MINUTES HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 08, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

- **MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
- ABSENT/ Representative(s) Gannon, Scott

EXCUSED:

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; after the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

- MOTION: Rep. Mathias made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022, meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H 707: Rep. Andrus presented H 707 which revises provisions regarding voter registration.

Jason Hancock, Deputy Secretary of State testified **in support** of the bill. Along with his testimony he provided information regarding the bill. This legislation would remove the option for a county clerk to send verification of electronic voter registration by email, and instead requires that it be sent by non-forwardable first class mail. This bill also clarifies that a legal name and address would need to match what is on a driver's license, and Social Security is a requirement, and exempts voter phone numbers and email addresses from public records.

- MOTION: Rep. Holtzclaw made a motion to send H 707 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote.
- HCR 41: Rep. Skaug presented HCR 41 which condemns the conduct of the Russian government in its actions against the country of Ukraine. Rep. Andrus will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Delbert Chapel testified **in opposition** of the resolution. He stated he is unsure what is really happening in the Ukraine because of what social media is putting out into the world.

Irina Stenersen testified **in support** of the resolution. Her family is still in Ukraine and she testified regarding the destruction Ukraine is undergoing due to the effects of the invasion by Russia. She pleaded for this bill to pass in order to bring some reconciliation.

- MOTION: Rep. Andrus made a motion to send HCR 41 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Skaug will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- **ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Representative Crane Chair Haley Villa Secretary