

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks

GUESTS: Kerry Uhlenkott, Right to Life of Idaho; David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life; John Paulton, Family Policy Alliance; Christian Welp, Roman Catholic Diocese

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

RS 26969: **Chad Houck**, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office, presented **RS 26969**, legislation amending Idaho Code to match the Idaho Constitution relating to the qualifications for someone to run for the legislature. The proposed language would change the word "resided" to "been a registered elector". This change is found on line 15.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 26969**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1049: **Rep. DeMordaunt** presented **S 1049**, legislation amending Idaho Code to align with Federal law relating to the Partial-Birth Abortion ban, except when necessary to save the mother's life. This legislation would ensure the ban is more effective in Idaho.

Kerry Uhlenkott, Right to Life of Idaho; **John Paulton**, Family Policy Alliance; and **Christian Welp**, Roman Catholic Diocese, testified **in support of S 1049**. They were of the opinion the legislation aligns with Federal Law which ensures a greater effectiveness of the ban in Idaho, including the State being able to bring prosecution, where as now, the State has to rely on a federal prosecutor.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **S 1049** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. DeMordaunt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

Representative Harris
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary