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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Guthrie and Toews, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cash Johnson, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senators Guthrie and Toews 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 27, 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 28, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1027](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1027](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 27, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1019](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1019](#) was filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Joseph Forney of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to serve a term commencing April 11, 2023, and expiring April 11, 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 State Affairs Committee.

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mark Watkins of Rexburg, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to serve a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring July 1, 2026.

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 27, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Colonel William Gardiner of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Idaho State Police to serve a term commencing August 19, 2024, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 27, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 35](#) and [HJM 1](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 35](#) and [HJM 1](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

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

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Cory Barrier as a member of the Sexual Offender Management 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 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 Health and Welfare Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Lance Boylan was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Lance Boylan as a member of the Board of Environmental Quality 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 Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Dean Stevenson was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

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

On motion by Senator Anthon, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Dean Stevenson as a member of the Idaho Water Resource 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 Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1028

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 1-802, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1029

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 1-808, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1030

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW; AMENDING SECTION 3-409, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING IDAHO STATE BAR LICENSE FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1031

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-414, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF DISTRICT HEALTH BOARDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1032

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 68, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1033

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL NUISANCE ACTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 22-4505, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND PENALTIES FOR MERITLESS COMPLAINTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1028](#), [S 1029](#), [S 1030](#), [S 1031](#), [S 1032](#), and [S 1033](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 35](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[HJM 1](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 14](#), by State Affairs 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 11:27 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary