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Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Winder called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Abigail Spiers, 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 February 1, 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 Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SCR 111

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMENCE PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE OF UTAH TO ESTABLISH AN OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR IDAHO STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UTAH'S VETERINARY PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING PROGRAM WITH WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY.

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes the value of the livestock industries to the state's economy, communities, and families; and

WHEREAS, the combined revenues of the largest sectors of the state's livestock industry exceeds 6.4 billion dollars, with an even larger overall economic impact throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, many of the supporting sectors and other crop commodities that are produced in the state go to serve the needs of the state's livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, the need and availability of animal care professionals and veterinarian services remain a top concern for the animal agricultural industry in the state; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available livestock veterinary services in the state's most rural areas is also of significant concern; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho does not have a veterinarian school; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho already has an operating agreement with Washington State University to allow Idaho students to participate in its veterinary training program; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah will soon open its new veterinary medicine school at Utah State University to start training students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Idaho, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences held a workgroup made up of industry representatives, university professionals, and state leaders to research the needs of the livestock industry in the state and the opportunities that the state might pursue to help address the needs for trained veterinarians in the state; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of pursuing an interstate veterinary training program with the state of Utah was one of the items identified by the workgroup as a possible consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we authorize the State Board of Education to investigate opportunities and commence preliminary conversations with the state of Utah to establish an operating agreement for Idaho students to participate in Utah's veterinary program similar to the existing program with Washington State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education report back to the Legislature their findings and outcomes from the conversations with the state of Utah and Utah State University.

[SCR 111](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

February 2, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1262](#), [S 1263](#), [S 1264](#), [S 1265](#), [S 1266](#), [S 1267](#), [S 1268](#), [S 1269](#), and [S 1270](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1262](#) and [S 1263](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1264](#) and [S 1265](#) were referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[S 1266](#), [S 1267](#), [S 1268](#), [S 1269](#), and [S 1270](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

February 1, 2024

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1234](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

COOK, Chairman

[S 1234](#) was filed for second reading.

February 2, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1218](#), [S 1235](#), and [S 1251](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1218](#), [S 1235](#), and [S 1251](#) were filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the House

February 1, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 402](#), [H 404](#), and [H 410](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 402](#), [H 404](#), and [H 410](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Mitchell Watkins retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial appointment of Julie Ann Triepke as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Pro Tempore announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Michael Brassey was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Lakey, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Michael Brassey as a member of the Idaho Personnel Commission was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Pro Tempore announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Ed Schriever was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Burtenshaw, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Ed Schriever as a member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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.

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 1271

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; REPEALING SECTION 67-4725, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE IDAHO GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURIAL MISSION GRANT FUND; REPEALING SECTION 67-4726, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE IDAHO GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURIAL MISSION COUNCIL; REPEALING SECTION 67-4729, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND IGEN COUNCIL; REPEALING SECTION 67-4730, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO IDAHO GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURIAL MISSION RESEARCH; REPEALING SECTION 67-4731, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO COMMERCIALIZATION REVENUE DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1272

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO SAFE HAVEN ACT; AMENDING SECTION 39-8202, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-8203, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-8205, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-8206, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1273

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTION VOTER GUIDES; AMENDING TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 8, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO ESTABLISH CONTENT AND FORM REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS' GUIDES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTERS' GUIDES; AMENDING SECTION 34-1812C, IDAHO CODE, TO SPECIFY CERTAIN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF VOTER PAMPHLETS BY THE

SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1274

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 59, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5909B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1275

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PARTIES TO ACTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 5-341, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS WHO ALLOW OR DO NOT PROHIBIT EMPLOYEES TO LAWFULLY CARRY FIREARMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1271](#), [S 1272](#), [S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), and [S 1275](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 402](#) and [H 404](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 410](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1244](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

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 11:30 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2024.

CHUCK WINDER, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary