

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 02, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman DeMordaunt, Representatives Gestrin, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Manwaring, Mitchell, Okuniewicz, Shepherd, Gannon, Rubel, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Kelley Packer, AIC; Carson Tester, Westerberg and Assoc; Charles Abe Abramson, Idaho American Legion

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021, and February 24, 2021, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 162: **Rep. Troy** presented **H 162**. This bill provides for the naming of State Highway 6 near Potlatch, Idaho, in honor of **Robert "Bobby" Chambers**, a Vietnam War hero who earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart on the same day he lost his life in service to his country.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 162** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SJM 101: **Rep. Giddings** presented **SJM 101**. The purpose of this Senate Joint Memorial is to request the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, when the recipient passes away. A state funeral would provide Idaho and the nation an opportunity to honor 16 million men and women who served in our armed forces from 1941 to 1945.

Abe Abrahamson, State Adjutant for the American Legion, spoke **in support** of the Memorial. He stated there has never been a state funeral for an enlisted person. There are only two Medal of Honor recipients still living.

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **SJM 101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 164: **Chairman Palmer** returned **H 164** to the committee for consideration. The bill was held for time certain from the meeting of Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Rep. Gestrin presented **H 164**, legislation to eliminate the option now in law for local jurisdictions to limit or prohibit the use of off-highway vehicles on public roads. **Rep. Gestrin** expressed his desire for the bill to be sent to General Orders.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to send **H 164** to **General Orders**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 164** in committee.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Chairman Palmer** called for a vote on the substitute motion to **HOLD H 164** in committee. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Chairman Palmer called for a vote on the original motion to send **H 164** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary