

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 14, 2020
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- 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 (Burns), Rubel
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Monks
- GUESTS:** Matthew Conde, Mike Kane, AAA; Nick Veldhouse, Assn. of Highway Districts; Marv Hagedorn, IDVS; Francoise Cleveland, AARP-Idaho
- Chairman Palmer** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Chairman Palmer** welcomed **Rep. Burns** who is substituting for **Rep. Davis**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Palmer** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd**.
- H 309:** **Rep. Palmer** presented **H 309**. He stated this bill creates a source of transportation funding for State and local roads while saving additional moneys for times of State revenue shortfalls or major disasters. **Rep. Palmer** deferred to **Keith Bybee**, Deputy Division Manager for the Budget and Policy Division of the Legislative Services Office to answer committee questions relative to how the funding will be managed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **H 309** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 27331:** **Rep. Palmer** presented **RS 27331**, legislation increasing the distribution to the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation program from 1% of sales tax collections to 2% of sales tax collections. In answer to committee questions, he said we need to invest in our infrastructure and \$150 million dollars comes in from sales tax on new cars alone.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to introduce **RS 27331**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 27215:** **Marv Hagadorn**, Chief Administrator for the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, presented **RS 27215**. He said this legislation seeks to eliminate obsolete and unnecessary restrictions and changes the definition of veteran.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Syme** made a motion to introduce **RS 27215**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27281: **Rep. Goesling** presented **RS 27281**. This legislation relates to veterans and changes a title heading to reflect a broader range of individuals.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to introduce **RS 27281**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Representative Shepherd
Vice Chairman

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary