

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 13, 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:** Representatives Palmer, Crane (12), Mickelsen

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 Tuesday March 10, 2026 and Wednesday March 11, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Crane (13)** made a unanimous consent request to move **H 872** to the front of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 872: **Rep. Tanner (13)** presented **H 872**. This bill is a slight modification to Idaho code 34-906 concerning general elections. This bill will allow the constitutional amendment or issue being considered to begin on the same page or on the back of the same page as the rest of the ballot.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 872** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee members had comments and questions regarding constitutional amendments being broken up and the voter missing the content, discussions with the County Clerk or Secretary of State, saving paper as the reason for the bill, the Secretary of State and the County Clerk in favor of the bill, ballot fatigue, cost savings of \$110,000 dollars, adding additional wording for an amendment to the Constitution for ballot separation, and the Secretary of State's discretion to make suggestions to counties. Other members of the committee had comments and questions in regards to different groups of people that like different styles of ballots, rural ballots, the approval of the Secretary of State and clerks to make the right decisions, the Secretary of State and individual counties discretion upon the approval of ballots.

Chairman Crane (13) stated to the committee he would talk to the Secretary of State for oversight.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion is carried by voice vote. Rep. Tanner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33694: **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 33694** which honors Idaho's athletes who represented the United States of America in the 2026 Winter Olympics.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to introduce **RS 33694**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Bingham** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33694** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Bingham made a unanimous consent to withdraw her motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by voice vote.

RS 33224:

Rep. Harris presented **RS 33224**. This proposed legislation seeks to help counties fill a vacated county commissioner position and to change the list of nominees from the current three nominations to one, two, or three nominations depending on the population of the county. This will help the smallest counties in selecting the best replacement.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 33224**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33175:

Rep. Scott presented **RS 33175**. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to make Codifier and technical corrections to the Idaho Code. It is merely to “cleanup” legislation, intended to provide clarity to readers of the Idaho Code.

MOTION:

Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 33175** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 33699:

Rep. McCann presented **RS 33699**. This proposed legislation amends Idaho Code Section 74-203, to revise provisions regarding requirements for open public meetings. It adds a section to current law that no person attending the open meeting shall be prevented or prohibited from recording such meetings by audio, video, photographs by electronic, digital or other means.

A committee member asked a question in regards to mental health commitments.

MOTION:

Rep. Haws made a motion to introduce **RS 33699** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

A committee member had concerns regarding manipulated video and voice devices, protection against modifying videos, ensuring public meeting spaces are free and open to the public, cities and counties adding more video documentation, and orderly conduct of meetings.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Scott made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 33699**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33618:

Rep. Crane (12) was not able to present **RS 33618** which would prohibit the purchase of single family homes in the State of Idaho by foreign persons.

MOTION:

Rep. Church made a motion to **HOLD RS 33618**, subject to call of the Chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Liaza Richardson
Secretary