

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Palmer, Adams

GUESTS: MiChell Bird, Director, Real Estate Commission, Will Hart, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association, Douglas Jones, Citizen, Heather Stegner, American Wood Council, Ron Johnson, Nampa Fire Department, Steven Thomas, Hawley Troxell for Idaho Forest Group

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 102: **Rep. Armstrong** presented **H 102**, legislation in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. Rep. Armstrong stated the legislation would eliminate unnecessary language requiring the Department of Real Estate to monitor leasing and to carry broker books.

Chairman Dixon turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Furniss**.

In response to Committee questions, **Rep. Armstrong** deferred to **MiChell Bird**, Director, Real Estate Commission. MiChell Bird provided clarification on the use of quotations around the word customer within the legislation and explained the agreement presented by the agent to the individual regarding their position as a customer or a client at the first substantial business contact. She also stated she was not aware as to why certain sections of the legislation were written in all capitalization, but that the specific sections had been formatted that way since working with the Real Estate Commission.

In response to a Committee request, **Rep. Armstrong** revisited the purpose of the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In support of the motion, **Rep. Barbieri** said he agreed with the legislation, but was surprised the definition of a customer wasn't outlined in relation to disclosures.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Armstrong** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 103: **Rep. Shepherd** presented **H 103**, legislation that would allow members of non-profits to participate in meetings remotely. He added the Board of Directors would make the final decision on remote communication.

Those speaking **in support** were **Will Hart**, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association, and **Douglas Jones**, Citizen. Both spoke to the challenges faced over the past year due to COVID-19 and how the legislation would have been helpful in facilitating meetings.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to send **H 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 143: **Rep. Troy** presented **H 143**, legislation regarding the adoption of a specific section of International Building Code that would allow the mass use of timber for commercial and residential construction in the State of Idaho. **Rep. Troy** addressed a question previously posed in Committee, stating bypassing the current rate of International Building Code adoption in relation to this legislation was necessary, and if the legislation were adopted at the current rate, it wouldn't be enacted until the year 2024.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to sent **H 143** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Those speaking **in support** were **Steven Thomas**, Hawley Troxell for Idaho Forest Group, and **Heather Stegner**, American Wood Council. Both spoke in favor of the legislation and how it would benefit the state given the booming construction industry statewide.

In response to a Committee question, **Heather Stegner** stated she wasn't sure of the percentages in regards to timber use, but would follow-up with the Representative. She addressed another Committee question, stating the technology that would allow the mass use of timber has been used on the national level for four to five years.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane** made a motion to **HOLD H 201** until the following week. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Furniss turned the gavel over to **Chairman Dixon**.

Chairman Dixon introduced the Committee Page, **Mayerli Molina**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Representative Furniss
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary