

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 03, 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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Crane (13),

**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.

**Vice Chairman Scott** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to approved the minutes for February 27, 2025.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 221:  
RS 32510:** **Rep. Hill** presented **H 221** and **RS 32510** which expands on current code where foreign governments are prohibited from purchasing any Idaho forest land, in addition to the already prohibition in purchasing agricultural land, water rights, mining claims or mineral rights. Any foreign adversary is also under the same prohibitions, but under this legislation, the foreign adversary that owns any of these agricultural lands, mining claims or mineral rights must sell within 180 days of notice. If they do not sell, the land or mining claims or mineral rights will be sold by judicial foreclosure. Also, no foreign adversary may purchase or lease any property within the certain geographic boundaries to establish secure military operations areas.

Committee members asked for the bullet point on the changes between **H 221** and **RS 32460**, clarification with the sponsor's intent to **HOLD H 221** and send **RS 32510** to the Second Reading Calendar, national security foreign investments, the affect of waivers after July 1, 2025 and why the date is in the text, ownership of property, the mechanism utilized of various properties, and current adversaries.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to **HOLD H 221** in committee.

**Rep. Hill** wanted it on record that Idaho allowed the Chinese Communist Party to control our seed supply.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32510** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Committee members had concerns around not hearing from any of the citizens of Owyhee County and Mt. Home Airforce Base and needing clarity around the July 1st date.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32510**.

**Rep. Crane (12)** asked for a Point of Order to vote for the Substitute Motion.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32533:** **Rep. Mitchell** presented **RS 32533** which celebrates our nations 250 years. \$1,650,000.00 had been appropriated last year in 2024 by the Legislature. This will move the remaining funds into a new account with the State Treasures office. It creates a council made up of legislators and others to monitor the implementation of the America 250 plan.

A few committee members had concerns around the financial oversight of the previous spending and the time to take affect.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32533** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

A committee member had a question if the council had already been formed and if there was a Democrat on the committee.

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

**Vice-Chairman Scott** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Palmer**.

**RS 32512:** **Rep. Scott** presented **RS 32512** which enhances government transparency and accountability in state government by requiring all state agencies to report agreements, including contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), and Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs), to the State Controller in a standard method. The bill establishes clear reporting requirements, ensures the publication of a publicly accessible list of agreements, and mandates annual certification by agencies.

Committee members had questions regarding the need for new definitions in the RS, easier searchable database for standardization, requirements for the database searchable formats, website reporting with or without money, and fiscal note reporting verification.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Achilles** made a motion to introduce **RS 32512. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice-Chairman Scott**.

**H 330:** **Rep. Clow** presented **H 330**, which allows theaters built prior to 1950 on the national register of historic places, holding an active beer and wine license to allow individuals under the age of 21 to be in the theater. This change in code would allow a theater located in a Registered Historic Building to allow individuals under age 21 to attend their theater. It does not allow the sale of beer or wine to those individuals under age 21. This bill recognizes that historic buildings are often remodeled and currently used for purposes other than their original purpose.

**David Woodhead**, The Lamphouse Theatre; was **in support** of **H 330**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to send **H 330** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Palmer** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Clow** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 32563:** **Rep. Healey** presented **RS 32563** which speaks of the integrity of our elections as a cornerstone of a free and fair democratic process. This legislation requires the disclosure of party affiliation on all election-related communications and ensures that candidates, campaigns, and organizations are held to a higher standard of honesty and transparency. This proposal does not restrict free speech or limit political participation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 32563**.

Committee members had questions around independent vs unaffiliated, violating political speech, problem solving incorporating in 306 and 307, addressing one's party affiliations, partisan and city council elections.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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Representative Scott  
Vice-Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary