

From Heather Scott for North Idaho Facebook wall:

Idaho Legislators love Idaho children and want to make sure they are well supported. But something stinks!

Governor Otter has vetoed 2 bills this session which would have helped Idaho kids.(1) Why all of a sudden is our Governor and the Health and Welfare Department so interested in calling a special session for a “new & revised” SB 1067? Is this really about kids, money, or is there something more?

The Governor, Legislative leadership, and select Judicial and Rules Committee members have been involved in closed door meetings circumventing the public’s involvement and degrading the committee process. Are Legislators who initially voted against the bill being enticed and/or pressured to change their vote? Is the Governor or Leadership smarter than the people of Idaho? Do your Legislators answer to you or the Governor?

Article IV in our Idaho State Constitution says the Executive branch executes the law. It does not make the law or act and an enforcement arm of the federal government.

The Executive branch needs to respect this process and answer the following questions for all Idaho Citizens!

1. Why were Committee members told they could make NO changes to the bill during the regular session, and now amendments to the bill have been written by select legislators and the Governor behind closed doors?
2. What is the urgency to pass this legislation when over 65% of the 97 international child support cases for Idaho are located in countries that are not even members of this international treaty?
3. What happened recently in the Governor’s office to cause such a wholesale change to child protection services legislation? Are child protection laws and payments in Idaho so deficient as to warrant such a drastic change in statute?
4. Do the Idaho citizens understand that passing this legislation would be the first time in history that an international treaty would be integrated into this country’s State laws, setting a precedent and a guide for future actions?
5. Does the enormous lobbying pressure from the Department of Health and Welfare and the Federal government really warrant calling an emergency Idaho Legislative session?

The people of Idaho should demand answers because something stinks!

Idaho citizens will be told that legislators didn’t know any better and that the new language in the amendments will protect our state sovereignty. The truth is, these same legislators caught a sly attempt to insert international rule into the Idaho law. This legislation creates a global system of child support enforcement under international law. It will effectively transfer sovereignty of a process of government to a special commission appointed by the United Nations Secretary General of the Hague Conference on private international law. United Nations guidelines taking precedence over our welfare and spousal support programs have no place in Idaho's or America's jurisprudence.

Let me remind you, Legislators do not work for the Governor, Legislative leadership, the media, the Federal Government, the United Nations or any political party. They work for you the citizen! I encourage you to call your two representatives and one senator and remind them who they work for!

(1). (SB 1146aa, to help Idaho children try new treatment for epileptic seizures & HB 126 to help public schools fund high risk children that move from school to school.)