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**FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**

Senate Chamber

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

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zack Holt, 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 10, 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 Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

Moved by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that the following attaches be elected to fill the offices provided for by the *Constitution* of the State of Idaho and by statute:

- Admin. Assistant to President Pro TemRellie Wisdom
- Assistant to the Majority Leader Peggy Moyer
- Assistant to the Asst. Maj. Leader Kay Maurin
- Assistant to the Majority Caucus ChairmanGaye Bennett
- Secretary to the Secretary of the Senate Jim Hickey
- Journal ClerkJacob Watkins
- Minutes Editor/Assistant ClerkSawyer Crenshaw
- Sergeant-at-Arms Sarah Jane McDonald
- Assistant Sergeant-at-ArmsJerry Csutoras
- Doorkeeper Jim Montgomery
- Senate Chaplain Doug Armstrong

Committee Secretaries:

- Agricultural AffairsMelissa Price
- Commerce and Human ResourcesLinda Kambeitz
- EducationLisa Stein
- FinanceLinsy Heiner
- Health and WelfareLena Amoah

- Judiciary and Rules Sharon Pennington
- Local Government and Taxation Meg Lawless
- Resources and Environment Shelly Johnson
- State Affairs Peggy Caraway
- Transportation Alicia Fowler-Rynearson

Majority Staff Assistants:

- Majority Staff AssistantOlivia McDonald
- Majority Staff Assistant Debra Mulligan
- Majority Staff Assistant Madison Schrader
- Majority Staff Assistant Daniel Uribe

Minority Chief of StaffErin Miller

Minority Staff Assistants:

- Minority Staff Assistant Victoria Fitzpatrick
- Minority Staff AssistantCrystal Ivie
- Minority Staff AssistantNick Schofield

Pages:

- Owen Allen, Boise
- Naomi Foster, Boise
- Zack Holt, Nampa
- Draycen Lamm, Wendell
- Liberty McGuire, Meridian
- Sydney Newton, Fairfield
- Caitlyn Ross, Meridian
- Simon Salisbury, Moscow
- Abigail Spiers, Filer
- Regan Ybarra, Boise

The question being, Shall the motion prevail?

Roll call resulted as follows:

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

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Taylor. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared the attaches duly elected to their respective positions. The President instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms, Sarah Jane McDonald, to escort the attaches to the Desk at which time the Oath of Office was administered to the elected attaches and they were escorted from the Chamber.

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

Reading of Communications

October 17, 2023

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Lieutenant Governor
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. President:

This is to advise you that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, at its meeting in Jerome, Idaho on May 11, 2023, reappointed Brad Compton to serve as its representative to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB), subject to Senate consent. The term of appointment is three years, ending on June 1, 2026.

Brad joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) in 1987 and over the next 33 years worked throughout the State including Kamiah, Lewiston, Bonners Ferry, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Boise, and Nampa. Brad's positions have included Technician, Research Biologist, Regional Biologist, Regional Manager, State Game Manager, Assistant Chief of Wildlife, and Regional Supervisor for the Southwest Region. Since 2002, Brad has been the IDFG liaison to both the IOGLB and the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association. Brad retired from IDFG in August 2020.

Brad's experience with IDFG and IOGLB served him well in his first term. I am confident Brad's service to the State of Idaho will continue to promote an excellent relationship and communication among IOGLB, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, and the Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Ebert, Chairman
/s/ Jim Fredericks, Secretary

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

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission's appointment of Brad Compton to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 2, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Amy Bloem of Hayden, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Lottery Commission to serve a term commencing August 28, 2023, and expiring January 1, 2028.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 2, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dr. John MacMillan of Twin Falls, Idaho, was reappointed to the Board of Environmental Quality to serve a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2027.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

January 2, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Michael Ross of Meridian, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole to serve a term commencing January 1, 2024, and expiring January 1, 2027.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

January 10, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Keely Duke of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Judicial Council to serve a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2027.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

January 10, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mathew Weaver of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to serve a term commencing August 10, 2023, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of appointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 10, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 19](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HCR 19](#) and ordered it 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 11:19 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, January 12, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary