

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 15, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**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 Crane (13)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27 and 28, and March 1, 4, 5, and 6, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1291:** **Senator Ricks** presented **S 1291** explaining this legislation is similar to **H 189** from last session and deals with public contracts by preventing companies which boycott industries that are important to Idaho from doing business with the state. If they wish to enter into a contract with the state they must disclose any discrimination against Idaho industries. There are listed exceptions including instances where there is no other suitable company which can provide the service, or if the company has less than ten employees. In response to committee questions, Senator Ricks explained fossil fuels are an important resource for the agricultural industry making them important to Idaho even if they do not make up a large portion of Idaho's economy.

**Aoibheann Cline**, National Rifle Association, testified **in support of S 1291** stating this legislation safeguards Idaho values by requiring entities to disclose discriminatory policies against the firearm industry before entering into a contract with the state, allowing Idahoans to see through discrimination up front.

**Braden Jensen**, Farm Bureau, testified **in support of S 1291** applauding this clear policy stating businesses cannot be actively boycotting the industries which make up Idaho's economy while in a contract with the state. This legislation does not stop them from boycotting but lets them know they are not likely to win large contracts with the state if they are boycotting important industries.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1291** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Barbieri** spoke to the motion stating he would support the legislation but is disappointed certification is still required for the exemptions. If companies are exempt from the anti-boycott provision, they should also be exempt from certification.

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

**SCR 117:** **Caroline Nilsson Troy** presented **SCR 117** explaining this resolution honors the 3-Star General **Lt. General Erik Peterson**, who began his service career with ROTC in Idaho and will retire on March 31, 2024

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to send **SCR 117** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Achilles** spoke in support of the motion emphasizing the impressive nature of **Lt. General Peterson's** career highlighting his 38 years in active duty including special operations aviation and his receipt of six bronze stars.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to **HOLD HJM 7, H 627, and RS 31628** subject to the call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Kennedy Jones  
Secretary