

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 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 (Woller)

**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.

**Vice Chair Scott** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday February 26, 2026 and Friday February 27, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33605:** **Rep. Crane (12)** presented **RS 33605**. The proposed amendment recognizes that the State of Idaho has more latitude to select the content of educational materials in public schools and libraries than in private schools. In public schools and public libraries, the State of Idaho is exercising its own First Amendment Rights through its selection of curriculum and library materials.

A committee member had questions regarding new language around the phrase, "sexually explicit and taken as a whole" and who determines "as a whole" what is sexually explicit.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Holtzclaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 33605**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**HJM 17:** **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **HJM 17**. This memorial expresses the Idaho Legislature's commitment to restoring the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, urging the Supreme Court to reconsider the Obergefell v. Hodges decision and return authority over marriage laws to the states and their citizens.

A committee member asked questions in regards to same sex adults in contracts through marriage, consequences of Idahoan's and their contractual benefits, state violations of privilege and immunities, and removing the word marriage from the U.S. Constitution.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 674** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to re-litigation of a Supreme Court decision, intent, balance of personal beliefs, finding ways to live together in peace, fiscal note, the Supreme Court opening prior cases, and observing licenses issued by other states. Another committee member asked about the improper decision of two justices who performed same sex marriages, and the definition of marriage to be determined by the states or by a federal decision.

**Edward Clark**, Idaho Family Policy Center; spoke **in support** of **HJM 17**.

**Rep. Wisniewski** spoke on traditional marriage and the insults to the institution of marriage.

Committee members had comments and questions in regards to the Constitution recognizing certification of licenses and privileges from state to state under federal law, returning power to the states, the Pledge of Allegiance, rights of freedom, non-discrimination, and the reversals of Obergefell v. Hodges, Brown v. Board of Education, and Roe v. Wade. Other committee members made comments on the reversals of bad decisions, tainted decision from bias Justices, allowing states to make a decision on what is best for their own people, and the risks of states to acknowledge other relationships and definitions of marriage.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Vice Chair Scott** requested for a roll call. **Motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 4 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Crane (13), Vice Chair Scott, Reps. Palmer, Holtzclaw, Skaug, Alfieri, Crane (12), Boyle, Dygert, Pohanka. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Mickelsen, Bingham, Church, Woller. Rep. Wisniewski** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 674:** **Rep. Vander Woude** presented **H 674**. This legislation updates Idaho law governing the discontinuance of telephone service by clarifying when the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will recognize and rely on Federal Communications Commission authorization for service withdrawal, reducing duplicative regulatory processes. It modernizes state requirements to provide greater regulatory clarity and efficiency for providers while preserving existing protections for affected customers and communities.

**Taylor Thomas**, Administrator for Idaho Public Utilities Commission; **remain neutral** and has not taken a position of **H 674**.

**Robert Thoms**, Lumen Technologies; spoke **in opposition** of **H 674**.

A committee member asked a question in regards to building confidence and increasing investments.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to send **H 674** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Vice Chair Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Vander Woude** 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.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Liaza Richardson  
Secretary