IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 41 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING PAIRING ON ROLL CALL.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives deems it necessary and desirable that Rule 41 of the Rules of the House of Representatives be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, that Rule 41 of the Rules of the House of Representatives shall be amended to read as follows:

RULE 41

Pairing on Roll Call. -- (1) Pairing - Pairing shall be permitted upon the absence of one, both, or all pairing members for good cause shown, shall be in writing, shall specifically state the bill or bills, or proposition, upon which pairs are arranged, and shall be announced by the Clerk, after the completion of the roll call, from a written list furnished to the Clerk. The pairs shall be recorded in the total vote and published in the Journal as a part of the proceedings; provided, pairs shall be broken if both members of the pair answer, or any member pairing, answers a roll call, regardless of whether pairs are for one or more bills. If only one of a pair be absent, none of the others shall debate or vote on the roll call for any measure as to which the member has paired or if the member should vote on the roll call, this vote shall not be counted therein, but shall be counted as paired signed by all parties involved in the pair.

- (2) Who may pair Two members may pair upon a roll call vote to be determined by a simple majority. On any question bill or proposition requiring a vote of two-thirds majority of the entire membership for adoption by roll call, a pair shall require three members, two affirmative and one negative. Pairs shall not be permitted on a veto override.
- (3) Voting or debate while paired If only one of a pair be absent, none of the others shall debate, ask or reply to inquiries or vote on the roll call for any measure.
- (4) Broken pairs Pairs shall be broken if all members of the pair are present in their seats or any member pairing debates, asks, or replies to inquiries or answers a roll call for the paired bill or proposition.
- (5) Announcing and recording pairs Each pair slip must be in the possession of the Chief Clerk before voting on any measure has begun. Each pair shall be announced by the Chief Clerk, after the completion of the roll call, from the completed pair slip furnished to the Chief Clerk. The pairs shall be recorded in the total vote and published in the Journal as a part of the proceedings.