

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brackett, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Winder, Den Hartog, Lodge, Burtenshaw, Rohn(Buckner-Webb), and Nelson

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Rice

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: With a quorum present, **Chairman Brackett** convened the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) at 1:33 p.m. He welcomed Senator Troy Rohn to the Committee, who was substituting for Senator Buckner-Webb.

FORMER PAGE RECOGNITION: **Chairman Brackett** said that the Committee would first be looking to the past for page recognition and asked them to review the flyer in their packets from an article in the Owyhee Avalanche dated January 29, 2020. Fifty years ago on that day, Roy Eiguren, a well known Boise attorney and lobbyist, was the student body president of Homedale High School and was heading to Boise to be a Senate page. **Chairman Brackett** presented Mr. Eiguren with a laminated copy of the article, and asked him if he had comments.

DISCUSSION: **Mr. Eiguren** said that 1970 was the first year the Idaho Legislature met annually. He said things moved quickly, and they even held Saturday committee meetings. In the evenings, the pages were responsible for sweeping up the committee hearing rooms. He said becoming a page, both then and now, is the best opportunity for a high school student, and from it he developed his interest in government. It is his real pleasure to serve the State of Idaho. He thanked the Chairman for the article.

PAGE RECOGNITION: **Chairman Brackett** introduced the Committee's current page, Spencer Payne of Eagle, Idaho. **Chairman Brackett** shared an experience where Mr. Payne successfully helped him with a technological problem that others were unable to fix. Following that incident, **Chairman Brackett** said he was impressed with Mr. Payne's skills ever since. He then presented Mr. Payne with letters and thank you gifts from the Committee, and asked him to share his impressions from his experiences as a page.

Mr. Payne said he, too, was very grateful for the opportunity. Prior to becoming a page, he did not know how the Senate worked, especially the committee system. He just had never learned that in any of his civics classes. **Mr. Payne** enjoyed meeting the other pages serving in both the House and the Senate, and learning about the various regions of Idaho where they live. He has really learned a lot and enjoyed his experience.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Winder** asked what he saw as the next chapter in his life. **Mr. Payne** said he was hoping to get into Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, from which he anticipates getting a letter within the next few weeks. He wants to study microbiology and minor in chemistry. In his second year, he wants to go on a mission for his church.

Chairman Brackett commented that those who work the hardest become the best.

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APPROVAL:**

Vice Chairman Crabtree moved to approve the Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2020. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

CONVENED:

With no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Brackett** adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Senator Brackett
Chair

Gaye Bennett
Secretary