

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

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

**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 the March 6, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32292C1: **Rep. Mickelsen** presented **RS 32292C1** which addresses filing fees or signatures required to run for public office. This bill allows for a fee or signature gathering to run for office. This proposed legislation moved the filing fees up. No signature amounts were changed.

MOTION: **Rep. Pohanka** made a motion to introduce **RS 32292C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32571: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 32571** which amends Section 67-6610 of the Idaho Code regarding election campaign contributions and expenditures. It exempts certain commercial sales of merchandise by candidates or political committees from individual reporting requirements, provided each sale is under \$200, the total sales and cost of goods sold are reported, and the items are generally available to the public. Additionally, it clarifies that such sales are exempt from Idaho's sales tax laws.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 32571**.

Committee members asked questions around paying sales tax, sales reporting when buying merchandise, collecting sales tax on goods, and provisions around types of merchandise transaction.

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

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** asked unanimous consent to re-organize the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 358: **Rep. Scott** presented **H 358**. The purpose of this legislation is to enhance 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.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 358** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HR 11:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **HR 11**. This is a resolution to honor the historic heritage that prayer has played in America's rise as a new country. It outlines the traditional role both at the Federal and State level of government. It is the desire in Idaho to honor this heritage and tradition by continuing it.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HR 11** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehardt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 32620:** **Rep. Garner** presented **RS 32620**. This proposed legislation provides that entities which need more than 10 megawatts of power from a service provider, such as a utility must pay the full cost of the energy generated. The intent of this legislation is to ensure that those entities that cause additional energy to be required, pay for that energy; therefore, customers of the service provider are not burdened with rate increases or expense since the cost of the new generation is allocated solely to the entity which caused the need for the new generation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 32620**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary