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SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keegan Watts, 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 March 14, 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

March 15, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1426](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1426](#) was referred to the Finance Committee.

March 15, 2024

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [S 1329](#), [S 1383](#), [S 1384](#), [S 1385](#), [S 1386](#), [S 1387](#), [S 1281](#), [S 1338](#), [S 1339](#), [S 1342](#), [S 1388](#), [S 1397](#), [S 1398](#), [S 1399](#), [S 1400](#), and [S 1401](#) were delivered to the Office of the Governor at 8:04 a.m., March 15, 2024.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

March 14, 2024

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 634](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 634](#) was filed for second reading.

March 14, 2024

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 617](#), [H 685](#), [HCR 30](#), and [S 1416](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[H 617](#), [H 685](#), and [S 1416](#) were filed for second reading.

[HCR 30](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

March 14, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 630](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 630](#) was filed for second reading.

March 15, 2024

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 626](#) and [S 1421](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 626](#) and [S 1421](#) were filed for second reading.

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

### Messages from the Governor

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 14, 2024 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate Bills, to wit:

[S 1216](#), [S 1282](#), and [S 1316](#)

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

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

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

### Messages from the House

March 14, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 35](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 35](#) was filed for first reading.

March 14, 2024

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1308](#), [S 1361](#), as amended, [S 1355](#), [S 1263](#), [S 1295](#), [S 1279](#), [S 1322](#), [S 1337](#), as amended, [S 1275](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), [S 1409](#), [S 1410](#), [S 1411](#), and [S 1412](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[S 1308](#), [S 1361](#), as amended, [S 1355](#), [S 1263](#), [S 1295](#), [S 1279](#), [S 1322](#), [S 1337](#), as amended, [S 1275](#), [S 1402](#), [S 1405](#), [S 1406](#), [S 1407](#), [S 1408](#), [S 1409](#), [S 1410](#), [S 1411](#), and [S 1412](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

### Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [SR 101](#), [SCR 112](#), [SCR 114](#), [SCR 115](#), and [HCR 25](#) retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that [HCR 29](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [HCR 29](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 119](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Ruchti, [SCR 119](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 120](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Okuniewicz, [SCR 120](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 121](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Toews, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SCR 121](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 122](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Toews, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SCR 122](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 123](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Schroeder, seconded by Senator Taylor, [SCR 123](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SCR 124](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator VanOrden, seconded by Senator Wintrow, [SCR 124](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 27](#) retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that [HCR 33](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Schroeder, seconded by Senator Taylor, [HCR 33](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

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 1427

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1903, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN EXEMPTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-2803, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AN EXCLUSION; AMENDING SECTION 67-2805, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-2806, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROCURING SERVICES OR PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1427](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 35](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

### Second Reading of Bills

[H 645](#), [H 646](#), [H 665](#), [H 666](#), [H 668](#), and [H 691](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 638](#), as amended, and [H 689](#), by Ways and Means Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 543](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 686](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 624](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

### Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1375](#), [S 1391](#), and [S 1392](#) retained their place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1358](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Den Hartog 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, Bjerke, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Winder, Zuiderveld. Total - 30.

NAYS—Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 2.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Carlson. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1358](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 607](#), as amended in the Senate, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Den Hartog 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, Bjerke, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Carlson. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 607](#), as amended in the Senate, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House for possible concurrence.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [H 644](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

Having been held, [H 644](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final

consideration. Senator Lent 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, Bjerke, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—Wintrow. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Carlson. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 644](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that Senator Burtenshaw would be formally excused for the remainder of the day.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [H 590](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

Having been held, [H 590](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Toews 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, Bjerke, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Hartgen, Herndon, Just, Lee, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, Toews, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Foreman, Lakey, Ricks. Total - 3.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw, Carlson. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 590](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [H 692](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

Having been held, [H 692](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator VanOrden 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, Bjerke, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hartgen, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, Trakel, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow. Total - 23.

NAYS—Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Hart, Herndon, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw. Total - 2.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Lee

NAY - Carlson

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 692](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [H 693](#) was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

Having been held, [H 693](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Bjerke, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hartgen, Just, Lakey, Lee, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Schroeder, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Winder, Wintrow. Total - 23.

NAYS—Carlson, Foreman, Hart, Herndon, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Trakel, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Burtenshaw. Total - 2.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Semmelroth                      NAY - Carlson

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 693](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, all Senate bills were placed at the head of the Third Reading Calendar, followed by House bills.

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

#### **General Calendar**

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, [H 486](#) was filed for second 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 11:57 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary