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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Harris, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Hart, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Draycen Lamm, 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 25, 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.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

January 26, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1248](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1248](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

January 25, 2024

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

Carolyn Lodge to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2027;

Heidi Hart to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2027;

Robert Cuoio to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2025.

COOK, 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 26, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [SJR 104](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[SJR 104](#) was filed for second reading.

Senator Hart was recorded present at this order of business.

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 1249

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL FUNDS; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-912, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TEACHER SPENDING ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1250

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR; AMENDING SECTION 23-948, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSES FOR WATERFRONT RESORTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1251

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES; AMENDING SECTION 67-6602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1252

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-2360, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFEND THE GUARD ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1249](#), [S 1250](#), [S 1251](#), and [S 1252](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1225](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Egbert (Semmelroth), Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Rucht, Schroeder, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Harris. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1225](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1236](#), having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Anthon arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Okuniewicz disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Egbert (Semmelroth), Foreman, Guthrie, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Rucht, Schroeder, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—Grow, Lenney. Total - 2.

Absent and excused—Harris. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1236](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 385](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Grow arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Egbert (Semmelroth), Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Rucht, Schroeder, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Harris. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 385](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

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 10 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary