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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

House of Representatives

The House convened at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Roll call showed all 70 members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Dougherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roman Handy, Page.

### 3RD ORDER

#### Approval of Journal

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES, AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have read and approved the House Journal of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Day and recommend that same be adopted as corrected.

SKAUG, Chairman

Mr. Skaug moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Gannon. Report adopted.

### 4TH ORDER

#### Consideration of Messages from the Governor and the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Boise

March 5, 2024

The Honorable Mike Moyle  
Speaker of the House

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 4, 2024 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following House bills, to wit:

[H 459](#) and [H 475](#)

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Boise

March 5, 2024

The Honorable Mike Moyle  
Speaker of the House

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 5, 2024 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following House bill, to wit:

[H 458](#)

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor

March 5, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

I transmit herewith [S 1303](#), as amended, [S 1328](#), as amended, [S 1361](#), as amended, [S 1247](#), as amended, [S 1364](#), as amended, [S 1308](#), [S 1315](#), and [S 1377](#) which have passed the Senate.

NOVAK, Secretary

[S 1303](#), as amended, [S 1328](#), as amended, [S 1361](#), as amended, [S 1247](#), as amended, [S 1364](#), as amended, [S 1308](#), [S 1315](#), and [S 1377](#) were filed for first reading.

March 5, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

I return herewith [H 444](#), [H 402](#), [H 435](#), [H 417](#), [H 450](#), [H 429](#), [H 430](#), [H 431](#), [H 432](#), and [H 496](#) which have passed the Senate.

NOVAK, Secretary

[H 444](#), [H 402](#), [H 435](#), [H 417](#), [H 450](#), [H 429](#), [H 430](#), [H 431](#), [H 432](#), and [H 496](#) were referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for enrolling.

### 5TH ORDER

#### Report of Standing Committees

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have printed [HJM 11](#), [HJR 5](#), [H 695](#), [H 696](#), [H 697](#), [H 698](#), [H 699](#), [H 700](#), and [H 701](#).

SKAUG, Chairman

[HJM 11](#), [H 698](#), [H 699](#), [H 700](#), and [H 701](#) were filed for second reading.

[HJR 5](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 695](#) was referred to the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

[H 696](#) was referred to the Resources and Conservation Committee.

[H 697](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have transmitted enrolled [H 412](#), [H 414](#), [H 404](#), [H 452](#), and [H 455](#) to the Governor at 11:15 a.m., as of this date, March 5, 2024.

SKAUG, Chairman

March 5, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES, report that we have had under consideration [H 686](#) and recommend that it do pass.

HOLTZCLAW, Chairman

[H 686](#) was filed for second reading.

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have had under consideration [H 651](#), [S 1232](#), as amended, [S 1326](#), and [S 1329](#) and recommend that they do pass.

SKAUG, Chairman

[H 651](#), [S 1232](#), as amended, [S 1326](#), and [S 1329](#) were filed for second reading.

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS, report that we have had under consideration [H 599](#), [H 603](#), and [H 626](#) and recommend that they do pass.

CRANE(13), Chairman

[H 599](#), [H 603](#), and [H 626](#) were filed for second reading.

March 5, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, report that we have had under consideration [H 621](#) and report it back to be placed on General Orders.

CLOW, Chairman

[H 621](#) was placed on General Orders for consideration.

March 6, 2024

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS, report that we have had under consideration [H 667](#) and report it back to be placed on General Orders.

CRANE(13), Chairman

[H 667](#) was placed on General Orders for consideration.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Seventh Order of Business.

## 7TH ORDER

### Motions, Memorials, and Resolutions

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

##### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

##### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING MOTHER'S DAY THROUGH FATHER'S DAY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES FACING TRADITIONAL FAMILIES AND THE ALARMING RATE AT WHICH THE TRADITIONAL AMERICAN FAMILY IS DECLINING.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, traditional families designed by God have been the foundation of societies since creation. As such, traditional families operate as a source of security in their communities, often attending to societal troubles before law enforcement involvement is needed, thereby serving as the cornerstone of

a functional society. In a letter entitled *The Crucial Role of Families* submitted to the United Nations by the International Federation for Family Development in consult with the U.N. Economic and Social Council division, the authors state: "Children growing up in healthy, married, two-parent families are more likely to lead happy, healthy and successful lives than those who have not experienced the same level of family security and stability... Governments cannot afford to fully replace the functions families perform for the benefit of their members and for the good of society. The family is the most powerful, the most humane and, by far, the most economical system known for building competence and character."; and

WHEREAS, the freedom to exercise these beliefs and values based in the truth of the laws of nature and nature's God has been protected by the Constitution of the United States since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the International Federation for Family Development has stated: "As basic and essential building blocks of societies, families have a crucial role in social development. They bear the primary responsibility for the education and socialization of children as well as instilling values of citizenship and belonging in the society."; and

WHEREAS, compared to peers in two biological parent married families, children who lived with a single parent with no cohabiting partner were five times more likely to be sexually abused, children who lived in a stepfamily with a married biological and non-biological parent were eight to nine times more likely to be sexually abused, and children who lived with a single parent with a partner in the home were twenty times more likely to be sexually abused; and

WHEREAS, traditional families consisting of a natural mother and father, children, grandparents, and extended family have declined drastically since 1960 when approximately 77.5% of children lived with their two parents, who were married; and

WHEREAS, according to census data, in 1960, just 13% of all households were single-person households. In 2018, that figure was 28%; and

WHEREAS, today, only 17.8% of Americans live in traditional nuclear families; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, 27% of marriages ended in divorce. Today, about 45% do; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, 72% of Americans were married. In 2017, nearly half of Americans were single; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, approximately 5% of children were born to unmarried women. Now, about 40% are; and

WHEREAS, American children are more likely to live in a single-parent household than children from any other country; and

WHEREAS, according to the International Federation for Family Development, "Those who build stable families have a higher life expectancy, lower risks of mental illness, alcoholism and domestic violence. The children show lower infant mortality rate, lower risk drug addiction, and lower incidences of engaging in criminal activities after puberty, higher academic achievements, lower incidence of mental illnesses and fewer teenage unwanted pregnancies. A stable family is the lowest cost option for both its members and the State."; and

WHEREAS, the people who suffer the most from the decline in traditional family values and structure are the most vulnerable, especially children; and

WHEREAS, those born into poverty and living with both parents have an 80% chance of climbing out of it. Those born into poverty with a single mother have a 50% chance of remaining stuck in poverty; and

WHEREAS, even in high-crime, inner-city neighborhoods, well over 90% of children from safe, stable homes do not become

delinquents. By contrast, only 10% of children from unsafe, unstable homes in these neighborhoods avoid crime; and

WHEREAS, 63% of youth who commit suicide, 90% of all homeless or runaway children, 85% of all children who show behavior disorders, 80% of rapists with anger problems, 71% of all high school dropouts, 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers, and 85% of youths in prisons come from fatherless homes; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates children who grow up in families with traditional values and gender roles are more likely to have traditional values and gender role expectations themselves; and

WHEREAS, there is an unprecedented attack on these beliefs and the celebration of these beliefs; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to ensure that traditional family roles and values are both celebrated and encouraged to provide the most nurturing and healthy environment possible to raise the next generation of American children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature:

(1) Supports the designation of Mother's Day through Father's Day as Traditional Family Values Month in the State of Idaho;

(2) Recognizes the value of a traditional family consisting of the natural female mother and male father, children, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and other extended family;

(3) Recognizes the first week of Traditional Family Values Month, including Mother's Day, as a celebration of motherhood;

(4) Recognizes the second week of Traditional Family Values Month as a celebration of sons, brothers, and uncles;

(5) Recognizes the third week of Traditional Family Values Month as a celebration of grandparents;

(6) Recognizes the fourth week of Traditional Family Values Month as a celebration of daughters, sisters, and aunts;

(7) Recognizes the fifth and final period of Traditional Family Values Month, including Father's Day, as a celebration of fatherhood and marriage between a man and a woman;

(8) Recognizes the evidence-based physical and mental health benefits children receive when raised in a home with a traditional family;

(9) Recognizes the evidence-based results that children flourish when raised in a home with an involved biological father;

(10) Recognizes the immeasurable benefits children receive in the development of character, morality, virtue, and spirituality that traditional American family values foster; and

(11) Encourages communities, schools, churches, businesses, corporations, and other stakeholders who all benefit from the cohesiveness, peace, tranquility, and civility of communities built on strong traditional family values, along with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare whose mission is to strengthen the health, safety, and independence of Idahoans, to take part in celebrating Traditional Family Values Month in the State of Idaho.

**HCR 35** was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for printing.

**8TH ORDER**  
**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference**  
**of Bills and Joint Resolutions**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 702**  
**BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE**  
**AN ACT**

RELATING TO TAXATION; REPEALING SECTION 63-205B, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF OPERATING PROPERTY OF RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES; AMENDING SECTION 63-402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSED BY A COUNTY ASSESSOR; AMENDING SECTION 63-405, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF OPERATING PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 63-602JJ, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES; AMENDING SECTION 63-3502B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE LEVY OF TAX ON CERTAIN ELECTRICAL PRODUCTION AND RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, TITLE 63, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 63-3503C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING FILING OF AN OPERATOR'S STATEMENT AND THE CALCULATION, COLLECTION, ALLOTMENT, AND APPORTIONMENT OF TAX DUE FROM RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANIES BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 63-3506, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY BY ASSESSOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 703**  
**BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM EXPENSE CLASS TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**H 702** and **H 703** were introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for printing.

**S 1303**, as amended, by Local Government and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

**S 1315**, by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1328](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

[S 1361](#), as amended, by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1308](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1247](#), as amended, by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1364](#), as amended, and [S 1377](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

#### 10TH ORDER

##### Second Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

[HCR 33](#) and [HCR 34](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 692](#), [H 693](#), and [H 694](#), by Appropriations Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 689](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[SCR 116](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 645](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 652](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 665](#) and [H 666](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

#### 11TH ORDER

##### Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [H 538](#) be placed at the bottom of the Third Reading Calendar. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [H 637](#) retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [H 638](#) be placed on General Orders for consideration. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [H 514](#) be placed on General Orders for consideration. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

#### [H 596](#) - PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

[H 596](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Redman to open debate.

Pursuant to Rule 80(3), the following Representative disclosed a conflict of interest regarding [H 596](#):

Mr. Redman

The question being, "Shall [H 596](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Achilles, Allgood, Andrus, Berch, Boyle, Cannon, Cheatum, Chew(Schmick), Clow, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dixon(1), Durrant, Ehardt, Erickson, Furniss, Handy, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Horman, Kingsley, Manwaring, Mathias(Church), Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Necochea, Palmer(Johnson), Pickett, Raymond, Redman, Roberts, Rubel, Sauter, Shepherd, Vander Woude, Weber, Wroten, Young, Mr. Speaker. Total - 41.

NAYS—Alfieri, Barbieri, Blanksma, Bundy, Burns, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Ehlers, Galaviz, Gallagher, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hawkins, Lambert, Lanting, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Petzke, Price, Raybould, Scott, Skaug, Tanner, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Yamamoto. Total - 29.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 596](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that the remaining bills on the Third Reading Calendar retain their places for one legislative day. Mrs. Mickelsen objected.

Mr. Monks moved that the remaining bills on the Third Reading Calendar retain their places for one legislative day. Seconded by Mr. Dixon(1).

The question being, "Shall the motion carry?"

AYES—Achilles, Alfieri, Allgood, Andrus, Barbieri, Blanksma, Boyle, Bundy, Burns, Cannon, Cheatum, Chew(Schmick), Clow, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dixon(1), Dixon(24), Durrant, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Furniss, Galaviz, Gallagher, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hawkins, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Horman, Kingsley, Lambert, Manwaring, Mathias(Church), Mendive, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Necochea, Nelsen, Palmer(Johnson), Petzke, Pickett, Price, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Skaug, Tanner, Vander Woude, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Wroten, Yamamoto, Young, Mr. Speaker. Total - 64.

NAYS—Berch, Handy, Lanting, McCann, Mickelsen, Roberts. Total - 6.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the motion carried.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

#### 15TH ORDER Announcements

Announcements were made to the body.

**16TH ORDER  
Adjournment**

Mr. Monks moved that the House adjourn until 11 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Rubel. Motion carried.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

MIKE MOYLE, Speaker

ATTEST:

ERICA MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk