

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias

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

GUESTS: None

Vice-chairman Armstrong called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 28233: **Rep. Giddings** presented **RS 28233** which would amend Idaho Code section 67-3515 by adding a new section requiring a separate appropriation bill for each state institution of higher education. The higher education budget is the fourth largest budget that is approved by the legislature. This proposed legislation would provide more transparency to tax payers. Currently, each school provides a budget and a budget analyst compiles all of the information into a single budget. Given that each school has its own core mission, fee structures and other variables, it is difficult to compare them side by side. Rep. Giddings stated that each college and university would be more accountable for their curriculum and extracurricular content with the transparency separate budgets would provide.

During discussion committee members expressed the desire to look at individual budgets. During a hearing they would like more background on the budgets. It was noted by a committee member that the President of Idaho State University is opposed to this legislation. The rationale for controlling the higher education budget when the state doesn't fully fund it was questioned. A committee member also asked why **RS 28233** is being heard by House State Affairs and not the Education Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 28233**. **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to call for the previous question. **The motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28499: **Rep. von Ehlinger** presented **RS 28499**. The memorial seeks to condemn Communist China for its deceit, duplicity, and crimes against humanity during the initial phase of the COVID-19 outbreak, and let it be known to the President and Congress of the United States that it is the position of the Idaho Legislature that Communist China should be sanctioned and otherwise punished for its misdeeds in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak. He stated that he was working with the Senator from District 11 on this proposed legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 28499**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made substitute motion, stating that it is the government, not the people of China, who should be sanctioned. He proposed changing the language on line 31 to read WHEREAS the Chinese government is a dictatorship and striking the word genocidal.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN:** It was noted that language needed to be made consistent of lines 36 and 41. Given the number of edits that need to be made, **Rep. Skaug** asked unanimous consent to withdraw his substitute motion. With no objections consent was granted.

A request was made for the sponsor to also propose what actions Idaho will take to sanction China.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 28499** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Rep. Armstrong
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary