

MINUTES  
**SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chairman Schroeder, Acting Senator Ricks (Ricks), Senators Grow, Cook, Adams, Bernt, Trakel, Rabe, and Just

**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:** **Vice Chairman Schroeder** called the meeting of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee (Committee) to order at 3:01 p.m. He moved **S 1316** to later on the agenda.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** February 7, 2024. **Senator Just** moved to approve the Minutes of February 7, 2024. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**INTRODUCTION:** Senate Page Kate Paine. **Miss Paine** introduced herself. She was from Meridian, Idaho. She became interested in being a Senate page three years ago when she came to the Capitol for home school Pi Day. She thought the page program was a good opportunity to meet the senators and be involved in the legislative process.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Bernt** asked Miss Paine what she hoped to gain from this experience. **Miss Paine** responded that in her first few days she had enjoyed seeing what happened behind the scenes during the legislative process. She had also enjoyed seeing legislators work together to resolve various issues. **Senator Bernt** then asked Miss Paine what she planned to do after graduation. **Miss Paine** stated that she was considering pursuing a paralegal degree. She was also interested in political science and politics.

**Senator Just** inquired where Miss Paine attended high school. **Miss Paine** answered that she had been home schooled and graduated last spring. She was now pursuing a political science degree at the College of Western Idaho.

**Vice Chairman Schroeder** welcomed Miss Paine to the Committee.

**S 1316** **Senator Anthon** presented **S 1316**. He explained that under current statute, when there were more than 150 people living in a cemetery district, that district was divided into sub-districts for election purposes. Smaller towns had difficulty finding enough people to fill the cemetery district board. **S 1316** provided that in a cemetery district with less than 5,000 people, the cemetery district commissioners may be elected at large.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Adams** commented that Idaho had seen a lot of growth and asked why the cemetery districts had trouble filling their board. **Senator Anthon** explained that not all towns had experienced growth. In addition, people seemed to be less willing to volunteer their time. **Senator Adams** asked whether he felt this was widespread. **Senator Anthon** stated that it seemed to be widespread in rural communities, but he wasn't sure if it was regional.

**Vice Chairman Schroeder** asked what was the most common chemical element in a cemetery. He answered Barium.

**MOTION:** **Senator Bernt** moved to send **S 1316** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Adams** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Vice Chairman Schroeder** adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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Senator Ricks (Ricks)  
Chair

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Meg Lawless  
Secretary