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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 Galloway, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Woodward, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Samantha 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 31, 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

February 3, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 102](#), [SR 103](#), [S 1045](#), [S 1046](#), [S 1047](#), and [S 1048](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 102](#) and [SR 103](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1045](#) and [S 1046](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1047](#) and [S 1048](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 31, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1027](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1027](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 3, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1037](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1037](#) 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 30, 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 as the Executive Director of the Office of the State Board of Education to serve a term commencing June 18, 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 Education Committee.

January 31, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Karen Jachimowski Sharpnack of Shoshone, Idaho, was appointed to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 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 Agricultural Affairs Committee.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Lori Wolff, Linda Mitchell, and Tara Malek retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the Education Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Sherrilynn Bair was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator VanOrden, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Sherrilynn Bair as a member of the Public Charter School 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.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of B.J. Stinger retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Elizabeth Elroy was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Elizabeth Elroy 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 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 committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Trevor Sparrow retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Lenney, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Janece Geisel 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.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Bloem retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the Local Government and Taxation Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Kenneth Nuhn was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Foreman, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Kenneth Nuhn as a member of the Board of Tax Appeals 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 1049

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTERS; REPEALING SECTION 34-1114, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO A VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION; AMENDING SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1012, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-1106, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AFFIDAVITS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1049](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1014](#), [S 1015](#), and [S 1024](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were 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 11:28 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary