

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 08, 2019
TIME: UPON ADJOURNMENT
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Andrus, Raymond, Erpelding

GUESTS: Jeremy Chou, Givens Pursley; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Jonathan Parker, PPA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

RS 26563: **Rep. Troy**, said the Current Resolution recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the outstanding service that employees past and present have provided to the agriculture industries across Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 26563** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 26785: **Jeremy Chou**, Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative, stated this legislation creates a time period for a potato processing producer association and potato processor to negotiate, in good faith, an agreement for the purchase and sale of raw potatoes for processing. He explained, if a processor and potato processing producer association fails to reach an agreement within the specified time period, then members of a potato processing producer may negotiate individually with potato processors.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to introduce **RS 26785.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 26528C1: **Rep. Troy**, stated the game changer in bringing this bill forward was the 2018 Farm Bill signed into law by **President Trump** making it legal to raise and process hemp in the United States. She stated the bill is fairly simple, requesting the Department of Agriculture to submit a plan to the USDA allowing for hemp to be grown in Idaho.

Rep. Moon, explained the needed changes to Idaho Code, Title 37 in defining and exempting hemp.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to introduce **RS 26528C1.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary