

MINUTES  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 21, 2022

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Winder, Anthon, Harris, Lee, Heider, Stennett, and Burgoyne

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**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:** **Chairman Lodge** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:03 am.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Kevin Settles to the Commission on Human Rights to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Senator Guthrie** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Hyrum Erickson to the Commission on Human Rights to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Paul Jagosh to the Commission on Human Rights to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Senator Stennett** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Evelyn Johnson to the Commission on Human Rights to the floor with recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT:** **Chairman Lodge** placed a call to Daniel Cravens, Gubernatorial candidate for reappointment to the Commission on Human Rights, and asked him to tell the Committee why he would like to serve on the Commission. **Mr. Cravens** replied that his background was assistive technology. The approach to service was designed to assist individuals with disabilities with their daily activities of daily living. Also, **Mr. Cravens** said his program at Idaho State University (ISU) was a business consulting program to assist entrepreneurs helping in the technology industry. Mr. Cravens is a Clinical Professor of Management at ISU and has a Doctorate in Distress. **Mr. Cravens** indicated that he feels strongly about providing equal access to individuals with disabilities.

**Chairman Lodge** thanked Mr. Cravens for his desire to serve on the Commission and said voting would take place at the next meeting. It was suggested that voting be held today as the Legislature was in its last few days. **Chairman Lodge** agreed and said it would move the process along.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Senator Winder** moved to send the Gubernatorial reappointment of Daniel Cravens to the Commission on Human Rights to the floor with recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**RS 29862** **Fee Rules.** **Senator Guthrie** presented **RS 29862** and said this RS is a Concurrent Resolution for the three fee rules that were heard this year. There were no questions from the Committee.

**MOTION:** **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 29862** to print, then to the 10th Order. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.  
**Chairman Lodge** reordered the bills, due to the absence of a sponsor.

**H 671** **Relating to School Trustee Recall Elections.** **Representative Ehardt**, sponsor of this legislation, said the purpose of **H 671** was because school districts' recalls could be disruptive to their communities. **Representative DeMordaunt**, co-sponsor of the bill, suggested that if a recall was within 120 days of an election, no appointment should be made. Let the voters decide. If the recall was more than 120 days of an election, appointments should only be until the next election.  
**Representative DeMordaunt** said the majority of trustees were appointed while filling a vacancy of a residency that was under recall. This created discord in the community. It doesn't necessarily just happen in large school districts, it had affected smaller ones too.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Stennett** inquired if a quorum was not maintained, what would happen. She commented that 120 days was too long for a vacancy, a tie would stall the board from doing business. **Representative DeMordaunt** said the county commissioners would make the temporary appointments and they would be only until the next election. School board elections are held every four months - March, May, August, and November.  
**Senator Burgoyne** said the bill doesn't make anything better, just changes the advantages and disadvantages and doesn't think there is a political problem, but a social problem. **Senator Burgoyne** stated he was disappointed when trustees run into flak and they resign.  
Discussion ensued regarding County Commissioners filling vacancies, public bullying, and making sure local school boards don't cede their authority to another entity. One hundred twenty days are too long for a vacancy, a tie would stall the board from doing business.

**MOTION:** **Senator Winder** moved to send **H 671** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion failed by **voice vote**.

**HCR 35** **Louise Miller McClure – Concurrent Resolution.** **Representative Caroline Troy** presented **HCR 35**, a Concurrent Resolution honoring Louise Miller McClure. **Representative Troy** said Louise was an Idaho icon and a treasure. She attended the University of Idaho, studying music and education, and that was where she met her husband, Jim McClure. Louise was an equal partner to Jim and she had her own set of values and opinions, working diligently by his side as he moved up the political ladder. **Representative Troy** asked that Idaho recognize Louise's contributions to the arts, to the culture, and to the fabric of Idaho over her lifetime on March 30th, which was her birthday.  
Accolades were given by **Senator Winder**, **Senators Burgoyne**, **Lee**, and **Chairman Lodge**.

**MOTION:** **Senator Lee** moved to send **HCR 35** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m. and announced that further meetings are subject to call of the Chair.

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Senator Lodge  
Chair

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Twyla Melton  
Secretary

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Juanita Budell  
Majority Staff Assistant