

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022

TIME: 9:30 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:** Chairman Crane, Representative(s) Barbieri, Skaug

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

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

S 1311: **Rep. Blanksma** presented **S 1311**, which declares the patented "Idaho Cut" to be a state symbol and the official state cut for faceted gemstones, and honors the legacy of **Quincy Douglas Howell**.

Aaron Quincy Howell testified in support of the bill. Mr. Howell is the grandson of **Quincy Douglas Howell**, and he came representing himself and his family. During his testimony he passed around different gemstones that were faceted by Quincy Howell to the committee.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Howell** stated in schools there are lessons taught on the symbols of Idaho, and this will be taught to students in Idaho schools.

Rep. Blanksma stated Idaho has 26 state symbols, and they are declared by the state legislature.

MOTION: **Rep. Furniss** made a motion to send **S 1311** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Blanksma will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary