IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE. (1) The regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually at the capital of the state, commencing on the second Monday of January of each year, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and at other times in extraordinary sessions when convened by the governor and in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law.

(2) The legislature, while remaining a part-time, citizen legislature, must also be convened in special session by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives upon receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership of each house, specifying the subjects to be considered. Such special session must commence no later than fifteen days after the petition is received by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. At a special session convened pursuant to this section, the legislature shall have no power to consider or pass any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session.

SECTION 2. The question to be submitted to the electors of the State of Idaho at the next general election shall be as follows:

"Shall Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that the Legislature must convene in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and in special session by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than fifteen days following the receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership
of each house specifying subjects to be considered, and to provide that the
Legislature shall have no power in such a special session to consider or pass
any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the
petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session?"

SECTION 3. The Legislative Council is directed to prepare the state-
ments required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to publish this
proposed constitutional amendment and arguments as required by law.