

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 22, 2019

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Brackett, Senators Bair, Mortimer, Patrick, Guthrie, and Jordan

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Johnson and Stennett

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Heider** called the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

H 189aa **Senator Lakey**, District 12, spoke on behalf of Representative Scott and stated **H 189aa** amends Idaho Code § 36-1803. That statute says there is a duty for a Fish and Game officer to search cars, old storage rooms, cold storage rooms, restaurants, hotels, and packages. The statute also states that there is a right to conduct a search with or without a warrant, including tents, wagons, automobiles, boats, camps, and baggage, if there is probable cause to believe that a person or those areas contain evidence of unlawful possession of wildlife. **Senator Lakey** stated **H 189aa** requires Fish and Game officers to obtain a warrant to search any particular area, unless the search meets certain Constitutional exceptions that police officers are subjected to. **Senator Lakey** summarized this legislation as one that ensures that both Fish and Game officers and police officers have the same scope when it comes to warrantless searches and seizures.

MOTION: **Senator Mortimer** moved to send **H 189aa** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Bair** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

Senator Heider
Chair

Tyler Brock
Secretary