

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane (Crane)(12), Gannon, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Crane (12)

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

Chairman Crane (13) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Rep. Gannon took a personal privilege to correct a statement made in the Friday March 1, 2024 meeting in which he cited a US Senate bill which did not include immigration reform.

H 660: **Rep. Gannon** presented **H 660** explaining this legislation requires 30 day notice when an institute of the state wants to enter into a transaction of over 25 million dollars with five listed exceptions. There is a new draft coming which specifies which news outlets must be given notice.

Rep. Allgood continued the presentation asking the committee to hold **H 660**.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD H 660 in committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31558: **Rep. Allgood** presented **RS 31558** explaining this proposed legislation is the same 30 day notice requirement with the added information the notice must be shared with Legislative Service's Capitol Correspondents List.

MOTION: **Rep. Young** made a motion to introduce **RS 31558** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Allgood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HJR 3: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **HJR 3** explaining there was a flaw found in this bill and a new draft is coming. He asked the committee to hold the bill.

Norma Staaf, League of Women Voters, testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** stating changing the Constitution should not be taking lightly and should only be done to give more freedoms and choices, not lessen them.

Karen M Hansen testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** saying rank choice voting better reflects Idaho voters' voices. Passing this legislation would be in direct conflict with election reform initiative in progress.

Clarice McKenney testified **in opposition** to **HJR 3** stating gathering signatures is a lot of work, but people of every party are excited about rank choice voting and the ability to vote for candidates not parties.

MOTION: **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to **HOLD HJR 3 in committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31555: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 31555** explaining changing the Constitution is serious and this should be put in front of the electorate. This draft is updated to specify it does not effect non-partisan run off races. He affirmed this process does select the best candidates, just within individual parties. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri deferred to **Senator Hart** who clarified this would not effect any code involving highway district elections.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 31555** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gannon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HCR 20: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **HCR 20** explaining this resolution creates a traditional family values month between Mothers Day and Fathers Day. He asked the committee to hold the current resolution.

Heather Stout testified **in opposition** to **HCR 20** stating it is a direct attack on non-traditional families and will expand intolerance.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to **HOLD HCR 20 in committee.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31535C1: **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 31535C1** explaining this proposed legislation is not trying to disparage any living methods, just recognize the traditional family and its purpose in society. In response to committee questions, Rep. Alfieri explained the changes in this draft include removal of some of the statistical data, as well as removal of references to the **Reverend Paul Sullens.**

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 31535C1** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar.

Rep. Achilles spoke **in opposition** to the motion pointing out there is still a reference to Sullins on page 2 line 1.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a substitute motion to return **RS 31535C1** to sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 664: **Rep. Rubel** presented **H 664** explaining this legislation requires disclosures on AI video and audio involving a candidate created during an electioneering period. Similar legislation is being drafted in 41 states, 25 of which are red states. AI and voter deception is a real threat being addressed in every corner of technology and government. In response to committee questions, Rep Rubel explained legislative legal counsel advised them this type of AI electioneering would not be covered under libel or defamation. She also highlighted the burden to pursue claims is on the candidate and reaffirmed AI media is still allowed, but it must be disclosed in a font reasonably readable and posted throughout the duration of the media.

MOTION: **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to send **H 664** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Barbieri spoke **in support** of the motion affirming the claims this type of media is not enough for defamation when damages are hard to prove.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Scott** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Reps. Rubel and Dixon (1)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Representative Crane (13)
Chair

Kennedy Jones
Secretary