

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 05, 2025

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

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Hostetler, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Achilles, Green (Casner)

**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 January 29, 2025 and January 30, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32026C1:** **Rep. Bruce** presented **RS 32026C1** which outlines the process for Idaho citizens involved in legal proceedings with the federal government concerning grazing and /or water rights to request state assistance from the Constitutional Defense Fund. This bill specifies the criteria and procedures for the Constitutional Defense Council to consider such requests and provides details on the type of assistance offered.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to introduce **RS 32026C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32203:** **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 32203** stating this joint memorial reaffirms the unique relationship and strong economic ties between the State of Idaho and Taiwan. She spoke about Taiwan being one of our top trading partners.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32203**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 83:** **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **H 83** which prohibits the illegal entry into, or illegal presence in this state, by a person who is an alien, the enforcement of those prohibitions, and certain related orders. Law Enforcement Officers may enforce this section only when a person is detained or investigated for suspected commission of an independent crime and hereby authorizes under certain circumstances the removal of persons who violate those prohibitions.

**Rep. Skaug** mentioned that law enforcement may only enforce on a person who is detained, being investigated, or suspected of an independent crime, not illegal entry or infractions. If they are being investigated for a natural crime, then one may be sited. They only want to go after criminal. First time offense can be a felony and the second time can be deported by order of the Judge.

Committee members had questions around law enforcement officers having the options not to enforce, changing the word 'may' instead of 'shall', proof of citizenship, federal mandates stops, and immigration holds.

**Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairymen's Association; **Daniel Murphy**, Self; **Sheriff Bob Norris**, Kootenai County Sheriff; spoke **in support** of **H 83**.

Committee members had questions around the Texas bill, consideration around a Trigger Law, and for an explanation around the Fiscal Note.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 83** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

A committee member had concerns around America's broken immigration system with unconstitutional bills, protecting the agricultural industry, and the need to move slower to protect tax payers from potential lawsuits.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles** and **Casnor** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Crane (12)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Crane (13)** put the committee meeting at ease. Meeting was called back to order at 9:33 AM.

**SCR 102:** **Sen. Foreman** presented **SCR 102** which authorizes the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study the State of Idaho's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This will not impart blame on any party but represents a request for useful information to be available to respond to future pandemics, if needed. It also supports transparency and accountability in government. The implementation should not have an impact on the general fund and the investigation can be used with funds already appropriated to the legislature and should not exceed \$10,000 dollars.

Committee members had questions around the ability for a committee to come to a consensus of what was good and bad, how is a committee going to give an after action report when the facts are already in public record.

**Sen. Foreman** closed by addressing steps for any new possible pandemic. To be proactive, don't panic, and learn from the past by having a plan.

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

A committee member had a question around the appropriating funds of \$10,000 being too low and the ability to increase it if needed especially for people coming from North Idaho.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a substitute motion to send **SCR 102** to General Orders.

**Rep. Achilles** had concerns with no objective rigorous AR process presented with the need to bring in the expertise. Committee members spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion around Chairman's subpoena power, response of government, and zoom call meetings.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the substitute motion to send **SCR 102** to General Orders. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Chairman Crane (13)** called for a vote on the motion to send **SCR 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Achilles** and **Casnor** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Beiswenger** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary