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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Okuniewicz, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Semmelroth, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Calahan, 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 8, 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 8, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President,

Pursuant to Section 67-6622, Idaho Code, I submit from the records of this office the enclosed listing of names of the lobbyists registered under the law.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office for assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ Phil McGrane
Secretary of State

The correspondence was 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Kirk Nelson of Blackfoot, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing March 26, 2024, and expiring January 1, 2027.

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.

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Cortney Liddiard of Rexburg, Idaho, was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to serve a term commencing August 28, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2030.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Scott Madison of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority to serve a term commencing December 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 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 State Affairs Committee.

December 11, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that George Lynch of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority to serve a term commencing December 1, 2024, and expiring January 30, 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 State Affairs Committee.

December 12, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Kenneth Nuhn of Moscow, Idaho, was reappointed to the Board of Tax Appeals to serve a term commencing June 30, 2023, and expiring June 30, 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 Local Government and Taxation Committee.

December 12, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Lonnie Allen of Ashton, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board to serve a term commencing June 14, 2024, and expiring April 20, 2027.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

December 19, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Thomas Mello of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the State Building Authority to serve a term commencing September 13, 2024, and expiring January 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 State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 8, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 1](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HCR 1](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that the following attaches be elected to fill the offices provided for by the *Constitution* of the State of Idaho and by statute:

- Admin. Assistant to President Pro TemRellie Wisdom
- Asst. to the Majority Leader Alicia Fowler-Rynearson
- Asst. to the Asst. Maj. LeaderGaye Bennett
- Asst. to the Majority Caucus Chairman Peggy Moyer
- Sec. to the Secretary of the SenateClaudia Simplot Nally
- Journal ClerkSawyer Crenshaw
- Assistant ClerkNikki Root
- Sergeant-at-Arms Sarah Jane McDonald
- Assistant Sergeant-at-ArmsJerry Csutoras

Doorkeeper Jason Felter
Senate Chaplain Doug Armstrong

Committee Secretaries:

Agricultural Affairs Rachel Verrette
Commerce and Human Resources Linda Kambeitz
Education Savahanna Phelan
Finance Linsy Heiner
Health and Welfare Rebecca Kozlowski
Judiciary and Rules Sharon Pennington
Local Government and Taxation Meg Lawless
Resources and Environment Shelly Johnson
State Affairs Kathryn Wells
Transportation Melissa Price

Majority Staff Assistants:

Majority Staff Assistant Jake Barron
Majority Staff Assistant Jonathan Hyon
Majority Staff Assistant Christa Klosterman
Majority Staff Assistant Austin Manor
Majority Staff Assistant Ann Yanak

Minority Staff Assistants:

Minority Chief of Staff Erin Miller
Minority Staff Assistant Allison Boden
Minority Staff Assistant Joe Engstrom

Pages:

Alexis Abenroth, Rupert
Sakia Bowman, Preston
Anna Calahan, Nampa
John Clever, Boise
Gage Griffin, Emmett
Cash Johnson, Boise
Brett Poggi, Hailey
Samantha Smith, Troy
Truman Smith, Idaho Falls
Abigail Williams, Oakley

The question being, Shall the motion prevail?

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock,
Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway,
Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent,
Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden,
Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld.
Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Okuniewicz, Semmelroth. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared the attaches duly elected to their respective positions. The President instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms, Sarah Jane McDonald, to escort the attaches to the Desk at which time the Oath of Office was administered to the elected attaches and they were escorted from the Chamber.

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 11:20 a.m. until the hour of 10:15 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary