

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 02, 2022

**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:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Crane** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**RS 29214:** **Rep. Young** presented **RS 29214** which seeks to amend the language used in Idaho Code as related to the legal abortions performed in the state as it had not been updated since approximately 1971.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 29214**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 29264:** **Rep. Nate** presented **RS 29264** which would allow the Idaho State Treasurer to use investment funds to obtain physical gold and silver reserves. This would allow enhanced ability by the Treasury to guarantee assets over current legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to introduce **RS 29264**.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Nate** stated he wasn't aware whether there was a large demand for assets to be put into gold or silver and that additional information about the monetary value and physical amount of Idaho's current silver deposits could be included in the bill before its hearing.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

The committee requested permission to re-open the discussion regarding **RS 29264**. During discussion, the specificity of language used in the bill was weighed. Committee members noted with concern decisions made to protect or preserve rights over one issue would have implications on many other issues and the limitations of personal freedoms stated in this bill could set a dangerous legal precedent.

Committee members also discussed whether all legislation should be heard in committee regardless of opinion on the value of said legislature. **Chairman Crane** reminded members the governing purpose of a House Standing Committee was to evaluate the merit of a proposed piece of legislature therefore ideas not supported by any realistic standards would not be justified to come before the committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Representative Crane  
Chair

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Rebecca Fisk  
Secretary