

From Heather Scott for North Idaho Facebook page today (3.27.15):

Response to Bully Tactics and Treatment towards Members by the Republican Caucus Leadership

I would like to let my fellow Republican colleagues know that what we witnessed Wednesday from the Idaho House Republican Caucus Leadership behind closed doors was wrong and disgraceful. Each of us, that has been elected to the House, works for the citizens of our respective districts- not the Speaker of the House or the Republican Party. Unwritten or secret rules have no place in our republican form of government and in no way should such “assumed rules” be the basis for leadership to attempt to control Representatives and their constituents. We are not accountable to House or Senate leadership or the Republican Party, but to the citizens of our districts. I will continue to make my voting decisions based on the best interests of those I represent and will not be bullied by angry establishment members shouting statements like “go stick that in a pipe and smoke it!” We as House members are reminded every day about exercising respect and self control through Mason’s Rules and the State House’s long standing tradition of professional conduct. It would be refreshing if the Republican Caucus Leadership would practice what they preach. I hope you will join me in being a true representative of and for the people and put the people above party and politics.