



House of Representatives State of Idaho

March 12, 2026

Speaker of the House Mike Moyle
Majority Leader Jason Monks
Assistant Majority Leader Douglas Pickett
House Republican Caucus Jaron Crane
Judiciary, Rules & Administration Chairman Bruce Skaug

Gentlemen,

In light of the March 9, 2026 hearing on H822 in Monday's Judiciary, Rules & Administration committee hearing, the Minority Report, and the March 11 Idaho House Republican press release, I want to add my voice as a participant in the events. In addition to adding my observations, I offer some data for the record should it be necessary in the future.

With Chairman Skaug presenting his bill, H822, the second on the docket, it was my responsibility as Vice-Chairman to run the hearing. With 28 people signed up to testify on H822, two other bills to hear, and an absolute stop at three o'clock due to the floor session, we were under severe time constraints. My intent was to keep this part of the hearing to 45 minutes, which would leave one-half hour for the third bill and time to get to the House floor. I announced at the beginning that we had limited time because of the floor session, that there were many people signed up to testify, and that I would do my best to get to as many as possible but that it was unlikely everyone would get a chance. We then proceeded to Chairman Skaug's presentation, questions and virtual and in-person testimony. I made it a point to alternate the testimony both for and against, and gave minority questioning ample time. With my eye on the clock, I moved to a roll call vote as soon as motions were made, first covering the substitute motion which failed and then the one that sent the bill to the floor.

Despite the several disruptions at the end of the hearing, I was satisfied that the hearing was fair to all. However, to ensure that my impression was accurate, I decided that further analysis was in order. I downloaded the video from the House archives, and set to work. The attached chart provides the details, but in summary:

- Total Committee Time: 80 minutes, 36 seconds
- H822 Hearing Time: 49 minutes, 51 Seconds
- Testimony: 4 in Favor, 3 Opposed
- Minority time: 26 Minutes, 33 seconds
- Majority time: 23 Minutes, 18 seconds

While there was more testimony for the bill than against, the minority opinion had more total time for questions and answers. Given this, I am satisfied that the hearing was conducted properly.

Sincerely,

House Judiciary & Rules Committee Mar. 9, 2026

Hearing on H822

Timeline of events

Time	Representative	Subject	Testimony	For	Against	Time (in Seconds)	
						For	Against
:38	Alfieri	Opening Remarks					
7:30	Skaug	Introduction of Bill				450	
3:09	Mathias	Q&A					189
4:40	Rubel	Q&A, 2 follow ups					280
:15	Alfieri	Ask committee to hold Q&A to allow testimony					
:23	Ehardt	Response to Rubel				23	
:30	Alfieri	Move to testimony					
2:00	Erin Friday	Testimony	V	For		120	
:16	Mathias	Point of order					16
2:00	Nixson Matthews	Testimony	I		Against		120
:31	Mathias	Q&A					31
2:00	Kristina Hardy	Testimony	I	For		120	
2:00	Melissa Webb	Testimony	I		Against		120
3:06	Hostetler	Q&A, 3 follow ups				186	
2:00	Matt Sharp	Testimony	V	For		120	
1:30	Ehardt	Q&A				90	
2:42	Gannon	Q&A, follow up					162
1:06	Mathias	Q&A, comment					66
2:00	Sarah LaWall	Testimony	I		Against		120
2:00	Edward Clark	Testimony	I	For		120	
1:33	Skaug	Wrap up				93	
2:21	Gannon	Q& A, Comments					141
2:20	Mathias	Q&A , 1 follow up					140
:32	Hostetler	Motion				32	
2:25	Rubel	Q&A, 3 follow ups					145
:37	Hill	Comment				37	
:15	Alfieri	Move to Vote					
:15	N/A	Disruption					
:15	N/A	2nd Disruption					
:40	Alfieri	At ease					
:50	Rubel	Substitute Motion					50
:45		Vote on Substitute Motion					
:30		Vote on first motion					
:10		3rd disruption					
						1391	1580
Totals						23:18	26.33
							49.51