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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Bjerke, Ward-Engelking, and Zuiderveld, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Lakey and Toews, absent and excused.

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 30, 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 Fifth Order of Business.

### Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

Senators Lakey and Toews were recorded present at this order of business.

### SR 102 BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION  
STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67-5291, Idaho Code, standing committees of the Legislature shall review any temporary or pending rule that is germane to its committee and has been published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that all temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Tax Commission, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and submitted through the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator to the Legislature for review during the 2025 legislative session have been reviewed and approved by the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee.

### SR 103 BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67-5291, Idaho Code, standing committees of the Legislature shall review any temporary or pending rule that is germane to its committee and has been published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Transportation Committee reviewed pending rules adopted by the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho State Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that all pending rules adopted by the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho State Tax Commission, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and submitted through the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator to the Legislature for review during the 2025 legislative session have been reviewed and approved by the Senate Transportation Committee.

[SR 102](#) and [SR 103](#) were introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

### Reports of Standing Committees

January 31, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1040](#), [S 1041](#), [S 1042](#), [S 1043](#), and [S 1044](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1040](#) and [S 1041](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1042](#) and [S 1043](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1044](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

January 30, 2025

The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [H 13](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 13](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

January 30, 2025

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

Robert Bloem to the Aeronautics Advisory Board, term to expire January 31, 2029.

OKUNIEWICZ, 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.

January 30, 2025

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Kenneth Nuhn to the Board of Tax Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2026;

Lee Heinrich to the Board of Tax Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2027.

RICKS, 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.

January 30, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1014](#), [S 1015](#), and [S 1024](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[S 1014](#), [S 1015](#), and [S 1024](#) were filed for second reading.

January 31, 2025

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

Joseph Forney to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2027.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointment 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 30, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Britt Raubenheimer of Sandpoint, 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 30, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Matthew Thomas of Weiser, Idaho, was reappointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

#### Messages from the House

January 30, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 8](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 8](#) was 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 1045

##### BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

##### AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-507, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF DISTRICT TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1046**  
**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 16, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1637, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1047**  
**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO INITIATIVE PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1812, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE AN UPDATED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FROM THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-1812A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A FILING DEADLINE; AMENDING SECTION 34-1812B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A FILING DEADLINE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1048**  
**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 59, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5909D, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICES AND OFFICERS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE USE FOR CERTAIN FUNDS, TO PROHIBIT DIVERSITY TRAININGS, TO PROHIBIT BIAS REPORTING SYSTEMS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN REQUIRED COURSES, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS, TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1045](#), [S 1046](#), [S 1047](#), and [S 1048](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 8](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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

**Third Reading of Bills**

[S 1005](#) 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, 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, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bjerke, Ward-Engelking, Zuiderveld. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1005](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1018](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Harris 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, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito. Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bjerke, Ward-Engelking, Zuiderveld. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1018](#) 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 10:56 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary