MINUTES

HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, March 23, 2026
TIME:	1:00 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW40
MEMBERS:	Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Manwaring, Raybould, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner(14), Miller, Dygert, Petzke, Sauter, Healey, Galaviz, Church
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Representative(s) Vander Woude, Manwaring, Tanner(14), Healey
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 Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

HJM 21: **Rep. Furniss** (D31) presented **HJM 21** saying this legislation proclaims the Legislature's support of the American Tungsten's IMA Mine Project located in Lemhi County. If permitted the IMA Mine will be the only tungsten steel mine in the United States and he spoke about the uses of this critical mineral.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **HJM 21** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1348aa: **Senator Okuniewicz** (D3) presented **S 1348aa** saying this legislation allows the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game to lease a specific plot of land currently occupied by the Coeur d'Alene Skeet and Trap Club, until such a time where they can be relocated within Farragut State Park, and expanded.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1348aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 123: **Rep. Raymond** (D31) presented **SCR 123** saying 2026 is an international celebration of rangeland and pastoralists. This legislation supports the Governor's issuance of a proclamation in recognition and emphasizes the historical impact cattle and sheep managers have had on Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **SCR 123** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Gretchen Hyde representing the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission and **Morgan Lutgen** representing the Idaho Cattle Association spoke **in support** of **SCR 123**.

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

SJM 115: **Rep. Nelsen** (D26) presented **SJM 115** explaining this memorial urges the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to curtail or allow curtailment of the pelican population within Idaho. Pelicans, being added to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1913, have had remarkable population growth, to the extent of overpopulation, and are eating significant portions of the fish planted by Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to send **SJM 115** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Nelsen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Andrea Blades
Secretary