

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 19, 2018

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Loertscher, Vice Chairman Monks, Representatives Luker, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, Scott, Smith, Vacant-Dist. 5A

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Crane

GUESTS: Rick Just, Friends of Idaho State Park, Steve Smylie, Dave Ricks

Chairman Loertscher called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

H 496: **Rep. Palmer** presented **H 496**, amending existing law to provide that the Governor shall appoint the directors of the Department of Correction, the Idaho Transportation Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Rep. Palmer stated that there may be an issue in this bill affecting Harriman State Park, and does not want it in jeopardy. The bill could go to the amending order for council with the Attorney General to be certain the park isn't at risk.

Rick Just and **Steve Smylie** spoke in opposition to **H 496**. The Railroad Ranch was special to **Roland and Gladys Harriman**, and rather than passing this to their family, it was to be gifted to the people of the State of Idaho. Very specific instructions included the Railroad Ranch be professionally run, managed, and insulated at least one step from the political process. It was proposed that this bill be held until the concerns on both sides could be answered.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 496** to General Orders.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Luker** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 496** for time certain, February 26, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 6 NAY, and 2 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Monks, Rep.(s) Palmer, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, and Manwaring. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep(s) Luker, Barbieri, Giddings, Zito, Scott, and Smith. Chairman Loertscher and Rep. Crane were absent/ excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 6 NAY, and 2 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Rep(s) Luker, Barbieri, Giddings, Zito, Scott, and Smith.. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Vice Chairman Monks, Rep.(s) Palmer, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, and Manwaring. Chairman Loertscher and Rep. Crane were absent/ excused**

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to bring **H 496** back to the table.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 6 NAY, and 2 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Vice Chairman Monks, Rep.(s) Palmer, Holtzclaw, Harris, Armstrong, and Smith. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Rep.(s) Luker, Barbieri, Giddings, Manwaring, Zito, and Scott. Chairman Loertscher and Rep. Crane were absent/ excused.**

Vice Chairman Monks introduced the new page, **Sydney Allen**, a high school senior from Eagle, Idaho.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Representative Loertscher
Chair

Jayne Feik Spinato
Secretary