

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, Stennett, and Buckner-Webb

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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: **Chairwoman Lodge** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:02 a.m.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Vice Chairman Harris** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Nikeela Black-Adams to the Idaho Racing Commission to the floor with recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1335 **RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE** to establish a uniform session date.

Senator Guthrie presented **S 1335** commenting that it establishes the end date for the session. He identified the following reasons for instituting **S 1335**:

- the most important task of the Legislature is to set the budget, which is completed in less time than it actually meets;
- setting the end date will save the state money;
- if more time is needed to finish the work, evening and weekend meetings could be utilized; and
- having a set end date would provide a more precise and structured session.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Stennett** asked what provisions would be in place if the Governor needed to call the Legislature back, or if there was an urgent issue needing to be finalized. **Senator Guthrie** replied that calling back the Legislature could be managed.

Senator Souza commented that coming back for a special session would allow the Legislature to focus on one issue. She asked if Senator Guthrie believed a hard stop would alleviate some of the high level negotiations that sometimes occur, extending the session. **Senator Guthrie** responded that he felt the hard stop would expedite the negotiations.

MOTION: **Senator Vick** moved to send **S 1335** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Harris** seconded the motion.

- DISCUSSION:** A discussion was held regarding the following considerations gleaned from procedures of other states by members of the Committee:
- number and costs of extra sessions;
 - inconvenience of extra sessions, especially for those who have jobs outside of the Legislature;
 - late night sessions may be less productive if not limited in number;
 - enforcement of transmittal dates;
 - required task of the Legislature is to set the budget, so other bills could wait until the next session;
 - lack of efficiency as each special session would involve only one issue;
 - importance of having a part-time Legislature with members who have outside jobs; and
 - possibility of limiting the number of bills that can be presented in one session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Chairwoman Lodge** called for a roll call vote. **Vice Chairman Harris** and **Senators Vick, Anthon,** and **Souza** voted aye. **Chairwoman Lodge** and **Senators Hill, Winder, Stennett,** and **Buckner-Webb** voted nay. The motion failed.

RS 27712 **RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** to strengthen state efforts to combat opioid misuse.

Senator Lee explained that **RS 27712** strengthens the prescription drug monitoring program. **Senator Hill** reported the Committee has a unanimous consent request from the Health and Welfare Committee.

MOTION: **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 27712** to print. **Senator Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairwoman Lodge passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Harris.

RS 27753 **RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION** regarding special license plate programs.

Chairwoman Lodge presented **RS 27753** noting that it would limit the number of special license plates. She explained that this bill states that no new special license plate or special license plate program shall be established for the benefit of any entity that is not the State of Idaho or an agency of the State of Idaho after July 1, 2020. She described the procedures that will be used to manage current special license plate programs, and shared a breakdown of the revenue involved in these programs (attachment 1).

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 27753** to print. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 27546C1 **RELATING TO BALLOT INITIATIVES** in regard to fiscal impact statements.

Chairwoman Lodge advised the Committee that under this legislation, the costs for implementation of the measure and the proposed funding source for those costs will be included with the petition. She explained that this procedure would go into effect July 1, 2020, and would not affect current initiatives.

MOTION: **Senator Souza** moved to send **RS 27546C1** to print. **Senator Vick** seconded the motion. **Senator Stennett** stated she agrees to print but has reservations. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Harris passed the gavel back to Chairwoman Lodge.

H 379

RELATING TO ELECTIONS to revise provisions regarding a change of political party affiliation prior to a presidential primary election.

Representative Doug Ricks, District 34, addressed the presidential primary, and described how the process worked prior to 2016. He explained the changes that occurred in 2016 and the effect of the 90-day requirement, stating that it caused considerable confusion. **Representative Ricks** advised the Committee that **H 379** would clarify the intent of the 2015 bill, S 1066.

DISCUSSION:

A discussion ensued regarding changing party affiliation, open and closed primary elections, the confusion that has occurred, and the involvement of the Secretary of State's Office. This year for the March 10 election, there will be no time set for changing party affiliation, but in the future the time restriction will be reinstated.

MOTION:

Senator Winder moved to send **H 379** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Hill** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Winder explained this is a simple way to clarify that the affiliation applies to the presidential primary and meets the intent to allow the parties to manage their own primaries. He added it does not give one party an advantage over another.

VOICE VOTE:

The motion to send **H 379** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation carried by **voice vote**.

S 1334

RELATING TO CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS to make various codifier and technical corrections to Idaho Code.

Katherine Gerrity, Legislative Services Offices (LSO) presented LSO's annual codifier correction bill, explaining that 40 sections were included this year. **Ms. Gerrity** identified revisions proposed such as code reference revisions, and technical corrections such as grammar and punctuation changes to match LSO's standard style. She advised there is no fiscal impact with the bill other than printing as the work is already being done by LSO staff. **Senator Winder** complimented Ms. Gerrity and LSO on this important work.

MOTION:

Senator Winder moved to send **S 1334** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

SCR 130

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE to honor Bill Roden by designating the lobbyist lounge in the Capitol as the Bill Roden Memorial Lounge.

Representative Ilana Rubel, District 18, expressed her appreciation for Bill Roden and shared the procedure for bringing **SCR 130** before the Legislature. She referred to the resolution which lists his accomplishments and shared how naming the lobbyist lounge for him came about.

TESTIMONY:

Sarah Bettwieser expressed great appreciation and respect for Senator Roden (see attachment 2). **Jeremy Pisca, Hilo Hancock, Mike Brassey, and Chairwoman Lodge** shared their memories of Senator Roden, his caring attitude toward all people, his desire to help others, and his hard work.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Harris moved to send **SCR 130** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Chairwoman Lodge announced there would be a celebration for Senator Roden in the Governor's Office today at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Senator Vick moved to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2020. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Stennett moved to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2020. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Senator Lodge
Chair

Twyla Melton
Secretary

Carol Cornwall
Assistant Secretary