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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Rabe, Ruchti, and Zuiderveld, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Simon Salisbury, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of January 17, 2024, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

January 17, 2024

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Mark Stinson, of Garden City, Idaho 83703 as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 16, Ada County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Thursday, January 18, 2024, and will continue until Monday, January 22, 2024.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Ali Rabe

The President announced that the Oath of Office had been administered previously to Acting Senator Stinson, and he was recorded present at this order of business.

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

January 18, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1233](#), [S 1234](#), [S 1235](#), and [S 1236](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1233](#) and [S 1234](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1235](#) and [S 1236](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 17, 2024

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Mathew Weaver as the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 17, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Eric Fredericksen as the State Public Defender, term to expire December 31, 2026;

John Bush to the Idaho Judicial Council, term to expire July 1, 2027;

Liz Chavez to the Idaho Judicial Council, term to expire July 1, 2027.

LAKEY, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 17, 2024

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Chad Henggeler to the State Board of Health and Welfare, term to expire January 1, 2027.

VANORDEN, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 17, 2024

The EDUCATION Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

LTC Peter Koehler to the Public Charter School Commission, term to expire May 12, 2027.

LENT, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 18, 2024

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Clayton Steele to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2025;

John Sigler to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2027.

VANORDEN, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I am hereby transmitting to the Idaho State Senate a list of all gubernatorial appointments that have not been previously communicated pursuant to title 67, section 803 of the Idaho Code.

Additional appointments made during this session will be submitted forthwith with the appropriate corresponding information for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 17, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 385](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 385](#) was filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of the Honorable Charles Winder was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial reappointment of the Honorable Charles Winder as a member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Jeff Agenbrood was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that the report of the State Affairs Committee be adopted. The question being, "Shall the motion prevail?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(C), a roll call vote was requested by Senator Foreman, and was supported by Senators Carlson and Herndon.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hartgen, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Stinson (Rabe), Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Winder, Wintrow.
Total - 26.

NAYS—Carlson, Foreman, Hart, Herndon, Lenney, Nichols.
Total - 6.

Absent and excused—Ruchti, Ward-Engelking, Zuiderveld.
Total - 3.

Total - 35.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Aaron White was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by President Pro Tempore Winder, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Aaron White as a member of the Idaho Industrial Commission was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Jim Yost was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Jim Yost as a member of the Idaho Energy Resources Authority was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills,
House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

**S 1237
BY WINTROW
AN ACT**

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5901, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY IS A CIVIL RIGHT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-5902, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5909, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1237](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 385](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, January 19, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary