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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 Semmelroth, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Lent and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Clever, 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 23, 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.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

January 6, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Anthon
President Pro Tempore
State of Idaho
Statehouse Mail

Dear President Pro Tempore Anthon,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated LaVerne Sessions of Salmon, Idaho as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 31, Lemhi County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective January 25, 2025, and will continue until February 2, 2025.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Van Burtenshaw

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

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, January 27th, 2025.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

January 24, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1019](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1021](#), [S 1022](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1024](#), and [S 1025](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1019](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1020](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1021](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1022](#) and [S 1023](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1024](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1025](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

January 24, 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:

Brigadier General Timothy J. Donnellan as the Adjutant General of the Idaho Military Division, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

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.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Timothy Rarick of Rexburg, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Board of Health and Welfare to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 Health and Welfare Committee.

January 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Ronald Davies of Clayton, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to serve a term commencing June 30, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2028.

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 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Allan Schneider of Garden City, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 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 Health and Welfare Committee.

January 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Brian Olmstead of Twin Falls, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Water Resource Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Marianne King of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office of Drug Policy to serve a term commencing January 1, 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Judy Bicknell Taylor of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office on Aging to serve a term commencing January 9, 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 State Affairs Committee.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Joshua Whitworth of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board to serve a term commencing September 17, 2024, and expiring September 1, 2029.

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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Janece Geisel of Nampa, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing January 20, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2028.

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.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 23, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 4](#), [H 13](#), and [H 14](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 4](#), [H 13](#), and [H 14](#) were filed for first reading.

January 23, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 3](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 3](#) and ordered it returned 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

Senator Ruchti was recorded present at this order of business.

S 1026 BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE; AMENDING SECTION 22-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 22-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1026](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 4](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 13](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

[H 14](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1001](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1006](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld.
Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Lent, Semmelroth. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1006](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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 10:57 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary