler**.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to introduce **RS 26116** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rubel** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 26116:** **Rep. Smith** introduced **Lisa Kauffmann**, to present **RS 26116**, legislation to amend Title 33, Idaho Code, by adding a new Chapter 61, Title 33, that higher education research facilities who receive public money offer healthy cats and dogs no longer needed for science, testing, education or research purposes be adopted rather than euthanized.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Luker** made a motion to return **RS 26116** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 26176:** **Rep. Moon** presented **RS 26176**, legislation to provide for a license issued pursuant to this section 23-948 to remain valid and may be transferred for waterfront resorts even if the body of water on which the resort is situated ceases to meet certain requirements and to make technical corrections.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 26176**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary