

MINUTES  
**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
**TIME:** 12:00 pm or upon lunch recess  
**PLACE:** Room EW05  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Anderst, Representative(s) Moyle, Crane, Vander Woude, Erpelding, Rubel, Smith  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle  
**GUESTS:** None  
**Chairman Anderst** called the meeting to order at 11:35 p.m.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 13, 2018 and March 15, 2018. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**RS 26418:** **Emma Schwarze**, Veritas Advisors, explained the purpose of this resolution is to recognize Idaho's potential to be a worldwide leader in the advanced reactor industry. The resolution encourages further research and development efforts to further improve nuclear energy technology, security, and safety.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to introduce **RS 26418**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**RS 26419:** **Rep. Boyle** explained current statute holds that an agency of the federal government cannot obtain water rights unless it actually owns livestock and puts the water to beneficial use. Prior to the Idaho Supreme Court's 2007 decision in Joyce Livestock, thousands of stockwater rights were decreed to or permitted in the name of federal agencies. This legislation will require the Idaho Department of Water Resources to issue a show cause letter to the federal agencies subject to approval of the Governor.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane** made a motion to introduce **RS 26419** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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Representative Anderst  
Chair

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Karen Westen  
Secretary