

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt (Call), Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Stevenson, Armstrong, Clow, Monks, Andrus, Furniss, Nichols, Raymond, Smith, Berch, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Monks, Barbieri

GUESTS: Tom Donavon, DOI, John Mackey, United Heritage, Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Greg Donaca, Delta Dental, Ron Williams, Nathan Faragher, DOI, Alex Adam, DFM, Chelsea Wilson, PPA, Director Cameron, DOI, Jeff Neumeyer, United Heritage, Will Hart, ICUA, Bryan Case, Fall River RE Co-ops, Robert Boren, Salmon River Propane, JT Hill, Fall River Propane, Tom Clark, Rocky Mountain Propane, Joel Emerson, Clearwater Propane Council, Benjamin Kelly, NW Agricultural Co-op Council, Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Green(18)** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 31, and February 5, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Rep. Collins**.

H 73: **Chairman Dixon** presented **H 73**, legislation transitioning the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator (OARC) to the Division of Financial Management (DFM). DFM analysts review all rules submitted by agencies, and agencies work with OARC on technical aspects of publishing rules in the state's Administrative Bulletin. This transition will streamline executive branch processes, create efficiencies in state government, and promote higher quality rulemaking for all rules subject to legislative review.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 73** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Collins turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

H 71: **Rep. Collins** presented **H 71**, legislation relating to model law amendments required for accreditation of the Idaho Department of Insurance by the NAIC. Accreditation maintains consistent and fair regulation of insurers and is necessary to retain carriers domiciled in Idaho, thereby benefitting consumers. This legislation provides authority to the director of the Department of Insurance to act as a group-wide supervisor for an internationally active insurance group. It helps insurance companies and regulators to have one jurisdiction assess the enterprise-wide risks and coordinate group-wide supervision activities for insurance companies or insurance holding company groups. Acquisitions or other changes in a state's domestic insurance industry can occur quickly and change the state's role in overseeing a domestic insurer or their role within the holding company group.

Reps. Collins, Call, and Furniss invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest and they would not be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to send **H 71** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Collins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 94: **Rep. Raybould** presented **H 94**, legislation protecting consumer safety by restricting the filling of propane gas storage tanks or cylinders to its owner or someone having the owner's authorization, provide liability protection and legal recourse in the event of violation. Idahoans safety is at risk when discount propane providers (DPP's) fill propane tanks already leased to customers by legitimate Idaho propane companies. DPP's do not conduct safety inspections, conduct leak tests, and overfill tanks to dangerous levels. Propane tanks owned by the customer can be filled by any company the customer chooses and would not be affected by this legislation.

Will Hart, Executive Director of Idaho Utilities, **IN SUPPORT** of **H 94**, and answered committee questions. **Benjamin Kelly** spoke **IN SUPPORT** of **H 94**.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 94** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2.04 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary