

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 08, 2019

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(18)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Barbieri, Rep. Monks

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filled with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOTION: **Rep. Green** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to postpone the hearing of **HJR 2** to time certain, February 13th, 2019. **In support** of the motion, **Rep. Smith** stated the public hasn't had adequate time to prepare or travel for the hearing. **In opposition** to the motion, **Rep. Palmer** explained all committee processes had been followed.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion failed by voice vote. Reps. Smith, Gannon, and Green(18)** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 26771: **Rep. Zito** presented **RS 26771**, legislation relating to Daylight Saving Time exemption. The southern part of the state would stay on Standard Time year-round, while the Northern part, which is in the Pacific Time Zone, would still observe Daylight Saving Time.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 26771. Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Harris turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Armstrong**.

HJR 2: **Rep. Harris** presented **HJR 2**, legislation proposing a seventh member to the Commission for Reapportionment. The seventh member would be voted on by five of the Elected Officials of the Executive Branch. The purpose of the seventh member is to avoid deadlocks and court involvement.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. Harris** answered there will be time to debate the bill and the voters will be able to have a say if it goes to ballot.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **HJR 2** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking **in support**, **Russ Hendricks**, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, testified the families of the farm bureau have adopted a policy that support the resolution because they are concerned about the current redistricting process.

Those speaking **in opposition** were **Lori Burelle, Cay Marquart, Karen Lansing, Mary Ruckett, Rialin Flores, CVI, Nicole Lefavour, Yvonne Sandmire, Stephanie Hanson, Michael Brown, and Nancy Harris**. They were of the opinion that the legislation would cause a partisan redistricting process and gerrymandering.

Rep. Crane asked that the record reflect that **Chairman Harris** followed the proper posting guidelines for a hearing on **HJR 2**.

Reps. Smith, Gannon, and Green(18) abstained from voting on the motion, citing concerns about the timing of the bill hearing and the ability of the public to participate. They left the meeting before the vote occurred.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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 adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Representative Armstrong
Chair

Julia Grief
Secretary