

MINUTES  
**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 04, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wintrow, Gannon, Rubel

**GUESTS:** Mike Brassey, Union Pacific Railroad; Jim Pline, Retired  
**Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 2:53 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Addis** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 208:** **Mike Brassey**, presented **H 208**. This legislation relates to the requirements for traffic control devices at railroad crossings. The bill repeals the existing statutory requirement for the state and local jurisdictions to place and maintain stop signs at all at-grade railroad crossings. The effect of the legislation is to allow state and local jurisdictions to erect stop signs only where they are actually needed and to require railroads to install yield signs at crossings where there are no stop signs.  
**Rep. Youngblood** declared **Rule 38**, stating he is a highway district commissioner.  
**Jim Pline**, spoke **in support** of the bill. He said he has been a consultant and expert witness. He was on a national committee where he helped develop standards in the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The manual and industry practice reflect recommendations for railroad crossing signs. This bill will put Idaho in step with the rest of the nation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 208** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Joyce McKenzie  
Secretary