

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Packer, Youngblood, McDonald, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, King, Wintrow, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Nick Veldhouse, IAHD, Tim Horn, ISP, Chris Williams, ISP, Shelley Wilcox, Erik Lund, Boise Southwest Rotary, Michael Markley, Boise Southwest Rotary, Ryan Jones, Boise Police, Steve Cox, Boise Southwest Rotary

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

HJM 12: **Rep. Monks** presented **HJM 12**. **Rep. Monks** stated that the purpose of this memorial is to encourage the United States Congress to review and revise regulations requiring commercial driver's licenses for operators of pickup trucks towing trailers with a gross vehicle weight of more than 26,001 pounds.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **HJM 12** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 543: **Rep. Erpelding** presented **H 543**. **Rep. Erpelding** stated this bill updates the safety restraint (seat belt) requirements for mail carriers, to ensure they are compliant with all vehicle regulations and safety practices of the United States Postal Service. This legislation specifically requires the occupant(s) of such vehicles to have a safety restraint properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the vehicle is in motion. This applies to mail carriers who operate vehicles that are privately owned, as well as to those owned by the U.S. Postal Service.

MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 543** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Erpelding** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 388: **Corporal Ryan Jones, Boise Police Department**, presented **H 388**. **Corporal Jones** stated this legislation clarifies what a driver should do when an emergency vehicle approaches. Upon immediate approach of an authorized emergency or police vehicle using an audible and/or visible signal, the driver of every other vehicle must yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the nearest edge or curb on the right side of the highway and clear of any intersection and stop. Those drivers must remain in that position until the authorized emergency or police vehicle has passed. **Corporal Jones** stated that this also applies to vehicles that are driving in the opposite direction.

MOTION: **Rep. Monks** made a motion to send **H 388** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Chairman Palmer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 507:

Rep. McDonald presented **H 507**. Rep. McDonald stated that this legislation provides for an Idaho Rotary International Specialty License Plate. These Rotary license plates will be available for purchase by Idaho drivers, and the proceeds will go to other clubs statewide and to nineteen different organizations to improve communities in Idaho.

Eric Lund, President, Boise Southwest Rotary Club, testified in support of **H 507**. He stated that the Boise Southwest Rotary Club (BSRC) provides humanitarian service and helps build goodwill and peace. Mr. Lund also stated the BSRC has been a part of the community since 1917. Currently, there are 50 clubs and 2,000 members in Idaho. Mr. Lund stated the purpose of the BSRC is to put service above self. He also stated that fifteen other states currently have Rotary license plates. Mr. Lund further stated that these license plates will be available for purchase, the proceeds of which will be distributed as follows: one-third will go to the Boise Southwest Rotary Club, one-third to the Rotary International Foundation, and one-third to fund various community projects in Idaho.

Michael Markley, Boise Southwest Rotary Club, testified in support of **H 507**. Mr. Markley stated that the purpose of the Boise Southwest Rotary Club (BSRC) is to build understanding and connectivity. Last year the BSRC provided the opportunity for 75 students to attend a leadership academy. In that same year, the BSRC sent between fifteen and twenty students to other countries as exchange students. Mr. Markley further stated that if every seventeen year old would be an exchange student, there would be no more war.

Steve Cox, former President of the Boise Rotary Club, also testified in support of **H 507**. Mr. Cox stated that the Rotary Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and the income generated goes through the nonprofit organization.

ORIGINAL MOTION:

Rep. Wintrow made a motion to send **H 507** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Gannon made a substitute motion to send **H 507** to General Orders.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Palmer stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and asked for a show of hands. **By a show of hands, the substitute motion carried. Rep. McDonald** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Kimberly Lowder
Secretary