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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 Bjerke and Ward-Engelking, 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 29, 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 30, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 101](#), [SJR 101](#), [S 1034](#), [S 1035](#), [S 1036](#), [S 1037](#), [S 1038](#), and [S 1039](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

On request by Senator Guthrie, granted by unanimous consent, [SR 101](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[SJR 101](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1034](#), [S 1035](#), and [S 1036](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1037](#), [S 1038](#), and [S 1039](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 29, 2025

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

B.J. Stinger to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, term to expire July 1, 2027;

Elizabeth Elroy to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2028;

Trevor Sparrow as the Health and Social Services Ombudsman, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

VANORDEN, 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 29, 2025

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

Janece Geisel to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to expire January 1, 2028.

LAKEY, 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 Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 29, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 15](#), [H 44](#), and [H 32](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 15](#), [H 44](#), and [H 32](#) were filed for first reading.

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 1040

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION DISTRICT CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 43-320, IDAHO CODE, TO QUALIFY AN EXCEPTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1041

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE; AMENDING SECTION 42-909, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF DISTRIBUTING LATERALS, DITCHES, AND OTHER CONDUITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1042

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO RENTAL APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE

55, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 55-315, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON RENTAL APPLICATION FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1043

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS; AMENDING SECTION 6-308, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING DEFENDANT PARTIES; AMENDING SECTION 39-3503, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 55-304, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-305, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-306, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 55, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 55-306, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RENT CONTROL PROHIBITION; AMENDING SECTION 55-307, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING RENT CONTROL; AMENDING SECTION 55-308, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-309, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-310, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-311, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-312, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-313, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-314, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 55-2006, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1044

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1638, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CURSIVE HANDWRITING PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR IDAHO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1040](#), [S 1041](#), [S 1042](#), [S 1043](#), and [S 1044](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 15](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 44](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 32](#), 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 1005](#) and [S 1018](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[H 14](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Anthon 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, Bernt, Blaylock, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Sessions (Burtenshaw), Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bjerke. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 14](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[S 1019](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols 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, Bernt, Blaylock, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Sessions (Burtenshaw), Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bjerke. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1019](#) 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 11:31 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary