

IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF RULE 3 OF
3 THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

4 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

5 WHEREAS, the Senate deems it necessary and desirable that Rule 3 of the
6 Rules of the Senate be amended.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled
8 in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, that
9 Rule 3 of the Rules of the Senate shall be amended to read as follows:

10 RULE 3

11 Organization. -- (A) At the first meeting of the Senate at which a quo-
12 rum shall be present, the Senate shall proceed to elect a President Pro Tem-
13 pore and a Secretary and shall adopt temporary rules which, unless otherwise
14 specifically stated, shall be the permanent rules of the preceding session.

15 Seating. -- (B) Following election of its leadership, the Senate shall
16 be declared "at ease" and the Senators shall retire to the sides of the Senate
17 and proceed to select their seats in the following manner:

18 (1) The President Pro Tempore, Majority and Assistant Majority Leader,
19 Minority and Assistant Minority Leader, and Majority and Minority Caucus
20 Chairman shall first select their seats, in the order listed.

21 (2) Former members of the Senate shall next select their seats and those
22 with consecutive terms immediately prior to the present session shall have
23 priority over those with the same or a greater number of nonconsecutive
24 terms, and of those not having served immediately prior to the present ses-
25 sion, priority shall be consistent with the total number of terms served in
26 the Senate.

27 In the event two or more Senators, not having served a term immediately
28 prior to the present session, shall have served an equal number of past
29 terms, service in the House of Representatives shall be computed to deter-
30 mine priority as between them.

31 (3) Former members of the House of Representatives shall next select
32 their seats and those having served the greatest number of terms in the House
33 of Representatives shall have priority.

34 (4) The names of all remaining Senators shall be placed in a receptacle
35 by the Secretary and by him withdrawn therefrom and as the name of each Sena-
36 tor is withdrawn, he shall proceed to the seat selected by him until the busi-
37 ness of selecting seats shall be completed.

38 (5) The seating arrangements set forth in the preceding paragraph shall
39 be subject to the provision that the members of each party shall be seated as
40 nearly as possible in adjacent seats, and in the event one party has a major-
41 ity which requires seating a portion of its members on the side of the Chamber
42 occupied by the minority, such majority party shall have the right to select

1 as many seats as may be necessary to accommodate its membership on the side
2 closest to the regular seats of the majority party, subject only to Paragraph
3 B(1) of this rule and the minority party shall be required to make such seats
4 available to the members of the majority party.

5 (6) On and after December 1, 2024, prior substitution in either the
6 House or Senate shall not count as time served for determining seniority.

7 Substitutes. -- (C) A substitute shall exercise the powers and duties
8 of a Senator while acting as a substitute, but the Senator shall retain the
9 office.