

MINUTES
SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 01, 2024

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ricks, Vice Chairman Schroeder, Senators Bernt, Trakel, Rabe, and Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Grow, Cook, and Adams

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CONVENED: **Chairman Ricks** called the meeting of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee (Committee) to order at 3:02 p.m.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Jeff McCray to the Multistate Tax Commission. Mr. McCray** introduced himself and outlined his background and experience (Attachment 1). He was currently the Chairman of the Idaho State Tax Commission and sat on the executive committee of the Multistate Tax Commission (Commission). He explained that the Commission was an intergovernmental state tax agency whose mission was to promote compliance and consistent tax policy and practice, and to preserve the sovereignty of state and local governments over their tax systems. He believed that the Commission played a vital role in addressing the challenges of taxation in an era of globalization, digitalization, and innovation. **Mr. McCray** looked forward to serving the people of Idaho with fairness, accountability, integrity, and respect.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Bernt** asked what qualified Mr. McCray most for this position. **Mr. McCray** responded that in his position as Chairman of the Idaho State Tax Commission he had oversight of multistate business income taxes.

Senator Bernt then asked Mr. McCray what quality he felt was most important in his role on the Commission. **Mr. McCray** answered that it was serving with fairness, accountability, integrity, and respect.

Chairman Ricks explained that the Commission performed audits for multistate businesses which were then accepted in other states and asked Mr. McCray to expound on that. **Mr. McCray** provided a brief history of the Commission. It was formed in 1959, with Idaho as a founding member, in response to federal legislation which would have stripped the states of authority over their tax systems. The purpose was to ensure that multistate businesses were treated fairly and held accountable. In 1968, Idaho enacted legislation to join that compact. The Commission drafted legislation for states to consider such as single factor sales tax. It conducted audits and provided them to participating members.

Chairman Ricks thanked Mr. McCray and explained that the Committee would vote on his appointment at a future meeting.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Ricks** adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Senator Ricks
Chair

Meg Lawless
Secretary