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**TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Lent and Ruchti, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Truman Smith, 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 16, 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 Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

### Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

#### SCR 102

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE STATE OF IDAHO'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic occurred in Idaho in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, there have been over 500,000 suspected cases of COVID-19 in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, there have been over 5,000 deaths in Idaho reportedly attributed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho declared a state of emergency in Idaho in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, numerous Idaho municipalities canceled scheduled events and restricted public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho issued a "stay at home order" for all "nonessential Idahoans"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho activated the National Guard in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho ordered houses of worship to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's medical facilities reportedly reached record numbers of emergency room visits; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho repeatedly renewed the declared state of emergency in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Boise ordered all indoor dining and drinking to stop at all restaurants and bars; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans were arrested and cited in various municipalities around the state for mask mandate and social distancing violations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho made available and accelerated the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho received billions of federal dollars under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, some major Idaho health care facilities ordered employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 under penalty of forced employment termination; and

WHEREAS, all four of Idaho's major state-funded universities ordered students to wear face masks; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare activated crisis standards of care so as to ration health care resources; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature passed a memorial to the United States Congress expressing disapproval of the proposed vaccine requirements under President Biden's administration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho continues to encourage citizens to obtain the COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, there is a rapidly growing increase in credible clinical and medical research data indicating the COVID-19 vaccines are not efficacious and are potentially dangerous; and

WHEREAS, mounting evidence is rapidly accumulating indicating the COVID-19 virus was not a lethal health threat to over 99% of people; and

WHEREAS, the state and local governments forced many small- and medium-size businesses to close; and

WHEREAS, many Idahoans suffered severe financial losses and business bankruptcies.

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 Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the conduct and overall response of the government of the State of Idaho to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature on whether the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Idaho, or state statutes were violated or circumvented resulting in the infringement of the constitutional rights of the citizens of Idaho.

SCR 102 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 17, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that S 1003 and S 1004 have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1003](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1004](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 16, 2025

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

Steve Landon to the State Insurance Fund Board, term to expire May 1, 2028.

FOREMAN, 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.

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The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 3](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 3](#) was filed for second reading.

January 16, 2025

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

Kurt Liebich to the State Board of Education, term to expire July 1, 2029.

LENT, 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 17, 2025

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

George Lynch to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority, term to expire January 30, 2029.

GUTHRIE, 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 17, 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:

Thomas J. Wilford to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

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.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

#### Motions and Resolutions

The President Pro Tempore announced that [SCR 101](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Kohl, [SCR 101](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, 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 1005 BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

###### AN ACT

RELATING TO LIENS OF MECHANICS AND MATERIALMEN; AMENDING SECTION 45-522, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING PRIORITY OF HEARINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

##### S 1006 BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

###### AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 29-115, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO BE SUBJECT TO IDAHO LAW AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH CONTRACTS SHALL NOT REQUIRE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

##### S 1007 BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

###### AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-510, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

##### S 1008 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

###### AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS; REPEALING SECTION 18-3309, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REGARDING FIREARMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3309, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS REGARDING CONCEALED WEAPONS AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1009**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; REPEALING SECTION 46-802, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON UNORGANIZED ASSOCIATIONS AND PARADES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1010**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 73, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE NO JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF IDAHO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1005](#), [S 1006](#), [S 1007](#), [S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

**Miscellaneous Business**

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary