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MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators VanOrden and Ward-Engelking, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Abigail Williams, 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 17, 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 Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

January 20, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 102](#), [S 1005](#), [S 1006](#), [S 1007](#), [S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SCR 102](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1005](#) and [S 1006](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1007](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 20, 2025

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

Scott Madison to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Thomas Mello to the State Building Authority, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Patricia Perkins to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board, term to expire July 1, 2028.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointments were 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 9, 2025

Jennifer Novak
Secretary of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam Secretary:

As required by Section 57-1601, Idaho Code, I am transmitting the following report of the Governor's Emergency Fund for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Balance as of July 1, 2023	\$667,276.96
Moscow homicide investigation exp.	<u>\$8,399.20</u>
 Balance as of June 30, 2024	 \$658,877.76
Moscow homicide investigation YTD exp.	\$6,310.54
Fight fentanyl now YTD exp.	<u>\$40.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$652,527.22
 Estimated Balance as of June 30, 2025	 \$652,527.22

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mike Edmondson of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office

of Species Conservation to serve a term commencing January 6, 2023, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

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

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that John Ford Elsaesser of Priest River, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2024, and expiring July 24, 2027.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

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

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that David Birch of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing December 6, 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 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dale McOmber of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Building Authority to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2030.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Rob Perez was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Rob Perez as a member of the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Brent Baker, Marc Brinkmeyer, and Kirk Nelson retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Alex Adams was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Alex Adams as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial reappointments of Steve Landon and Kurt Liebich, and the Gubernatorial appointment of George Lynch retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Thomas J. Wilford was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Thomas J. Wilford as a

member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

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

Second Reading of Bills

[H 3](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

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 11:37 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary