

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Lodge, Burtenshaw, Buckner-Webb, and Nelson

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Rice

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CONVENED: With a quorum present, **Chairman Brackett** convened the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) at 1:07 p.m.

PAGE GRADUATION: **Chairman Brackett** asked Henry Wolthuis, the Committee's page, to take the podium to share the lessons he had learned from his time as a page. **Mr. Wolthuis** suggested that rather than tell the Committee, he would like to show the Committee what he had learned. Mr. Wolthuis then played a brief video portraying the actions of the Idaho Senate when in session with him playing the roles of a Senator and the President of the Senate. Following the video, **Chairman Brackett** asked what else he learned during his time as a page. **Mr. Wolthuis** said before he started working in the Senate, he was asked why he would want to work in such a corrupt environment. He has found that is definitely not the case. His time in the Senate has revealed to him the care each Senator has for their constituents, for the legislative process, and for the State of Idaho. He added that Idaho is the best state in the country.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Winder** asked what Mr. Wolthuis' plans were following graduation from high school. **Mr. Wolthuis** said he wants to attend Utah Valley University in Provo, Utah where he will enroll in their Army ROTC program. He wants to serve in the military following college, but first he wants to go on a mission for his church. **Senator Winder** commented that they were all excellent goals.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Den Hartog** moved to approve the Minutes of Thursday, February 6, 2020. **Senator Burtenshaw** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Robert Hoff to the Idaho Transportation Board to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Winder** said that Mr. Hoff was an excellent candidate for the Idaho Transportation Board and offered to carry the appointment on the floor of the Senate.

VOTE ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Senator Nelson** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Todd Hitchcock to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Winder** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Nelson** offered to carry the appointment on the floor of the Senate.

H 566

Emily Hunter of Risch Pisca, PLLC introduced **H 566** by stating the legislation modifies a bill that became law in 2017 (H 204) by increasing the weight limit of personal delivery devices to 200 pounds from 80 pounds. This is in keeping with industry standards. This bill was brought because of the new Amazon Fulfillment Center being built in Nampa where these devices will be used to deliver packaged orders. Amazon's devices weigh 200 pounds.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Brackett asked how the delivery process worked and whether the devices were refrigerated or highly insulated. **Ms. Hunter** did not know whether they were refrigerated or insulated, but she said that a delivery truck goes into a neighborhood and releases the devices which move along the sidewalks to the location of the delivery, then they return to the truck. The delivery method is a more economic and efficient way to get merchandise to customers.

Senator Den Hartog asked if 200 pounds was the weight of the device before packages were loaded into them. **Ms. Hunter** confirmed it was.

MOTION:

Senator Lodge moved to send **H 566** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Chairman Brackett** said he would carry the bill on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNED:

With no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Brackett** adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Senator Brackett
Chair

Gaye Bennett
Secretary