

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane(12), Boyle, Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws

**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 A.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday January 21, 2026 and January 22, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32882: **Rep. Hill** presented **RS 32882** which amends Idaho Code to revise provisions regarding flags flown by government entities and to establish provisions regarding enforcement by the Attorney General. Failure of a government entity to comply will be subject to a civil penalty of \$2,000 per flag, each day the flag is displayed.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 32882**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882** with the following changes: Line 22, strike the language, official flags of any state in the United States and replace with, The Idaho State Flag.

A committee member asked a question around the inclusion of the autonomous Basque Community Flag - a political region inside the Country of Spain.

Rep. Skaug spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion.

Committee members had questions around local government entity flags, city flags being outlawed, land clarification, government entity fine responsibility, and the scope and intensions of special event flags on city street poles.

Due to the maker of the original motion being absent from the room, the original motion is withdrawn.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882** with the following changes: Line 22 add, and official city or county flags, after United States.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** spoke **in opposition** to the substitute motion and made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 32882**.

Committee members had concerns around denying the ability for individual cities to fly special event flags down city streets and boulevards, city light poles with flags being outlawed, clarification of state or municipal properties, not allowing any event flags to be flown within the cities, city process to change flags, mistake in outlawing city and county flags. Other comments include political statements should not be made by elected officials on flag poles, representation of all people within the city, county, and state, city officials adoption of their own agenda, unification through the United States flag, recognizing the importance of the American flag, safety over multiple driving distractions, official executive decisions made through the City Council, neighborhoods do not own land, and a carve out of 2%-3% of Idaho with a political flag in the bill.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Skaug requested a roll call vote. **Amended substitute motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE and 7 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Skaug, Alfieri, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13), Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham, Church. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Haws.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary