

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Crane

**GUESTS:** Hollie Lawrence, LSO

**Vice Chairman Armstrong** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27447:** **Rep. Moon** said **RS 27447** limits names submitted to the governor to fill vacancies in the legislature to one name.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 27447**.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Moon** said **RS 27447** allows local committees to submit the best candidate to the governor.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27477:** **Rep. Ricks** said **RS 27477** removes an emergency clause included in a previous bill. **RS 27477** applies the same party affiliation rules of the primary system to presidential primaries. **RS 27477** will not impact the presidential primary this year, but would go into effect this summer.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 27477**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Armstrong** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Harris**.

**HCR 28:** **Rep. Ellis** said **HCR 28** establishes a day of recognition for religious freedom and introduced **Sen. Burgoyne** as his cosponsor. **Sen. Burgoyne** said **HCR 28** is based on the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, the United States Constitution and Idaho statutes.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Ellis** said **HCR 28** reflects the values of the US Constitution. Sen. Burgoyne said he does not believe the language is too broad and said it is consistent with the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom. Sen. Burgoyne said the freedom from religion can be found in the First Amendment of the US Constitution. Sen. Burgoyne emphasized the importance of respecting everyone's beliefs, disagreeing honestly, speaking civilly and respecting one another. Religious discrimination is already covered under statute. Rep. Ellis said while his intent was only to appreciate the US Constitution, he believes the discussions this resolution has led to are positive.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to send **HCR 28** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Barbieri** made a substitute motion to **HOLD HCR 28** in committee.

During discussion on the substitute motion, committee members said they believe the resolution does more than designate a day for religious freedom and were concerned that courts may take **HCR 28** to the extreme. Members also said **HCR 28** was redundant because there is already an annual Presidential Proclamation.

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 358:** **Rep. Zito** said **H 358** would abolish Daylight Savings Time and cited physical health, safety and mental health concerns as well as impact on interactions with countries that do not participate in the time change. Rep. Zito said any other actions regarding changing time zones require federal approval.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Zito** said northern Idaho, which follows Pacific Standard Time, can apply to change time zones, but Daylight Savings Time would be abolished in the whole state.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 358** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During discussion on the motion, committee members shared concerns about the implementation and effects of **H 358**. Members also emphasized that while abolishing Daylight Savings Time affects regional interactions, the state legislature represents and is accountable to the people of Idaho first.

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

**Chairman Harris** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Armstrong**.

**S 1233:** **Rep. Harris** said **S 1233** allows candidates or political committees to file campaign finance reports if their secretary or treasurer is not available.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **S 1233** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Harris** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Devon Powers  
Secretary