

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 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 33512:** **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 33512**. This proposed legislation amends Idaho Code 25-2601 to specifically include rats as pests for which county commissioners may take appropriate actions to control. The amendment also better organizes the code formatting of the pests list.

A committee member asked why feral cats were not added to the proposed legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 33512**.

A committee member asked why wolves were not included in the proposed legislation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33512** with the following changes: page 1 line 21 after "coyote," add "including wolves".

A committee member debated against the substitute motion by stating any predatory animals on page 1 line 21 would include wolves and did not want to interfere with any current wolf management clauses. Another committee member commented on the power of the County Commissioners and the County Commissioners providing funding for wolves.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Church** made an amended substitute motion to introduce **RS 33512** with the following changes: page 1 line 21 after "animal" strike the comma, strike "including coyote", and strike the following comma after "coyote".

Committee members commented on technical changes on the substitute motion, to remove and update language considering any predatory animals, it being helpful not to list specific animals, listing of any rodents, and the seriousness of the current rat problem, and to only focus on the rat problem.

**Chairman Crane (13)** put the committee at ease at 9:11 A.M. **Chairman Crane (13)** called the meeting back to order at 9:15 A.M.

**Rep. Skaug** commented that he was **in support** of the amended substitute motion.

**VOTE ON  
AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

**Amended substitute motion carried by voice vote.**

- HCR 27:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **HCR 27**. This resolution 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 to send **HCR 27** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 29:** **Rep. Hill** presented **HCR 29**. This resolution will recognize the Muslim Brotherhood and the Council on American Islamic Relations as terrorist organizations that are hostile to the people and institutions of the State Of Idaho. The objective for the Legislature is to acknowledge the status of these organizations as transnational terrorist organizations when considering future legislation, including purchasing or acquiring land in the State of Idaho.
- A committee member had a comment and a question regarding the Muslim Brotherhood and the American Islamic Relations not being listed as a terror organization and how this resolution correlates with the federal government.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HCR 29** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Committee members had comments regarding the full scope history components not being fully understood, not being comfortable to make a resolution for the entire state without understanding the issues, and the U.S. on a federal level has done significant work to protect the American people from the impacts of certain sectors of the Muslim Brotherhood.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Haws** and **Rep. Church** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Hill** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 575:** **Rep. Scott** presented **H 575**. This bill creates a new duty for the State Controller to store, maintain, and publish a current list of asset forfeitures. This information is already being documented by law enforcement; therefore, now state and local law enforcement agencies will include the state controller's office when reporting their information to the local prosecutors.
- Committee members asked questions regarding General Orders and when the amendments would be completed, asset forfeitures only related to law enforcement and not asset forfeitures related to treasures becoming public administrators on different cases, and costs around the fiscal note by adding regulations for local sheriff offices and publishing for the State Controller.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to send **H 575** to **General Orders**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary