

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 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:** Representative Alfieri

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. Dygert** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2026 and January 30, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HCR 25: **Rep. Shirts** presented **HCR 25** which recognizes the growing national debt as a legitimate threat to the United States of America and serves as an application by the State of Idaho to call a "Convention for proposing Amendments" under Article V of the United States Constitution, strictly limited to proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the States for Ratification. Idaho's application for a "Convention for proposing Amendments" sunsets on December 31, 2033.

Loren Enz, Balance Budget Now; spoke on behalf of a balanced budget amendment and the meaning of a convention.

Committee members asked questions regarding how a balanced budget would function and has the amendment already been written and presented to Congress.

David Leroy, Self; **Evelyn Whiting**, Self; **Cordell Ric**,Self; **Brian Garrett**, Self; **Tom Luna**, Self; **Larry Craig**, Self; spoke in support of **HCR 25**.

Jean Mollenkopf Moore, Self; **Dorothy Moon**, Idaho G.O.P; spoke in opposition of **HCR 25**.

Rep. Shirts followed up regarding the affects on constituents and safe guards around the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Amendments.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 25** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members spoke about grass roots government, concern for kids, and protection of the Constitution.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to **HOLD HCR 25** in committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 9 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Scott, Boyle, Church, Haws. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham. Rep. Alfieri was absent/excused.**

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON THE
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Roll call was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 4 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Crane (13), Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Crane (12), Dygert, Mickelsen, Pohanka, Bingham. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Scott, Boyle, Church, Haws. Rep. Alfieri was Absent/Excused. Rep. Shirts will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary