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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

Senate Chamber

Acting President Den Hartog called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Cook and Lent, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Samantha Smith, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senators Cook and Lent were recorded present at this order of business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of January 15, 2025, 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SCR 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REJECTING THE RATES OF LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION SET BY THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature is vested with the authority to reject or reduce rates of compensation and expenses established for service as members of the Legislature by the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation pursuant to the provisions of Section 23, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, with Idahoans facing increasing costs for essential goods and services such as food, housing, and energy,

the Legislature must exercise fiscal responsibility by prioritizing the needs of Idaho residents over increasing government growth and higher legislator compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the rates of compensation for services rendered as members of the Legislature, as set by the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation on November 6, 2024, to take effect for the two-year period beginning December 1, 2024, are hereby rejected, and the rate of compensation and expenses in effect during the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature are continued in full force and effect. The compensation and expenses that were in effect from December 1, 2024, until the effective date of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in effect for that period, and any amounts paid shall have been paid lawfully and need not be recovered from or repaid by members of the Legislature.

SCR 101 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

January 16, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that SCR 101 and S 1002 have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

SCR 101 was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

S 1002 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

January 15, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Rob Perez to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board, term to expire July 1, 2028.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 15, 2025

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

Brent Baker to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2026;

Marc Brinkmeyer to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2026.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 15, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Kirk Nelson to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to expire January 1, 2027.

LAKEY, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 15, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Alex Adams as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

VANORDEN, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 15, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. President,

I am hereby transmitting to the Idaho State Senate a list of all Gubernatorial appointments that have not been previously communicated pursuant to Title 67, Section 803 of the Idaho Code.

Additional appointments made during this session will be submitted forthwith with the appropriate corresponding information for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

On request by Senator Harris, 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 1003

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ANY FISHING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING LICENSES, TAGS, OR PERMITS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1004

BY WINTROW AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5901, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY IS A CIVIL RIGHT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-5902, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5909, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1003](#) and [S 1004](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

DEN HARTOG, Acting President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary