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Senate Chamber

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

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Calahan, 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 22, 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 23, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1017](#) and [S 1018](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1017](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1018](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 22, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1001](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1001](#) was filed for second reading.

January 22, 2025

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

Christine Starr as the Executive Director of the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Mary Martin to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2026.

LAKEY, 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.

January 22, 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:

Craig Hill to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2027;

Dean Stevenson to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Linda Mitchell to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2027;

Marc Gibbs to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029.

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.

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

Messages from the House

January 22, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 3](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 3](#) was filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Brent Baker was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Brent Baker as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission 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.

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Marc Brinkmeyer was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Marc Brinkmeyer as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission 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.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Steve Landon was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Foreman, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Steve Landon as a member of the State Insurance Fund 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.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Scott Madison was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Blaylock, the Gubernatorial appointment of Scott Madison as a member of the Idaho Energy Resources Authority 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 report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Patricia Perkins retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Zuiderveld, the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the Idaho Lottery Commission 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.

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

On motion by Senator Adams, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the State Liquor Division 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.

The President announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Ashley Dowell was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Ashley Dowell as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Corrections 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

S 1019

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 18-3313, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A FALSE REPORT OF EXPLOSIVES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3313A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CRIME OF FALSE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR EMERGENCY IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1020

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES; AMENDING SECTION 57-1306, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MONEYS COLLECTED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL POWER ACT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1021**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 16-2005, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TERMINATION MAY BE GRANTED AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1022**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING CHAPTER 90, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-9004, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING MEDICAL RIGHTS OF PATIENTS AND OTHER PERSONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-9004, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1023**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 5, TITLE 73, IDAHO CODE; AMENDING SECTION 73-501, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING SECTION 73-502, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 73-503, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROHIBITED MEDICAL MANDATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1024**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 16-2403, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 24, TITLE 16, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 16-2406A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-302, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PERSONNEL; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PROFESSIONAL TRAINEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS; REPEALING SECTION 39-306, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE FOR TREATMENT RULES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306, IDAHO CODE,

TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY SCREENING, CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-309, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT; AMENDING SECTION 39-3122, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 31, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3131A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ELIGIBILITY SCREENING; AMENDING CHAPTER 31, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3141, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF BACKGROUND CHECK DENIAL; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.17 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.33 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.37 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1025**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 68, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO PUBLIC EDUCATION RED TAPE REDUCTION PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1030, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1031, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1032, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 33-1034, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND; AMENDING SECTION 33-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1409, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MEASURING AND REPORTING CAPACITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1019](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1021](#), [S 1022](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1024](#), and [S 1025](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 3](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1006](#), by Commerce and Human Resources 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 11:42 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary