

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 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.

RS 33088: **Rep. Miller** presented **RS 33088**. This proposed legislation declares gold and silver coin shall be legal tender in the State of Idaho. No person or entity may compel another person or entity to tender or accept gold or silver coin unless agreed upon both parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 33088**. **Motion was carried by voice vote.**

RS 32925: **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **RS 32925** which honors the employees of Morrison-Knudsen company that were working on Wake Island prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion in introduce **RS 32925**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST** **Chairman Crane** made a unanimous consent request to move **RS 33193** to the bottom of the agenda. There being no objection the request was granted.

H 607: **Rep. Hill** presented **H 607**. The Protecting Privacy and Safety in Public Buildings Act requires government building rest rooms and changing facilities must be separated on the basis of biological sex and that individuals shall make use of the facility which aligns with their biological sex. The legislation also clarifies the existing common law doctrine of premises liability by requiring public accommodations to take reasonable steps to protect the privacy and safety of their customers in rest-rooms, locker rooms, and showers. Necessary exemptions are provided for certain cases, and government entities may provide reasonable accommodations for any person who is unwilling or unable to use the multi-occupancy facility designated for their biological sex.

Mr. Conzetti, President of Idaho Family Policy Center continued the opening for **H 607**. He began a breakdown of the bill. He emphasized Section 1 focused on government buildings, Section 2 focuses on buildings with rest rooms and changing rooms of public use. He reviewed exemptions included in the bill; older people, parents and children, cleaning, law enforcement, and he stated 77% of Idaho voters support this bill.

Nikson Mathews, Cathy Sherman, Rachel Anne Pierce, Caroline Blackhurst, Zoey Wagner, Andrew Kukla, Sarah LaWall, Mistie Tolman, representing Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, **Pam Eaton**, representing Idaho Retailers Association and Idaho Local Lodging and Restaurants, **Eric Girona, Joni Dunn, Sam Reece**, testified in opposition of **H 607**

The committee asked questions of **Ms. Eaton** pertaining to exemptions, lawsuits, business liabilities, and government vs private business.

Christian Welp, representing the Idaho Catholic Church, **Karissa Folks**, and **Michael Hon** testified in support of the bill.

In closing, **Rep. Hill** restated the objective of the bill was safety. **Mr. Conzetti** addressed issues brought up in testimony. The committee asked **Mr. Conzetti** questions regarding small businesses, policy specifications, potential punishment, privacy, and lawsuits.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 607** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee discuss the motion, some members preferring **H 606** due to it being more specific.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 5 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Crane (13) Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Pohanka. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Reps. Dygert, Mickelsen, Bingham, Church, Haws. Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33193: **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 33193**. This proposed legislation seeks to return the March primary for presidential elections. Bringing back the primary is the best way to ensure Idaho voters have the best opportunity to practice their right to vote on the national level.

MOTION: **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 33193**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mickelsen** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33193** with changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Substitute motion failed by vote of 1 AYE to 13 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Rep. Mickelsen. Voting in opposition** of the motion: **Chairman Crane, Reps. Scott, Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka, Bingham, Church, Haws.**

MOTION: **Original motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Teresa Wonacott
Secretary