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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

Senate Chamber

At the hour of 8 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024, the members-elect of the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature convened in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in the City of Boise for an organizational session, President Scott Bedke presiding.

The following Certificate of Election was read by the Secretary of the Senate:

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Phil McGrane, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho and legal custodian of the records of elections held in the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the following is a full, true, and complete list of those elected to serve as members of the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature, as shown by official records on file in my office:

Table with 2 columns: DISTRICT and NAME. Lists members of the Senate by district from 1 to 25.

Table with 2 columns: District number and Member Name (e.g., 26 Ron Taylor (D), 27 Kelly Anthon (R), etc.)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho. Done at Boise, the Capital of Idaho, this Twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

/s/ PHIL MCGRANE
Secretary of State

The Certificate of Election was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Roll call showed all members present.

The Oath of Office was administered to the members of the Senate by President Bedke.

Prayer was offered by Senator Burtenshaw.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah Jane McDonald, Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.

On request by Senator Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

June 28, 2024

Dear Pro Tem,

I have accepted a job out of state and will be moving to Oregon. I will therefore be resigning my position as Senator for District 9 as of July 1, 2024. I am so grateful for this opportunity and for the support I received from my constituents. I wish you and the legislature the best.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Abby Lee, District 9

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

Messages from the Governor

July 17, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Brandon Shippy of New Plymouth, Idaho, to the office of State Senator for Legislative District 9, Payette, Washington, and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Wednesday, July 17, 2024 and will continue until the next general election when the term of office expires.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was ordered to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by unanimous voice vote Senator Kelly Arthur Anthon was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature.

The President administered the Oath of Office to President Pro Tempore Anthon.

On motion by President Pro Tempore Anthon, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by unanimous voice vote Jennifer Novak was elected Secretary of the Senate for the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature.

The President administered the Oath of Office to Secretary of the Senate Jennifer Novak.

On motion by President Pro Tempore Anthon, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Rules of the Senate and Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives as adopted by the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature were adopted as the permanent Rules of the Senate and Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho.

On request by President Pro Tempore Anthon, granted by unanimous consent, the following roster of majority and minority leadership was ordered spread upon the pages of the Journal:

Majority Leader Senator Lori Den Hartog
Assistant Majority Leader Senator Mark Harris
Majority Caucus Chairman..... Senator Ben Toews
Minority Leader Senator Melissa Wintrow
Assistant Minority Leader Senator James D. Ruchti
Minority Caucus Chairman Senator Janie Ward-Engelking

At this time, the Senators selected their seats pursuant to Senate Rule 3(B). On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the seats, as presently occupied, were permanently assigned to the Senators for the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature.

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 8:48 a.m. until the hour of 3 p.m. of this day.

**RECESS
AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Senate reconvened at 4:13 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Carlson, Lakey, Nichols, VanOrden, and Ward-Engelking, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions.

Senators Nichols and VanOrden were recorded present at this order of business.

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Harris, by voice vote the following committee assignments were approved for the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature:

AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS (9)
Nichols, Chairman
Zito, Vice Chairman

Lakey
Lent
VanOrden*
Blaylock*
Kohl*
Sommelroth*
Taylor*

COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES (9)
Foreman, Chairman
Lenney, Vice Chairman

Lakey
Guthrie
Nichols*
Bernt*
Zito*
Ward-Engelking*
Ruchti*

EDUCATION (9)
Lent, Chairman
Cook, Vice Chairman

Woodward
Nichols*
Carlson*
Burtenshaw
Zito*
Ward-Engelking*
Sommelroth*

FINANCE (10)
Grow, Chairman
Woodward, Vice Chairman

Cook
Bjerke*
Hart*
Carlson*
Zuiderveld*
Galloway
Ward-Engelking*
Wintrow*

HEALTH AND WELFARE (9)
VanOrden, Chairman
Bjerke, Vice Chairman

Harris
Zuiderveld*
Lenney*
Shippy*
Blaylock
Keyser*
Wintrow*

JUDICIARY AND RULES (9)
Lakey, Chairman
Shippy, Vice Chairman

Ricks
Foreman*
Lent
Wintrow*
Ruchti*

Lenney*
Keyser*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION (9)
Ricks, Chairman
Adams, Vice Chairman

Grow*
Anthon
Bernt
Den Hartog*
Toews*

Rabe*
Taylor*

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 Winrow, by voice vote the Organizational Session of the Idaho Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* at 4:40 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

Note: Pursuant to Senate Rule 19(A), "...provided that the President Pro Tempore shall appoint a majority of each committee and the chair and vice chair of each committee...". The President Pro Tempore's appointments are indicated by *.

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT (9)
Burtenshaw, Chairman
Hart, Vice Chairman

Guthrie
Harris
Okuniewicz*
Cook*
VanOrden*
Kohl*

Taylor*

STATE AFFAIRS (9)
Guthrie, Chairman
Bernt, Vice Chairman

Anthon
Harris
Toews*
Den Hartog*
Adams*
Shippy*

Ruchti*

TRANSPORTATION (9)
Okuniewicz, Chairman
Keyser, Vice Chairman

Burtenshaw
Hart*
Adams*
Galloway
Kohl*

Rabe*
Sammelroth*

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, President Bedke appointed a committee consisting of Senator Cook, Chairman, and Senators Foreman and Winrow to notify the Governor that the Senate is now organized and ready to conduct business.

The committee was excused.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, President Bedke appointed a committee consisting of Senator Guthrie, Chairman, and Senators Adams and Ruchti to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is now organized and ready to conduct business.

The committee was excused.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that the Governor sent his best wishes to the Senate members.

The committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives returned and reported that they had conveyed the message to the House and the House expressed their best wishes for a productive session.

The committee was discharged.

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**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

Senate Chamber

At the hour of 12 noon on Monday, January 6, 2025, the time established for the convening of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the members of the Senate convened in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in the City of Boise, President Scott Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Ricks and Woodward, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Sergeant-at-Arms, Sarah Jane McDonald, escorted the Idaho State Police Honor Guard into the Senate Chambers to present and post the colors for the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Sarah Jane McDonald.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Jerry Csutoras, escorted Ms. Halle Farmer into the Senate Chambers for the purpose of singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

President Pro Tempore Anthon provided a brief history of the Idaho State flag flown over the domes of the House and Senate Chambers during each session of the Legislature. He explained that the flags represent the spirit of our citizens and serve as a symbol of Idaho's sovereignty. They further serve notice to the State that the Legislature, the elected representatives of all the citizens of Idaho, is in session. The flags are raised when the Legislature convenes and will be retired when the Legislature adjourns *sine die*.

President Bedke presented the Idaho State flag to the Idaho State Police Honor Guard to be raised above the Senate Chamber to fly during the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature and the Idaho State Police Honor Guard exited the Chamber.

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

Motions and Resolutions

Senators Ricks and Woodward were recorded present at this order of business.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, President Bedke appointed a committee consisting

of Senator Grow, Chairman, and Senators Zuiderveld and Ward-Engelking to notify the Governor that the Senate is now organized and ready to conduct business.

The committee was excused.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, President Bedke appointed a committee consisting of Senator Burtenshaw, Chairman, and Senators Lenney and Taylor to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is now organized and ready to conduct business.

The committee was excused.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor returned and reported that the Governor sent his best wishes to the Senate members.

The committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives returned and reported that they had conveyed the message to the House and the House expressed their best wishes for a productive session.

The committee was discharged.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, President Bedke appointed a committee consisting of Senator Lent, Chairman, and Senator Semmelroth to escort the committee from the House of Representatives into the Senate Chamber. Representatives Horman, Scott, and Mathias informed the Senate that the House is now organized and ready to conduct business.

The Senate committee was discharged.

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

Messages from the House

January 6, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 1](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 1](#) 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

[HCR 1](#), by Monks and Rubel, was introduced and read at length.

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate consideration of [HCR 1](#) be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

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, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [HCR 1](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, [HCR 1](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

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

Second Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate went at ease for the purpose of attending a joint session to hear the Governor's State of the State and Budget Address.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to [HCR 1](#), the hour of 1 p.m. having arrived, the members of the Senate entered into the House Chamber and met in Joint Session with Speaker Mike Moyle presiding.

Roll call showed 68 House members present with Representatives Barbieri and Wisniewski absent and excused.

Roll call showed all Senate members present.

On request by Speaker Moyle, granted by unanimous consent, an Honor Guard consisting of members of the Idaho State Police presented and posted the United States flag and the Idaho State flag. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Speaker Moyle.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was offered by House Chaplain, Tom Dougherty.

On request by Representative Monks, granted by unanimous consent, the Speaker appointed three committees to wait upon the Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Court Judges, the elected officials, and the Governor and escort them to the House Chamber.

The Speaker appointed Senator Lakey, Senator Ward-Engelking, Representative Skaug, and Representative Gannon as the committee to wait upon and escort the Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Court Judges to the House Chamber.

The Speaker excused the committee.

The Speaker appointed Senator Harris, Senator Ruchti, Representative Crane (12), and Representative Galaviz as the committee to wait upon and escort the elected officials to the House Chamber.

The Speaker excused the committee.

The Speaker appointed Senator Den Hartog, Senator Wintrow, Representative Monks, and Representative Rubel as the committee to wait upon and escort the Governor to the House Chamber.

The Speaker excused the committee.

The committees appointed by the Speaker returned and escorted the Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges,

the elected officials, and the Governor into the House Chamber where they were presented to the Joint Session by the Speaker.

The Speaker introduced His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Idaho, Brad Little, and the following **State of the State and Budget Address** was delivered by the Governor:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pro Tem, Mr. President, honored legislators, my fellow constitutional officers, Mr. Chief Justice and members of the judiciary, my wife and your First Lady, Teresa, my family, friends, and my fellow Idahoans.

Just two months ago, on the eve of a historic presidential election, America teetered between two very different futures for the next four years and beyond. One future guaranteed the status quo - out of control federal spending, a lawless open border, sky high inflation, onerous regulations, and a depressed economy that traps families' potential.

Americans rejected that failed path and instead re-elected a man with a very different vision for America - Donald Trump.

President Trump's vision for America actually looks a lot like Idaho! With their votes, Americans affirmed they want for our country what Idaho has - safe communities, bustling economic activity, increasing incomes, tax relief, fewer regulations, fiscal responsibility, and common-sense values.

I am excited about President Trump's return to the White House. We have a renewed opportunity to help him deliver results and show the rest of the country how to do things right!

And that starts with KEEPING PROMISES.

Idaho's elected leaders have promised and delivered real results over and over and over for the people we serve.

I want to congratulate all our legislators on their elections and recognize the new members of leadership in both parties. As a former legislator and member of Senate leadership, I understand the challenges and the rewards of bringing everyone together. I commit to all my legislative partners that we will work productively together this legislative session.

Together, we promised Idahoans historic tax relief and delivered back to back to back tax cuts for Idaho families and businesses. We delivered property tax cuts and a new lower flat income tax. We increased the grocery tax rebate, and we stand ready to implement President Trump's promised tax cuts.

My KEEPING PROMISES plan continues the trend. I am proposing yet another round of tax relief for hardworking Idaho families - \$100 million - on top of the \$4.6 billion we have already given back to Idahoans over the past five years!

We also promised and delivered unprecedented investments in schools, the American worker, water, roads, fire, outdoor recreation, and other infrastructure without raising taxes.

My KEEPING PROMISES plan builds on those investments by adding more support for schools — on top of the 80 percent increase in state funding we championed for education since I took office.

Idaho offers an abundance of schooling options for each student's unique needs. We lead the nation in expanding and supporting public charter schools. I was proud to receive the national Charter School Champion award on behalf of our state after we cut red tape and added more support and flexibility last year. Public charter schools are unquestionably popular in our state, serving about 30,000 students, up 30 percent from just five

years ago. I support charter schools because they offer families more options for their children's education while providing taxpayers the accountability and transparency they deserve. We are also one of the few states that enable parents to choose the best school for their children regardless of where they live, and our popular Empowering Parents program offers grants to support students' education outside of the classroom.

We ARE a leader in education freedom.

I recognize the growing desire to expand school choice, especially for students with unique physical or developmental conditions. I am recommending \$50 million to further expand education options for Idaho families.

Just like we do with every taxpayer dollar that is spent in government, we will ensure there is oversight in school choice. Why? Because accountability in government is an Idaho value, and it is what taxpayers demand and deserve.

Just as we expect the following from our public schools, any school choice measure I would consider must be done the Idaho way, which means it is fair, responsible, transparent, and accountable. It must prioritize the families that need it most and it must not take funds away from public schools.

We will do so while continuing to prioritize first and foremost our public schools. Adequately funding public schools is both our constitutional and our moral obligation, and we will not abandon that obligation.

We have significantly improved teacher pay and health benefits, increased funding for literacy, and began to address the longstanding facilities needs in schools across Idaho.

However, even with the historic investments over the past five years, there are still known gaps. My KEEPING PROMISES plan includes over \$150 million for public schools. I look forward to working with the Legislature to address gaps in rural school facilities, mental health, school safety, and literacy.

We also must embrace accountability in public schools to guarantee the best outcomes for our students. Together, we will ensure the best education in Idaho is in a public school.

We have also kept our promises to Idahoans by standing up for common sense values. Idaho was the first state to take action to defend women's sports. I was incredibly proud of the Boise State University women's volleyball team for standing up for what's right. Generations have worked hard to guarantee our girls and women can play fair and square. To our female athletes, we will continue to fight for you!

Reflecting on the past year, two natural elements consumed Idahoans' attention - water and fire.

Our farmers confronted a real problem head on - the long-term decline of water in the aquifer that sustains Idaho agriculture. Our farmers worked hard to secure a new water deal that safeguards Idaho's water sovereignty. Friends, let's thank our farmers. Along with our citizen legislators and Lt. Governor Scott Bedke, they crafted a new plan that maintains control of our water destiny, not other states, not the feds, and not the men and women in robes. My KEEPING PROMISES plan helps tackle the backlog of unfunded water projects because securing water for future generations and protecting Idaho agriculture requires both the new plan and continued investments that have proven to raise water levels in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer - the lifeblood of Idaho agriculture.

On the heels of a destructive fire season, our KEEPING PROMISES plan also deploys additional bonuses to hire and retain wildland firefighters. Our firefighters battle dangerous conditions to protect lives, property, and our natural resources. Please recognize a few of these tough Idahoans we have with us today. I am also asking the Legislature to properly fund the fire suppression account so these firefighters know we've got their back.

Last summer, I called out the feds for not putting out wildfires more aggressively. The State of Idaho leads on fire and forest management where the feds have failed. Idahoans are tired of choking on smoke for weeks on end. I look forward to working with the Trump administration to boldly transform how wildfire and our western lands are managed.

How else are we keeping our promises to Idahoans? With more people traveling Idaho's highways than ever before, we have responsibly championed historic transportation

investments to keep up with record growth without raising taxes. Our KEEPING PROMISES plan keeps our foot on the gas with additional transportation funding. We will continue to improve our existing roads and bridges and get people and products across our state safely and efficiently.

It's true we are victims of our own success. Growth does indeed come with many opportunities, but it also comes with challenges. The cost of owning a home is just too expensive for too many Idaho families. You have all heard me state my goal from day one - to make Idaho the place where our children and grandchildren choose to stay and for the ones who have left to choose to come home. It's difficult to achieve that goal when home ownership is so far out of reach.

We are feeling the pinch in housing supply. I look forward to working with legislators to remove even more regulatory barriers and further advance needed permitting reforms in order to keep up with housing demand. In 2022, this body put record amounts into workforce housing, creating thousands of homes for Idaho families. Our KEEPING PROMISES plan will help build even more homes so more working families can achieve the American Dream.

We also need skilled labor to keep up with the pace of development. Our efforts to get more Idaho kids into the trades is helping.

Across the country, the number of students on track to a career is declining, but not in Idaho. Idaho is bucking the trend. Thanks to LAUNCH, we had the largest cohort ever of students enrolled in an education or training program after high school. Two-thirds of the students who went on to an Idaho school last year used a LAUNCH grant. Community college attendance surged 15 percent. Those are real results. LAUNCH convinced kids who never would have considered training after high school to go on.

Many of these students will support the industries that help us keep up with growth - jobs in construction, auto technicians, and plumbers, along with welders, electricians, and a host of other professions. My KEEPING PROMISES plan increases capacity for working class Idahoans to get on the fast track to a career.

There is one major takeaway from the historic presidential election two months ago: the working people of America want someone fighting for them. President Trump himself said, "We must embrace new and effective job-training approaches." Mr.

President, we welcome the opportunity to work with you to structure innovative, effective workforce training programs like Idaho's LAUNCH across the nation!

There is no doubt Idaho is on a roll. Even Elon Musk posted on social media three times in one day about Idaho's red tape reduction successes. We know we have caught the attention of the rest of the country.

President Trump's new Department of Government Efficiency is already looking to Idaho for the blueprint on how to cut red tape, stimulate economic growth, and streamline government. Idaho stands ready to partner with the Trump administration.

As the least regulated state in the country, Idaho has an incredible story to share - one worth replicating elsewhere, including Washington, D.C. In the coming weeks, I will highlight all the ways Idaho is conquering waste in government, with some brand-new ideas on reducing government's footprint in people's lives.

As the new administration takes over in two weeks, we know a more secure border is imminent. As President Trump and Congress deliver on their own promises to lock down the border, Idaho stands ready to help deport dangerous criminals here illegally.

The Idaho State Police just wrapped up their fourth mission to the border. They intercepted deadly drugs and apprehended criminals coming across the open border under the Biden administration. No other state has completed more missions to border states than Idaho. As they have before, our troopers returned with new knowledge and will train other law enforcement agencies on the drug cartels' latest tactics. We have some of those troopers here with us today. Thank you for your dedicated service to our state.

Meanwhile, Idaho is taking even more steps to keep our communities safe. Working with local law enforcement partners, we reduced crime in Idaho by 17 percent since I took office, despite record population growth! Violent crime is at a five-year low, and we are among the top ten safest states.

But there is more we can do. My KEEPING PROMISES plan includes the addition of a new prosecutor in North Idaho who will solely focus on putting away drug traffickers. Unlike drug-friendly states, including neighboring Oregon, we are sending a clear message to nefarious criminals that the only place they're welcome in Idaho is behind bars.

But we also continue to see the benefits of our meaningful investments in corrections. We are demonstrating we can be tough on crime while ensuring those who want to become productive members of society have an off-ramp to a better life.

When it comes to the safety of Americans, China and Russia are working around the clock to inflict harm through cyber threats. We routinely beat back foreign hackers to protect Idahoans' data, and the leading experts at the Idaho National Laboratory continue the fight against bad actors. But we will do even more to protect citizens online. My KEEPING PROMISES plan reinforces our state's defenses against China and Russia by adding more resources in cybersecurity.

My friends, I am excited to hit the ground running and pick up where we left off with President Trump. We stand ready to hold up Idaho as the shining example of how to properly and minimally govern, which starts and ends with KEEPING PROMISES to the people we serve.

As we prepare to celebrate the 250th birthday of our great country, we reflect on what it means to be an American. Our past and our future are rooted in freedom and self-reliance while taking care of each other and with a constant faith in God.

To the people of Idaho, as your elected leaders, we promise to continue governing responsibly and to uphold freedom and common sense in our decisions.

Like we've done time and time again, we WILL deliver on that promise. Thank you and God bless.

The Speaker thanked Governor Little for his message.

The committees came forward and escorted the Governor, the Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges, and the elected officials to their chambers and offices respectively, and were, on their return, thanked and discharged by the Speaker.

On motion by Representative Tanner (14), seconded by Representative Berch, by voice vote the State of the State and Budget Address was ordered spread upon the pages of the House and Senate Journals.

On motion by Representative Monks, seconded by Representative Berch, by voice vote the Joint Session was dissolved.

The appointed committee came forward and escorted the Senators from the House Chamber.

The members of the Senate returned to the Senate 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 1:48 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexis Abenroth, 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 Journals of the proceedings of December 5, 2024, and January 6, 2025, were 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Cory Barrier of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing March 14, 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.

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Alex Adams of Eagle, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to serve a term commencing June 5, 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 Health and Welfare Committee.

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Ashley Dowell of Nampa, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Corrections to serve a term commencing June 9, 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.

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mary Martin of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole to serve a term commencing June 27, 2024, and expiring January 1, 2026.

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.

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Brent Baker of Athol, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2023, and expiring July 24, 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 Resources and Environment Committee.

July 15, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Marc Brinkmeyer of Sandpoint, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2023, and expiring July 24, 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 Resources and Environment Committee.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Brigadier General Timothy J. Donnellan of Eagle, Idaho, was appointed as the Adjutant General of the Idaho Military Division to serve a term commencing June 23, 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 State Affairs Committee.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Shawn Keough of Sandpoint, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Board of Education to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2029.

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 Education Committee.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Kurt Liebich of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Board of Education to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2029.

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 Education Committee.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Rob Perez of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 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 State Affairs Committee.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that James Keating of Hailey, Idaho, was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to serve a term commencing August 23, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2025.

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.

October 16, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mike Roach of Fairfield, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to serve a term commencing August 29, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2028.

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.

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 11:16 a.m. until the hour of 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025**

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:45 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Nichols, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sakia Bowman, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senator Nichols was 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 7, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Wallace Hedrick of Eagle, Idaho, was appointed to the Public Charter School Commission to serve a term commencing October 27, 2023, and expiring May 12, 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 Education Committee.

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Steve Landon of Chubbuck, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Insurance Fund Board to serve a term commencing May 1, 2024, and expiring May 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Sherrilynn Bair of Firth, Idaho, was reappointed to the Public Charter School Commission to serve a term commencing May 12, 2024, and expiring May 12, 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 Education Committee.

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Lee Heinrich of Cascade, Idaho, was reappointed to the Board of Tax Appeals to serve a term commencing June 30, 2024, and expiring June 30, 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 Local Government and Taxation Committee.

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Linda Mitchell of Sagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2024, and expiring July 24, 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 Resources and Environment Committee.

November 20, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that David Turnbull of Eagle, Idaho, was appointed to the State Board of Education to serve a term commencing October 23, 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 Education Committee.

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 10:57 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
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 Savannah 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

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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**FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025**

Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:15 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Harris, Lent, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ward-Engelking, and Wintrow, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Semmelroth and Zito, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Clever, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senator Zito was 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 9, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

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 J. Wilford of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to serve a term commencing March 12, 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.

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 Patricia Perkins of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 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 State Affairs 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 Craig Hill of Priest Lake, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2024, and expiring July 24, 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 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 Trevor Sparrow of Pierce, Idaho, was appointed as the Health and Social Services Ombudsman to serve a term commencing December 9, 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 Health and Welfare 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 Marc Gibbs of Grace, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Water Resource Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

December 31, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Elizabeth Elroy of Meridian, Idaho, was reappointed to the Board of Environmental Quality to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 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 Health and Welfare Committee.

December 31, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Lance Boylan of Kellogg, Idaho, was appointed to the Board of Environmental Quality to serve a term commencing December 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2028.

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 Health and Welfare Committee.

December 31, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dean Stevenson of Paul, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Water Resource Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Andrew Arulanandam of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the Idaho Lottery Commission to serve a term commencing August 23, 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 State Affairs Committee.

January 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Andrew Arulanandam of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Director of the State Liquor

Division to serve a term commencing August 23, 2024, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

January 6, 2025

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.

January 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Lisa Paulos of Jerome, Idaho, was appointed to the Public Charter School Commission to serve a term commencing October 10, 2024, and expiring May 12, 2028.

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 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dennis Leikam of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was appointed to the Board of Environmental Quality to serve a term commencing December 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2028.

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 Health and Welfare Committee.

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Luke Malek of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was appointed to the State Board of Correction to serve a term commencing January 30, 2025, and expiring January 30, 2031.

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.

January 8, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Wanda Quinn of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was reappointed to the Public Charter School Commission to serve a term commencing May 12, 2024, and expiring May 12, 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 Education Committee.

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 Ruchti, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 10:31 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 13, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gage Griffin, 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 10, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Robert Bloem of Hayden, Idaho, was appointed to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to serve a term commencing May 9, 2024, and expiring January 31, 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 Transportation Committee.

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Matthew Woodington of Middleton, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho State Racing Commission to serve a term commencing January 15, 2024, and expiring January 15, 2030.

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 9, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Tara Malek of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board to serve a term commencing April 10, 2024, and expiring April 10, 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 9, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Lori Wolff of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed as Administrator of the Division of Financial Management to serve a term commencing June 5, 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 State Affairs Committee.

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 11:09 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

**NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Semmelroth and Zuiderveld, 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.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of January 13, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 10, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Christine Starr of Boise, Idaho, was appointed as the Executive Director of the Commission of Pardons and Parole to serve a term commencing October 21, 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 Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Albert Barker of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Water Resource Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

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 1001

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT; AMENDING TITLE 6, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 39, TITLE 6, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE SCOPE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL MOTION FOR EXPEDITED RELIEF, TO PROVIDE FOR A STAY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR A HEARING, TO PROVIDE FOR PROOF TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISMISSAL OF A CAUSE OF ACTION IN WHOLE OR PART, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A COURT SHALL RULE ON A MOTION, TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AWARDED OF COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND EXPENSES, TO PROVIDE FOR STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE A TRANSITIONAL PROVISION, TO PROVIDE A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1001 was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Miscellaneous Business

Senators Semmelroth and Zuiderveld were recorded present at this order of business.

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at

11:12 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

TENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brett Poggi, 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 14, 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 15, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1001](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1001](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

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

Messages from the House

January 14, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 3](#) and [HCR 2](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 3](#) and [HCR 2](#) were filed for first reading.

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, President Pro Tempore Anthon appointed a committee consisting of Senator Lakey, Chairman, and Senators Keyser and Wintrow to escort Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan into the Senate Chamber where he delivered the following **State of the Judiciary Address**:

Mr. President, Mr. President Pro Tem., and distinguished members of the Idaho Senate, my colleagues on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, and fellow Idahoans.

Thank you for having me here today. I look forward to this opportunity each year to share both our successes and the challenges we face in the judiciary.

And to the new lawmakers in the room, welcome! If you are unfamiliar with our court system, I invite you to visit your local courts to see firsthand the vital work being done by the third branch of government in your communities every day.

Our founders envisioned a judiciary of skilled judges who reflect their communities, and I am proud to say that's exactly what we have. Our judges exhibit integrity, respect for those who come before them, and a commitment to timely and impartial application of the rule of law. Our judges are independent meaning they follow the law "without sale, denial, delay, or prejudice," as our Constitution guarantees. Judges follow and apply the law as passed by this legislature and as dictated in Idaho's constitution, regardless of the judge's personal beliefs.

Judges must make decisions that they personally disagree with. As former Justice Antonin Scalia once explained: "If you're going to be a good and faithful judge, you [must] resign yourself to the fact that you're not always going to like the conclusions you reach. If you like them all the time, you're probably doing something wrong." This is how Idaho judges operate. They review and apply the law to the facts before them.

What is it like to serve on the bench? Let's consider a typical magistrate judge in Twin Falls — the county where I served as a district judge before joining the Supreme Court.

Magistrate judges handle a staggering variety of cases. Almost all criminal cases begin before them, as do juvenile cases. They hear disputes over divorce and child custody, approaching sensitive arguments with great care. They are the judges who address issues around a deceased relative's will and who resolve traffic tickets. And, when local police need a search or arrest warrant in the middle of the night, it's the magistrate judge they turn to. One of our Ada County magistrate judges who was on call a few weeks ago received 17 calls in one weekend. Magistrate judges thus have the most direct contact with the public, and sorting this all into an efficient schedule takes work.

Twin Falls County has three magistrate judges who rotate across three weeks of distinct responsibilities:

One week is filled with arraignments, pretrials, status conferences and child protection shelter care hearings. Each hearing involves a unique set of facts. Each one merits the full and undivided attention of the judge. On their busiest day during this week, one judge can hold hearings in as many as 124 different cases.

The next week focuses on criminal cases. One day, the judge may handle sentencings, hearing an average of 30 cases. On another day, the magistrate judge may have anywhere from six to 20 criminal jury trials scheduled, though only one can proceed. Some cases may settle before trial. Others may not be ready to begin that day. Scheduling multiple trials ensures jurors who have taken time off work or arranged for childcare can perform their civic duty without wasting their time. The next day, the judge begins the same exercise again.

The third week focuses on civil cases. The judge will try to fit in as many as two civil court trials a day — these are trials that don't involve a jury. Many of them involve child custody or divorce. Any remaining time is packed with status or name change hearings, adoptions, child protection hearings, probate and other civil proceedings. On an average week the judge will touch 40 to 50 civil cases on a whole range of topics.

The three magistrate judges are helped by four others who travel in from outlying counties each week to cover additional criminal trials, protection order hearings, small claims cases and juvenile proceedings. That last category alone can involve 40 to 50 hearings a week. These traveling judges take time away from their own counties to make sure justice is moving in Twin Falls — this will be important to note later.

Similar workloads apply to our district judges. These judges may see less variety in their cases, but they deal with increasingly complex topics.

District judges oversee cases involving felony criminal charges, for which the defendant, if convicted, can be sentenced to the penitentiary. These cases include an arraignment, the potential to decide multiple motions, holding trials or taking guilty pleas, and ultimately sentencing. District judges also handle challenges to a criminal conviction once one is entered.

District judges also preside over civil matters with more than \$10,000 in controversy. These include medical malpractice, employment conflicts and complex business and property disputes, but not divorce or probate cases — those stay with our magistrate judges. Just as an example, one district judge in Twin Falls reports that 424 of his criminal cases and 198 of his civil cases were closed out in 2024.

Some judges do all their work in one courthouse, but others may spend 50, 100, even 200 hours a year on the road as they shuttle from courthouse to courthouse. One district judge who is chambered in Shoshone County presides over cases there and in Benewah County. But this judge also spends at least two weeks a month in Kootenai County helping with its felony cases. The travel and time on the bench combined leave little time for research and decision writing, which is much of what a district judge is required to do.

In Bonneville County, proceedings have grown enough that district judges from Bingham and Jefferson counties step in to help manage calendars in Bonneville — one criminal, one civil. We have other judges in our Seventh Judicial District — the largest geographically — who spend one-tenth of their year behind the wheel if calculated using a standard 40-hour work week. Of course, none of our judges work only 40 hours.

One of the most rewarding aspects of judicial work is presiding over treatment courts. I had the privilege of presiding over both a mental health court and a veterans' court during my time as a district judge. I consider that some of the most rewarding aspects of my work. Treatment courts change lives.

Most of these courts convene early in the morning or after hours. Thus, judges volunteer to preside in these courts — often allotting 2.5 hours or more on those days — to help people overcome addiction, mental health issues, and more. Half of Idaho's 150 judges preside over at least one treatment court. In the last fiscal year, 613 people graduated from treatment courts. That's 613 Idahoans who are no longer on drugs, who have found effective mental health treatment, who through veterans' court have found the support they need in a setting that is informed by the context of their service. Studies show these graduates are significantly less likely to reoffend, underscoring the value of these programs in keeping our communities safe.

All these events are more than statistics for our judges. They are constant and meaningful interactions with the people in their communities. Each hearing, be it criminal or civil, will include the parties and often their attorneys. Family and friends may be present. A jury trial may involve 40 or more people visiting the courthouse, participating in the proceedings, or witnessing them from the gallery.

Most people at a hearing are invested in the outcome; for the parties, life may change dramatically. Our judges spend their days navigating people who have reason to bring strong emotions with them.

As Chief Justice John Roberts recently noted, "it is not in the nature of judicial work to make everyone happy." In our system of government, the courts serve as a place to hold people accountable, to resolve our differences, and to settle difficult disputes. In making hundreds of decisions a week — decisions that may not please some of the litigants — that makes judicial work a position that is fraught with potential danger. We appreciate all that you have done to assist in the effort to protect judges' personal information, and we are hopeful that these and future steps may make it easier for judges to sleep at night.

I wish everyone could feel what it's like to serve our society as a judge. This work is humbling and demanding. However, the toll it takes on our friends and neighbors who serve as judges should not be underestimated.

I know that Idahoans value their courts and they rely on them to address life-altering matters. A former member of our judiciary, when speaking to the public, will point out that a judge is the one elected official who must make a decision on everything that comes before them. Keeping up with those decisions and rendering them in the timely manner that our Constitution requires is a continual challenge, especially in counties like Kootenai, Twin Falls, and Bonneville.

I described earlier some of the ways judges in these judicial districts are pitching in to cover the workload. But those solutions have become untenable and are limiting traveling judges' effectiveness. Visiting judges in Kootenai County now cover nearly a full month's work for a district judge each month, reducing their ability to serve their own counties. Bonneville County is seeing more complex civil litigation and high volumes of hearings seeking temporary orders, which must be dealt with as emergencies, without delay. Twin Falls County has gotten by with three magistrate judges for 35 years or more, notwithstanding the population growth there — and the added complexity of cases we now face since the 1970s. To meet these demands, we are requesting funding for four new judges across these counties.

Judges are elected officials. But taking that office requires the new judge to undergo a dramatic transition. This is in large

part due to our code of ethics, which requires judges to be able to decide impartially on matters affecting their communities. It isn't enough to just avoid actual conflicts of interest. In order to maintain the public's trust and confidence, judges must avoid even the appearance of favoritism.

Becoming a judge often means relinquishing existing friendships, adjusting hobbies and revisiting how you spend every moment of your free time — all to ensure impartiality and fulfill constitutional duties. For the good of our society, we ask judges to completely reshape their lives and allow their work to become their identity. That means becoming a judge is a massive life step and is usually the final job many of us hold.

When I put it that way, perhaps some of our recruitment challenges become clearer.

Just five years ago, there were, on average, 11 applicants for a district judge position. Last fiscal year, that average dropped to 4.6. When judges resign, retire or pass away mid-term, the Idaho Judicial Council is required to send at least three names to the governor for appointments — for several of the most recent vacancies, three applicants were all the Council even had.

Interest in magistrate judge positions is generally better, but applications for those positions have also declined. Of large concern is the source of those applicants. Talented attorneys who are already in public service, our prosecutors and defense attorneys, are applying to become judges. But civil attorneys in private practice are far less interested in judicial work than they used to be — for vacancies in our trial courts last fiscal year, just one in five applicants came from the private sector.

I welcome former criminal attorneys to our bench — I was once a prosecutor myself. But these trends affect the balance and depth of experience of our bench, particularly in areas like business law, regulatory law, medical malpractice, and complex civil litigation. That in turn threatens the quality of service we provide the public.

At the Supreme Court, we are focused on improving the experience of judicial service as a lifelong commitment. We have the power to take some steps. But one we commonly hear about we do not control at all. That is your responsibility: judicial compensation.

Idaho ranks near the bottom across the states and territories for how much it pays its judges. This year Idaho ranks 48th of 53 states and territories for salaries of its district judges. Of nearby states, only one touching our borders pays its judges less. Most judges in the states surrounding Idaho are paid 10% to 40% higher. And civil private practice is the field with the highest pay disparity between judges and experienced attorneys — as you likely know from the recent cases in which this body has hired legal counsel. The disparity between current judicial salaries and the compensation of attorneys in both the public and private sectors is continuing to grow. Even at current salaries, the cost of housing and other life expenses in parts of our state discourages attorneys from seeking the bench.

Pay does not just affect recruitment. This is also a retention issue. Again, becoming a judge is usually the capstone of an attorney's career. But one-third of our judges who announced their retirement in the 2024 fiscal year returned to practice as an attorney. Based on our numbers as of last week, two-thirds of retiring judges are doing the same thing this fiscal year. Until the last couple of years, this has been exceptionally rare. And when judges leave, the investment the state has made in recruiting and training leaves with them.

Experienced judges are leaving office early. Experienced attorneys are less interested in replacing them. To halt these trends, the Supreme Court proposes increasing judicial salaries to closer to \$200,000 annually for trial court judges. This request is rooted in both the Idaho market for legal services and in nearby states' judicial pay. To be clear, this will not place Idaho at the top of the pay scale, but it will make judicial service more attractive to qualified candidates and encourage current judges to stay on the bench. And I would note that even at that level, the salaries of Idaho's highly trained and skilled judges wouldn't even make the top 100 of Idaho's state government salaries.

In the long term, we propose that judicial salary changes be considered by an independent citizens' committee whose members are appointed by the executive and legislative branches, similar to the committee that determines legislative salaries. As with that existing committee, salary changes would be subject to review by the House and Senate, preserving your role in the process.

We believe that the pay for every public servant — judge, legislator, the people who manage our water and the people who promote our economy — deserves to be decided based on the position and the work. Please join us now on a better path forward.

We do not make these requests lightly. The Judicial Branch's budget makes up just 1% of the state's general fund. We understand the importance of being good stewards. As you've heard, we make the most of the resources we have available to us, working with our senior judges and sitting judges to share the load. When we bring you matters involving funding, we make sure they are meaningful — things we simply cannot do otherwise. Fair and competitive compensation is one of those matters.

We judges are invested, much like you, in maintaining this great state for its people. Fair and competitive compensation for our judges is crucial to maintaining a high-quality judiciary throughout Idaho. Idahoans deserve the best possible legal experts to resolve matters of life, liberty, and property.

From the earliest days of this state, Idahoans worried about how to ensure their courts stood among the best. And even then, there were worries about judges' salaries. Weldon Heyburn, who would become one of our early U.S. senators, talked in 1889 at our state constitutional convention about fair compensation for the work of the courts — "the salaries are insufficient and always have been," he said. James Reid, vice president of the convention echoed his sentiments: "Cheap justice is generally injustice."

You have many issues before you this session. We have sought to keep ours simple. As we look to the future, we ask for your support in ensuring our judiciary remains strong, independent, and capable of serving the needs of the people of Idaho.

Thank you.

The President Pro Tempore thanked Chief Justice Bevan for his remarks and Senator Lakey, Chairman, and Senators Keyser and Winrow escorted Chief Justice Bevan from the Chamber, and the Committee was discharged.

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 1002

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES;
AMENDING SECTION 49-306, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
FOR A CERTAIN FOUR-YEAR CLASS D DRIVER'S
LICENSE FEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1002](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 3](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[HCR 2](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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 11:05 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

Senate Chamber

Acting President Den Hartog called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Cook and Lent, 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.

Senators Cook and Lent 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 15, 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SCR 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REJECTING THE RATES OF LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION SET BY THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature is vested with the authority to reject or reduce rates of compensation and expenses established for service as members of the Legislature by the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation pursuant to the provisions of Section 23, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, with Idahoans facing increasing costs for essential goods and services such as food, housing, and energy,

the Legislature must exercise fiscal responsibility by prioritizing the needs of Idaho residents over increasing government growth and higher legislator compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the rates of compensation for services rendered as members of the Legislature, as set by the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation on November 6, 2024, to take effect for the two-year period beginning December 1, 2024, are hereby rejected, and the rate of compensation and expenses in effect during the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature are continued in full force and effect. The compensation and expenses that were in effect from December 1, 2024, until the effective date of this resolution shall be deemed to have been in effect for that period, and any amounts paid shall have been paid lawfully and need not be recovered from or repaid by members of the Legislature.

SCR 101 was 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 16, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that **SCR 101** and **S 1002** have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

SCR 101 was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

S 1002 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

January 15, 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:

Rob Perez to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board, term to expire July 1, 2028.

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.

January 15, 2025

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

Brent Baker to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2026;

Marc Brinkmeyer to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2026.

BURTENSHAW, 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 15, 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:

Kirk Nelson to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to expire January 1, 2027.

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.

January 15, 2025

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

Alex Adams as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

VANORDEN, 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 15, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. President,

I am hereby transmitting to the Idaho State Senate a list of all Gubernatorial appointments that have not been previously communicated pursuant to Title 67, Section 803 of the Idaho Code.

Additional appointments made during this session will be submitted forthwith with the appropriate corresponding information for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Harris, 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 1003

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ANY FISHING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING LICENSES, TAGS, OR PERMITS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1004

BY WINTROW AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5901, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY IS A CIVIL RIGHT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-5902, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5909, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1003](#) and [S 1004](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

DEN HARTOG, Acting President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Lent and Ruchti, 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 16, 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

SCR 102

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE STATE OF IDAHO'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic occurred in Idaho in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, there have been over 500,000 suspected cases of COVID-19 in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, there have been over 5,000 deaths in Idaho reportedly attributed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho declared a state of emergency in Idaho in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, numerous Idaho municipalities canceled scheduled events and restricted public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho issued a "stay at home order" for all "nonessential Idahoans"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho activated the National Guard in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho ordered houses of worship to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's medical facilities reportedly reached record numbers of emergency room visits; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho repeatedly renewed the declared state of emergency in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Boise ordered all indoor dining and drinking to stop at all restaurants and bars; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans were arrested and cited in various municipalities around the state for mask mandate and social distancing violations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho made available and accelerated the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho received billions of federal dollars under the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, some major Idaho health care facilities ordered employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 under penalty of forced employment termination; and

WHEREAS, all four of Idaho's major state-funded universities ordered students to wear face masks; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare activated crisis standards of care so as to ration health care resources; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature passed a memorial to the United States Congress expressing disapproval of the proposed vaccine requirements under President Biden's administration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho continues to encourage citizens to obtain the COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, there is a rapidly growing increase in credible clinical and medical research data indicating the COVID-19 vaccines are not efficacious and are potentially dangerous; and

WHEREAS, mounting evidence is rapidly accumulating indicating the COVID-19 virus was not a lethal health threat to over 99% of people; and

WHEREAS, the state and local governments forced many small- and medium-size businesses to close; and

WHEREAS, many Idahoans suffered severe financial losses and business bankruptcies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the conduct and overall response of the government of the State of Idaho to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature on whether the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Idaho, or state statutes were violated or circumvented resulting in the infringement of the constitutional rights of the citizens of Idaho.

[SCR 102](#) was 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 17, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1003](#) and [S 1004](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1003](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1004](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 16, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Steve Landon to the State Insurance Fund Board, term to expire May 1, 2028.

FOREMAN, 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.

January 16, 2025

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 3](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 3](#) was filed for second reading.

January 16, 2025

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

Kurt Liebich to the State Board of Education, term to expire July 1, 2029.

LENT, 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.

January 17, 2025

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

George Lynch to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority, term to expire January 30, 2029.

GUTHRIE, 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 17, 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:

Thomas J. Wilford to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President Pro Tempore announced that [SCR 101](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Kohl, [SCR 101](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

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 1005 BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LIENS OF MECHANICS AND MATERIALMEN; AMENDING SECTION 45-522, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING PRIORITY OF HEARINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1006 BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 29-115, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO BE SUBJECT TO IDAHO LAW AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH CONTRACTS SHALL NOT REQUIRE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1007 BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-510, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1008 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS; REPEALING SECTION 18-3309, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REGARDING FIREARMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3309, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS REGARDING CONCEALED WEAPONS AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1009

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; REPEALING SECTION 46-802, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON UNORGANIZED ASSOCIATIONS AND PARADES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1010

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 73, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE NO JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF IDAHO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1005](#), [S 1006](#), [S 1007](#), [S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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 11:40 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

**FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators VanOrden and Ward-Engelking, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

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 17, 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 20, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 102](#), [S 1005](#), [S 1006](#), [S 1007](#), [S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

[S 1005](#) and [S 1006](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1007](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1008](#), [S 1009](#), and [S 1010](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 20, 2025

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

Scott Madison to the Idaho Energy Resources Authority, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Thomas Mello to the State Building Authority, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Patricia Perkins to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board, term to expire July 1, 2028.

GUTHRIE, 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.

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

Messages from the Governor

January 9, 2025

Jennifer Novak
Secretary of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam Secretary:

As required by Section 57-1601, Idaho Code, I am transmitting the following report of the Governor's Emergency Fund for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

Balance as of July 1, 2023	\$667,276.96
Moscow homicide investigation exp.	<u>\$8,399.20</u>
 Balance as of June 30, 2024	 \$658,877.76
Moscow homicide investigation YTD exp.	\$6,310.54
Fight fentanyl now YTD exp.	<u>\$40.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024	\$652,527.22
 Estimated Balance as of June 30, 2025	 \$652,527.22

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mike Edmondson of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office

of Species Conservation to serve a term commencing January 6, 2023, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that John Ford Elsaesser of Priest River, Idaho, was reappointed to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission to serve a term commencing July 24, 2024, and expiring July 24, 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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that David Birch of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing December 6, 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.

January 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dale McOmber of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Building Authority to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2030.

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.

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

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Rob Perez was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Rob Perez as a member of the Treasurer's Investment Advisory 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 committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Brent Baker, Marc Brinkmeyer, and Kirk Nelson retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Alex Adams as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 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 reports relative to the Gubernatorial reappointments of Steve Landon and Kurt Liebich, and the Gubernatorial appointment of George Lynch retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Thomas J. Wilford was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Thomas J. Wilford as a

member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment 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 Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 3](#), by Revenue and Taxation 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 11:37 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexis Abenroth, 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 20, 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 20, 2025

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

Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the Idaho Lottery Commission, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the State Liquor Division, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

GUTHRIE, 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 20, 2025

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

Ashley Dowell as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Corrections, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Cory Barrier to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to expire January 1, 2027;

Luke Malek to the State Board of Correction, term to expire January 30, 2031.

LAKEY, 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 20, 2025

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

Lisa Paulos to the Public Charter School Commission, term to expire May 12, 2028.

LENT, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 20, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that B.J. Stinger of Pocatello, 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.

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 report relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Brent Baker and Marc Brinkmeyer retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

Having been held, the President announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Kirk Nelson was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator VanOrden, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Kirk Nelson 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 reappointment of Steve Landon retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Kurt Liebich as a member of the State Board of Education 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 George Lynch retained its place on the calendar for Monday, January 27, 2025.

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

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Thomas Mello was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Thomas Mello as a member of the State Building Authority 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills,
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S 1011

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO WINTER FEEDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES; AMENDING SECTION 36-123, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

REQUIREMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1012

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE IDAHO DEPREDATING WILDLIFE APPEALS BOARD; AMENDING TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 55, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO DEPREDATING WILDLIFE APPEALS BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 74-203, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE IDAHO DEPREDATING WILDLIFE APPEALS BOARD FROM OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 36-1109, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO DEPREDATING WILDLIFE APPEALS BOARD AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1013

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-411, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATED TO TRAPPING EDUCATION AND LICENSING AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 36-412, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1014

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 9, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE; REPEALING SECTION 39-902, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER; REPEALING SECTION 39-903, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO GERMICIDE TO BE INSTILLED IN EYES OF NEWBORN BABY; REPEALING SECTION 39-905, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER; REPEALING SECTION 39-906, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF DIRECTOR; REPEALING SECTION 39-907, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO BIRTH REPORTS NOT SHOWING COMPLIANCE; REPEALING SECTION 39-910, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF DIRECTOR IN ENFORCING ACT; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-902, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES REGARDING REPORTABLE DISEASES IN THE BIRTH OF A CHILD; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-903, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT OCULAR ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS BE APPLIED TO THE EYES OF NEWBORN BABIES; AMENDING SECTION 39-904, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REGARDING CERTAIN STATEMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-909, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN REQUIRED TESTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-906, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR BLOOD SPECIMEN COLLECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-912, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; PROVIDING

THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.02.12 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1015
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPITALS AND HOME HEALTH AGENCIES; REPEALING SECTIONS 39-1301, 39-1301A, 39-1301B, 39-1302, 39-1303, 39-1303a, 39-1303b, 39-1303c, 39-1304, 39-1305, 39-1306, 39-1307, 39-1307A, 39-1307B, 39-1308, 39-1312, 39-1313, AND 39-1314, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO HOSPITAL LICENSES AND INSPECTION; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1301, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1302, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1303, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSURE; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1304, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 39-1309, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INSPECTIONS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-1310, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1307, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR OPERATING A FACILITY WITHOUT A LICENSE; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1308, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INJUNCTION TO PREVENT OPERATION WITHOUT A LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 39-1301C, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; REPEALING CHAPTER 24, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES; AMENDING SECTION 39-1392a, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3301, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3322, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3501, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3505, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-5302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3215, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-101, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1602, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 56-1703, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 63-701, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.02 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT

CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.07 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.11 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.14 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1016
BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO BRANDS; AMENDING SECTION 25-1121, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION 25-1144, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 25-1145, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION 25-1146, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 25-1160, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 25-1161, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE STATE BRAND ACCOUNT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 25-3303, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 11.02.01 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1011](#), [S 1012](#), [S 1013](#), [S 1014](#), [S 1015](#), and [S 1016](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Third Reading of Bills

[H 3](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Grow 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 32.

NAYS—Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 3](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned 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 11:30 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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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 Keyser, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sakia Bowman, 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 21, 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 22, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1011](#), [S 1012](#), [S 1013](#), [S 1014](#), [S 1015](#), and [S 1016](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1011](#), [S 1012](#), and [S 1013](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1014](#) and [S 1015](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1016](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

January 21, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1006](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[S 1006](#) was filed for second reading.

January 21, 2025

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

Shawn Keough to the State Board of Education, term to expire July 1, 2029;

Wallace Hedrick to the Public Charter School Commission, term to expire May 12, 2027.

LENT, 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 21, 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:

Dennis Leikam to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2028;

Lance Boylan to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2028.

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 22, 2025

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

Lori Wolff as the Administrator of the Division of Financial Management, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Matthew Woodington to the Idaho State Racing Commission, term to expire January 15, 2030.

GUTHRIE, 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.

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

Messages from the House

January 21, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 6](#) and [H 7](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 6](#) and [H 7](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 102](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SCR 102](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator Foreman, seconded by Senator Lakey, that [SCR 102](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 25.

NAYS—Blaylock, Guthrie, Harris, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 9.

Absent and excused—Keyser. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [SCR 102](#) adopted, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

**S 1017
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-512D, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER DESIGNATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1018
BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IF REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IF REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS SHALL BE

SUBMITTED IF REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IF REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1017](#) and [S 1018](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 6](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 7](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

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 11:45 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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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 Lenney, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

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 22, 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 23, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1017](#) and [S 1018](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1017](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1018](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 22, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1001](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1001](#) was filed for second reading.

January 22, 2025

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

Christine Starr as the Executive Director of the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Mary Martin to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2026.

LAKEY, 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 22, 2025

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

Craig Hill to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2027;

Dean Stevenson to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Linda Mitchell to the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission, term to expire July 24, 2027;

Marc Gibbs to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029.

BURTENSHAW, 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.

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

Messages from the House

January 22, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 3](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 3](#) was filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

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

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Brent Baker as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin 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.

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

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Marc Brinkmeyer as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin 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.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Steve Landon was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Foreman, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Steve Landon as a member of the State Insurance Fund 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.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Scott Madison was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Blaylock, the Gubernatorial appointment of Scott Madison as a member of the Idaho Energy Resources Authority 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 reappointment of Patricia Perkins retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Zuiderveld, the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the Idaho Lottery 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 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 State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Adams, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Andrew Arulanandam as the Director of the State Liquor Division 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Ashley Dowell was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Ashley Dowell as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Corrections 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1019

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 18-3313, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A FALSE REPORT OF EXPLOSIVES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3313A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CRIME OF FALSE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR EMERGENCY IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1020

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES; AMENDING SECTION 57-1306, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MONEYS COLLECTED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL POWER ACT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1021**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 16-2005, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TERMINATION MAY BE GRANTED AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1022**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING CHAPTER 90, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-9004, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING MEDICAL RIGHTS OF PATIENTS AND OTHER PERSONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-9004, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1023**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 5, TITLE 73, IDAHO CODE; AMENDING SECTION 73-501, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A SHORT TITLE; AMENDING SECTION 73-502, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 73-503, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROHIBITED MEDICAL MANDATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1024**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 16-2403, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 24, TITLE 16, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 16-2406A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-302, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PERSONNEL; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS PROFESSIONAL TRAINEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-305C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS; REPEALING SECTION 39-306, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE FOR TREATMENT RULES; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306, IDAHO CODE,

TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY SCREENING, CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-306B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-309, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR TREATMENT; AMENDING SECTION 39-3122, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 31, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3131A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ELIGIBILITY SCREENING; AMENDING CHAPTER 31, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3141, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF BACKGROUND CHECK DENIAL; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.17 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.33 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.07.37 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1025**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 68, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO PUBLIC EDUCATION RED TAPE REDUCTION PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1030, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1031, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1032, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 33-1034, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND; AMENDING SECTION 33-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENROLLMENT OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1409, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MEASURING AND REPORTING CAPACITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1019](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1021](#), [S 1022](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1024](#), and [S 1025](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 3](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1006](#), by Commerce and Human Resources 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 11:42 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Clever, 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 23, 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 6, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Anthon
President Pro Tempore
State of Idaho
Statehouse Mail

Dear President Pro Tempore Anthon,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated LaVerne Sessions of Salmon, Idaho as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 31, Lemhi County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective January 25, 2025, and will continue until February 2, 2025.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Van Burtenshaw

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Monday, January 27th, 2025.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

January 24, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1019](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1021](#), [S 1022](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1024](#), and [S 1025](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1019](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1020](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1021](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1022](#) and [S 1023](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1024](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1025](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

January 24, 2025

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

Brigadier General Timothy J. Donnellan as the Adjutant General of the Idaho Military Division, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

GUTHRIE, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Timothy Rarick of Rexburg, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Board of Health and Welfare to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Ronald Davies of Clayton, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to serve a term commencing June 30, 2024, and expiring June 30, 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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Allan Schneider of Garden City, 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 22, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Brian Olmstead of Twin Falls, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Water Resource Board to serve a term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2029.

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 Resources and Environment Committee.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Marianne King of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office of Drug Policy to serve a term commencing January 1, 2023, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Judy Bicknell Taylor of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed as the Administrator of the Office on Aging to serve a term commencing January 9, 2023, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 23, 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 to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board to serve a term commencing September 17, 2024, and expiring September 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Janece Geisel of Nampa, Idaho, was appointed to the Sexual Offender Management Board to serve a term commencing January 20, 2025, and expiring January 1, 2028.

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 23, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 4](#), [H 13](#), and [H 14](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 4](#), [H 13](#), and [H 14](#) were filed for first reading.

January 23, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 3](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 3](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

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

Senator Ruchti was recorded present at this order of business.

S 1026 BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE; AMENDING SECTION 22-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 10, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 22-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1026](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 4](#), by Ways and Means Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 13](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

[H 14](#), 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 1001](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1006](#) 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld.
Total - 32.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Bernt, Lent, Semmelroth. Total - 3.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1006](#) 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 10:57 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

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.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gage Griffin, 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 24, 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 27, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1026](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1026](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

January 27, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 14](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 14](#) was filed for second reading.

January 27, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 6](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 6](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

January 27, 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:

Dale McOmber to the State Building Authority, term to expire January 1, 2030.

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 Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of George Lynch was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Semmelroth, seconded by Senator Den Hartog, the Gubernatorial appointment of George Lynch as a member of the Idaho Energy Resources Authority 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 State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Patricia Perkins was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Rabe, seconded by Senator Bernt, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Patricia Perkins as a member of the Treasurer's Investment Advisory 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 committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Cory Barrier 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 Luke Malek was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Toews, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial appointment of Luke Malek as a member of the State Board of Correction 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 Education Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Lisa Paulos was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial appointment of Lisa Paulos 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 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 Education Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Shawn Keough was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Shawn Keough as a member of the State Board of Education 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.

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

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Wallace Hedrick 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 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 relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Dennis Leikam was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Dennis Leikam 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 committee reports relative to the Gubernatorial appointments of Lance Boylan and Lori Wolff retained their place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Matthew

Woodington was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Okuniewicz disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Matthew Woodington as a member of the Idaho State Racing 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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S 1027

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSPARENCY IN FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT; AMENDING TITLE 26, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 38, TITLE 26, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINOLOGY, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN DISCRIMINATION AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN EXPLANATION, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 26-107, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN CODE SECTIONS TO NATIONAL BANKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1027](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1001](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lenney arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Sessions (Burtenshaw), Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 32.

NAYS—Anthon. Total - 1.

Absent and excused—Galloway, Rabe. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1001](#) 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 11:50 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

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

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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Lent, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brett Poggi, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senator Lent was 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 28, 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

SR 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE POLICE, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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 State Affairs Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Police,

the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Secretary of State, the Department of Administration, and the Idaho State Lottery.

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 Police, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Secretary of State, the Department of Administration, and the Idaho State Lottery, 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 State Affairs Committee with the exception of the following rules, which were not approved:

(1) IDAPA 31.21.01, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Customer Relations Rules for Gas, Electric, and Water Public Utilities (The Utility Customer Relations Rules), Docket No. 31-2101-2401, the entire docket; and

(2) IDAPA 31.41.01, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Customer Relations Rules for Telephone Corporations Providing Services in Idaho Subject to Customer Service Regulation by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (The Telephone Customer Relations Rules), Docket No. 31-4101-2401, Section 205., Subsections 02.a. and 02.b., only.

SJR 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REFERENDUM PETITION OR INITIATIVE PETITION MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST SIX PERCENT OF LEGAL VOTERS IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AT THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

[SR 101](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[SJR 101](#) was introduced, read the first time 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 29, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1028](#), [S 1029](#), [S 1030](#), [S 1031](#), [S 1032](#), and [S 1033](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1028](#), [S 1029](#), and [S 1030](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1031](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1032](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1033](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

January 28, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1005](#) and [S 1018](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[S 1005](#) and [S 1018](#) were filed for second reading.

January 28, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports it has had under consideration the gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Tara Malek to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2028.

FOREMAN, 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.

January 28, 2025

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

Sherrilynn Bair to the Public Charter School Commission, term to expire May 12, 2028.

LENT, 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 Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 28, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 41](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 41](#) was filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

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

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Christine Starr was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Lakey, the gubernatorial appointment of Christine Starr as the Executive Director of the Commission of Pardons and Parole was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Pro Tempore announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Mary Martin was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Galloway, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the gubernatorial appointment of Mary Martin as a member of the Commission of Pardons and Parole was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Pro Tempore announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the gubernatorial reappointment of Craig Hill was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Taylor, the gubernatorial reappointment of Craig Hill as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin Commission was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Linda Mitchell retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the gubernatorial reappointment of Marc Gibbs was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the gubernatorial reappointment of Marc Gibbs as a member of the Idaho Water Resource Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Brigadier General Timothy J. Donnellan was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the gubernatorial appointment of Brigadier General Timothy J. Donnellan as the Adjutant General of the Idaho Military Division was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Pro Tempore announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Dale McOmber was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Dale McOmber as a member of the State Building Authority was confirmed by voice vote.

The President Pro Tempore 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1034

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FOSTER HOMES; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1211B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING FOSTER HOME HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.06.02 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1035

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO CONGREGATE CARE; AMENDING SECTION 16-1619B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF PLACEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1036

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-4810, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN USES OF HUMAN GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS, AND TO DEFINE A TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1037

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS; AMENDING SECTION 66-906, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING

THE SUCCESSION TO PROPERTY OF DECEASED RESIDENTS OF VETERANS HOMES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1038

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 73, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF IDAHO SHALL NOT BE COMPELLED TO ENGAGE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS OR MANDATES ISSUED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1039

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IMMIGRATION COOPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT; AMENDING TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 90, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR COOPERATION WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL PRESENCE OF A DANGEROUS ILLEGAL ALIEN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CRIME OF SMUGGLING A DANGEROUS ILLEGAL ALIEN, TO PROVIDE FOR SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR DETERMINATION OF ALIENAGE UPON CONFINEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF AN ILLEGAL ALIEN FROM CONFINEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS, TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY, AND TO PROVIDE INTERPRETATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1034](#), [S 1035](#), [S 1036](#), [S 1037](#), [S 1038](#), and [S 1039](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 41](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1019](#), by Judiciary and Rules 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 11:38 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

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

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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

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SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

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THIRTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexis Abenroth, 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 February 3, 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 16, 2025

Senator Anthon
President Pro Tempore

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to title 67-412, I have designated Jake Coho of Nampa, Idaho, 83687, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 13, Canyon County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Tuesday, February 4, 2025, and will continue until Friday, February 07, 2025.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian Lenney

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Having previously received the Oath of Office, Acting Senator Coho was recorded as present at this order of business.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

February 4, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1049](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1049](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 3, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1028](#) and [S 1029](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1028](#) and [S 1029](#) were filed for second reading.

February 3, 2025

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [HCR 3](#) and [S 1003](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[HCR 3](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1003](#) was filed for second reading.

February 3, 2025

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

Mike Roach to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, term to expire June 30, 2028;

Ronald Davies to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, term to expire June 30, 2028.

BURTENSHAW, 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.

February 3, 2025

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

Allan Schneider to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, term to expire July 1, 2027.

VANORDEN, 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.

February 3, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1025](#) without recommendation.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1025](#) was filed for second reading.

February 4, 2025

The AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1026](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

NICHOLS, Chairman

[S 1026](#) was filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the House

February 3, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 5](#), [H 50](#), [H 52](#), [H 56](#), [H 19](#), [H 29](#), and [H 40](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[HCR 5](#), [H 50](#), [H 52](#), [H 56](#), [H 19](#), [H 29](#), and [H 40](#) were filed for first reading.

February 3, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 14](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [H 14](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

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 1050

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTION; AMENDING SECTION 18-1511, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN COUNSELING SERVICES AND THAT CERTAIN NOTICE BE PROVIDED TO BIRTH PARENTS AND TO MAKE CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1051

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FAMILY LAW LICENSE SUSPENSIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 14, TITLE 7, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 7-1406A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING GOOD CAUSE DETERMINATION IN LICENSE SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.03 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1052

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING BUREAU CHIEFS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1053

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FENCES; AMENDING SECTION 35-104, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERECTION OF FENCES BORDERING FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1054

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO BEANS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2912, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING MEMBERS OF THE BEAN COMMISSION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2914, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 22-2921, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING TAX LEVIES, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BEAN COMMISSION SHALL MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING LEVIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1050](#), [S 1051](#), [S 1052](#), [S 1053](#), and [S 1054](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[HCR 5](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 19](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 29](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 40](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1037](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1014](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Blaylock 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1014](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1015](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Blaylock 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1015](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1024](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator VanOrden 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1024](#) 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 11:35 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

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

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sakia Bowman, 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 February 4, 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

Senator Toews was recorded present at this order of business.

SCR 103 BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND
AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO
APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND
COMPLETE A STUDY OF STATE AND LOCAL LAND USE
REGULATIONS AND THE IMPACT ON HOUSING SUPPLY.

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

WHEREAS, Idaho's growing population has increased demand for housing, presenting challenges for Idaho residents. The availability of housing is essential to support Idaho's workforce, strengthen communities, and maintain the State's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, rising housing costs and limited housing supply create challenges for many Idahoans. Proactively addressing these issues can help ensure stable housing options for residents while supporting the State's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, current land use regulations play a significant role in shaping housing development. A thoughtful review of these regulations can identify opportunities to balance oversight with the need to encourage housing production in a cost-effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, establishing an interim committee will provide an opportunity for a comprehensive review of local land use regulations and the impact on housing affordability and availability, including evaluation of city comprehensive plans and zoning codes to ensure alignment with Sections 67-6502(a) and 67-6508(a), Idaho Code, and the regulatory processes for conditional use permits. The committee will ultimately seek to identify opportunities to reduce regulatory building costs and waiting times and to provide greater flexibility in housing development; and

WHEREAS, a better understanding of the effects of land use regulations on housing can guide policymakers, developers, and community leaders in identifying practical and effective strategies to improve housing affordability while maintaining local control and regulatory integrity. The interim committee's work will promote transparency, collaboration between multiple stakeholders, and accountability, fostering informed decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has a unique opportunity to proactively address housing challenges by studying regulatory impacts and developing actionable, locally appropriate solutions. This approach will position the State as a leader in addressing housing affordability while respecting Idaho's values of fiscal responsibility, local control, and reduced red tape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of state and local land use regulations and the impact on housing supply, which shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives, including two (2) members of the majority party and one (1) member of the minority party, and three (3) members of the Senate, including two (2) members of the majority party and one (1) member of the minority party. The Legislative Council shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice, and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee shall be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Appointments to the committee shall include, to the extent practicable, members from the Idaho Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Association of Idaho Cities, the Idaho Association of Counties, the Idaho Associated General Contractors, the Idaho Association of REALTORS, the Idaho Home Builders Association, and other city, county, or consolidated city-county government and industry representatives as deemed necessary. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage, or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Services Office shall provide staff support to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommendations, including whether to reauthorize the committee, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature.

SCR 104
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, AFFIRMING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF THE NUREMBERG CODE IN GUIDING MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NUREMBERG CODE AS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS, HEALTH, AND DIGNITY IN THE STATE OF IDAHO WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING COMPLEMENTARY ETHICAL STANDARDS.

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

WHEREAS, the Nuremberg Code was established in 1947 in response to the atrocities of nonconsensual and inhumane medical experiments conducted during World War II, serving as the first international framework for ethical medical and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, the Nuremberg Code sets forth the following essential principles:

- (1) Voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential, requiring individuals to have full knowledge of the nature, purpose, and risks of the research and the freedom to participate without coercion.
- (2) Research must yield results beneficial to society and not obtainable by other means, with all experiments grounded in sound scientific methods.
- (3) Unnecessary physical and mental suffering must be avoided, and no experiment should proceed if it is likely to result in death or disabling injury, except where the experimenter also serves as a subject.
- (4) The degree of risk should never exceed the humanitarian importance of the problem addressed by the research.
- (5) Adequate safeguards and facilities must be in place to protect participants, and research must be conducted by qualified and skilled professionals.
- (6) Participants must retain the right to withdraw from research at any time, and researchers must terminate experiments if continuation is likely to cause harm; and

WHEREAS, the Nuremberg Code remains the cornerstone of ethical research practices and has influenced subsequent international declarations and guidelines, including the World Medical Association (WMA) Declaration of Helsinki, the Belmont Report, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, the WMA Declaration of Helsinki reinforces the Nuremberg Code by emphasizing informed consent, independent ethical oversight, and the prioritization of participant welfare in research, particularly for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont Report further complements the Nuremberg Code by identifying the principles of respect for persons, beneficence, and justice as essential to ensuring fairness, autonomy, and the minimization of harm in research practices; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO's bioethics and human rights framework highlights the integration of human rights into ethical research, emphasizing transparency, equity, solidarity, and responsibility toward future generations as critical considerations in addressing modern scientific advancements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to safeguarding the health, dignity, and rights of its citizens, upholding the ethical principles of the Nuremberg Code while incorporating modern

advancements to address the complexities of contemporary medical and scientific research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature:

- (1) Reaffirms the Nuremberg Code as the foundational framework for ethical medical and scientific research, prioritizing the protection of human rights and the principles of voluntary consent and the prevention of harm;
- (2) Recognizes the complementary contributions of the WMA Declaration of Helsinki, the Belmont Report, and UNESCO's bioethics and human rights framework in addressing modern ethical challenges while reinforcing the core principles of the Nuremberg Code;
- (3) Urges all medical, academic, and research institutions within the State of Idaho to strictly adhere to the Nuremberg Code and these complementary guidelines, ensuring that all research involving human subjects meets the highest ethical standards;
- (4) Commits to reviewing and strengthening state laws and policies to ensure compliance with the Nuremberg Code, particularly in areas of informed consent, protection of vulnerable populations, and independent ethical oversight; and
- (5) Encourages the education of medical professionals, researchers, and the public on the principles of the Nuremberg Code to foster a culture of ethical responsibility and respect for human dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Idaho medical institutions, research organizations, and other relevant entities to reaffirm the State's commitment to the ethical principles of the Nuremberg Code as central to all research and medical practices conducted within Idaho.

[SCR 103](#) and [SCR 104](#) 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

February 3, 2025

The Health and Welfare Committee reports it has had under consideration the Governorial reappointment of Timothy Rarick to the State Board of Health and Welfare, and the Committee reports the reappointment back to the whole Senate as it failed to garner a recommendation.

VANORDEN, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, and the paperwork was ordered returned to the office of the Governor.

February 5, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1050](#), [S 1051](#), [S 1052](#), [S 1053](#), and [S 1054](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1050](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1051](#) and [S 1052](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1053](#) and [S 1054](#) were referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

February 4, 2025

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

Joshua Whitworth to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board, term to expire September 1, 2029.

FOREMAN, 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.

February 4, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1035](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[S 1035](#) was filed for second reading.

February 4, 2025

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

Mark Watkins to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, term to expire July 1, 2026.

VANORDEN, 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.

February 5, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1023](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1023](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 5, 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:

Judy Bicknell Taylor as the Administrator of the Office on Aging, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

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.

February 5, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [HCR 2](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[HCR 2](#) 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 Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Erik Olson of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2029.

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 Agricultural Affairs Committee.

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Mike Matthews of Declo, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole 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.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, the committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report, having been held, relative to

the Gubernatorial reappointment of Linda Mitchell was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Linda Mitchell as a member of the Lake Pend Oreille Basin 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.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Tara Malek was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Semmelroth, seconded by Senator Guthrie, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Tara Malek as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange 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.

Senator Den Hartog was recorded present at this order of business.

The President announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of B.J. Stinger was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Bjerke, the Gubernatorial reappointment of B.J. Stinger as a member of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired 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.

The President announced that the Health and Welfare Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Trevor Sparrow was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial appointment of Trevor Sparrow as the Health and Social Services Ombudsman 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 Lee Heinrich was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Lee Heinrich 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.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Joseph Forney was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Joseph Forney as a member of the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment 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 committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Mike Roach retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

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

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Ronald Davies as a member of the Idaho Fish and Game 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 Allan Schneider retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that [SR 102](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Adams, seconded by Senator Harris, [SR 102](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The President announced that [SR 103](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Okuniewicz, seconded by Senator Rabe, [SR 103](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution 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 Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1055

**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 36, TITLE 63, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 63-3643, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TRANSACTION INTERCHANGE FEE ON ANY PORTION OF THE TRANSACTION AMOUNT THAT REPRESENTS A TAX OR GRATUITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO DEFINE TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1056

**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEES; AMENDING SECTION 67-5303, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES SHALL BE NONCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1057

**BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION
COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 63-3029L, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

S 1058

**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE IDAHO SAFE HAVEN ACT; AMENDING SECTION 39-8202, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 39-8203, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE OF INDIAN TRIBE MEMBERSHIP OR CITIZENSHIP AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-8204, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF AN ABANDONED CHILD AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1055](#), [S 1056](#), [S 1057](#), and [S 1058](#) were 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 1028](#) and [S 1029](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1003](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1025](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1026](#), by Agricultural Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1037](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1037](#) 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 11:54 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

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 February 5, 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

SR 104 BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE IDAHO SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH BOARD, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, AND THE IDAHO OILSEED COMMISSION HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS 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 Agricultural Affairs Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, and the Idaho Oilseed 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 Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, and the Idaho Oilseed 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 Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[SR 104](#) was 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

February 6, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 103](#), [SCR 104](#), [S 1055](#), [S 1056](#), [S 1057](#), and [S 1058](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SCR 103](#) 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 VanOrden, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 104](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1055](#) and [S 1056](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1057](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[S 1058](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

February 5, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1034](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[S 1034](#) was filed for second reading.

February 5, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1021](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1021](#) was filed for second reading.

February 5, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1030](#) and [S 1042](#) with the recommendation that they be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1030](#) and [S 1042](#) were referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 5, 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:

David Birch to the Sexual Offender Management Board, term to expire January 1, 2027.

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.

February 5, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1032](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1032](#) was filed for second reading.

February 5, 2025

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

David Turnbull to the State Board of Education, term to expire July 1, 2029.

LENT, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 5, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Reed Hansen of Meridian, Idaho, was reappointed to the Treasurer's Investment Advisory Board to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 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 State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 5, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 31](#) and [H 79](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 31](#) and [H 79](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 3](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [HCR 3](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator Burtenshaw, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, that [HCR 3](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Coho (Lenney), Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [HCR 3](#) adopted, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

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 1059

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO AN EMBRYO, FETUS, OR PREBORN CHILD; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 5-311A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY FOR A PREBORN CHILD; AMENDING SECTION 18-907, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A DEFINITION, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXEMPTIONS FROM PROSECUTION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-926, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICABILITY; REPEALING SECTION 18-4016, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A HUMAN EMBRYO AND FETUS AND PROHIBITING THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN PERSONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 40, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-4018, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1060**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1807, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT CURTAILMENT UNTIL CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1061**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 42-1701A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SHALL NOT ISSUE ORDERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1062**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO LEASES ON STATE LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 58-307, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT STATE LAND LESSEES COMPLY WITH LOCAL ORDINANCES AND TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1063**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO URBAN AGRICULTURE; AMENDING SECTION 22-1002, IDAHO CODE, AS AMENDED IN SECTION 1 OF SENATE BILL NO. 1026, IF ENACTED BY THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1064**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO CLOUD SEEDING; AMENDING SECTION 42-4301, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CLOUD SEEDING; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-4302, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-4303, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORIZATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-4304, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF STATE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1065**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO WEATHER MODIFICATION; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 43, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE; REPEALING SECTION 22-4301, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WEATHER MODIFICATION DISTRICTS; REPEALING SECTION

22-4302, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE WEATHER MODIFICATION FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 22-4301, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 22-4302, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED WEATHER MODIFICATION AND SOLAR RADIATION MANAGEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 43, TITLE 22, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 22-4303, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 42-605, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO WEATHER MODIFICATION; AMENDING SECTION 42-1805, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1059](#), [S 1060](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), [S 1063](#), [S 1064](#), and [S 1065](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 31](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 79](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1035](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1028](#) 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 27.

NAYS—Coho (Lenney), Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1028](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1029](#) 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe,

Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 28.

NAYS—Coho (Lenney), Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 7.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1029](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1003](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 25.

NAYS—Adams, Bjerke, Coho (Lenney), Keyser, Kohl, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1003](#) 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 11:46 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon and Senators Lent and Ricks, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Nichols and Ruchti, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Clever, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Senators Nichols and Ruchti 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 February 6, 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

SCR 105

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE RECEIVING OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING ADOPTION IN THE STATE OF IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide an avenue for the State of Idaho to receive federal funds for the purpose of adoption education, adoption awareness, and the improvement of birth mother support and care; and

WHEREAS, receiving such federal funds would allow the State of Idaho to receive back a portion of Idaho taxpayer money to be used in a manner that aligns with Idaho's pro-life values; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of providing a healthy and welcoming environment and advancing the health and well-being of birth mothers who choose adoption and making Idaho the most adoption-friendly state in the nation while investing public moneys in the creation of future Idaho families; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare engaging in actions supporting an informed choice by Idaho birth mothers to participate in adoption would further these aims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature declares its support for the receiving of federal funds for adoption education, adoption awareness, and the improvement and expansion of birth mother support and care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature support the use of such funds, if received, by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for the administration, oversight, management, and reporting of programs related to adoption education resources, emotional support resources, physical and medical support, and adoption-related legal support.

[SCR 105](#) was 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

February 7, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 104](#), [S 1059](#), [S 1060](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), [S 1063](#), [S 1064](#), and [S 1065](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 104](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1059](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1060](#), [S 1061](#), and [S 1062](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1063](#) was referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[S 1064](#) and [S 1065](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

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The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) were filed for second reading.

February 6, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 29](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[H 29](#) was filed for second reading.

February 6, 2025

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

Britt Raubenheimer to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, term to expire July 1, 2027.

VANORDEN, 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

February 6, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Dayn Hardie of Boise, Idaho, was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission to serve a term commencing January 31, 2025, and expiring January 31, 2031.

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

February 6, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 34](#), [H 55](#), [H 36](#), [H 37](#), and [H 89](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 34](#), [H 55](#), [H 36](#), [H 37](#), and [H 89](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff as the Administrator of Division of Financial Management 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 Transportation Committee report, having been held, relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Bloem was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Hart, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Robert Bloem as a member of the Aeronautics Advisory 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1066

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTITY THEFT; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-105, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF BREACH OF SECURITY OF COMPUTERIZED PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION BY AN AGENCY, INDIVIDUAL, OR A COMMERCIAL ENTITY; AMENDING SECTION 28-51-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1067

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 98, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION LIMITATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1068

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 33-1637, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PARENT-SUPPORTED INSTRUCTION AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1069**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1807, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE LITERACY INTERVENTION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1070**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 48, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-4806, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR AN ONLINE PARENT TECH AWARENESS PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1071**BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 49-306, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN VOLUNTARY DONATION RELATING TO VISION SCREENING AND EYE HEALTH AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1072**BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 49-402D, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROCEDURES; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420T, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR TOO GREAT FOR HATE LICENSE PLATES AND TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1073**BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION****COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-344, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEMS IN CITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1074**BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION****COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX; AMENDING SECTION 63-602G, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN HOMESTEADS OCCUPIED BY CERTAIN SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 63-301A, IDAHO CODE, TO

PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 63-3077, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

S 1075**BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION****COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES; AMENDING SECTION 50-707A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF COUNCILMEN BY DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1066](#), [S 1067](#), [S 1068](#), [S 1069](#), [S 1070](#), [S 1071](#), [S 1072](#), [S 1073](#), [S 1074](#), and [S 1075](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 34](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 55](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 36](#) and [H 37](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 89](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1034](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1021](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1032](#), by Education 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 11:01 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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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 Okuniewicz and Toews, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gage Griffin, 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 February 7, 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

SR 105

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO STATE POLICE, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH AN EXCEPTION.

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 State Affairs Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho State Police, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho

Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Secretary of State, the Department of Administration, and the Idaho State Lottery.

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 Police, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the Idaho Secretary of State, the Department of Administration, and the Idaho State Lottery, 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 State Affairs Committee with the exception of IDAPA 31.41.01, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Customer Relations Rules for Telephone Corporations Providing Services in Idaho Subject to Customer Service Regulation by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (The Telephone Customer Relations Rules), Docket No. 31-4101-2401, Section 205., Subsection 02., only, which was not approved.

SCR 106

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING JANUARY 16 AS "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY" IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom is a fundamental human right and a core value of the United States, enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom ensures that individuals are free to practice their faith without fear of persecution or discrimination and allows for the peaceful coexistence of diverse religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the importance of religious freedom in fostering a society that respects and values diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding; and

WHEREAS, January 16 marks the anniversary of the passage of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in 1786, a landmark document that laid the foundation for the First Amendment protections of religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to designate a day to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to religious freedom and to educate the public about the importance of this fundamental right.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that January 16 of each year is hereby designated as "Religious Freedom Day" in the State of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Idaho are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational programs that promote awareness and understanding of religious freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Idaho.

SCR 107

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF CITIES IN IDAHO

AND SUPPORTING THE PRIORITIZATION OF LOCAL CONTROL.

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

WHEREAS, Idaho's cities are home to 76.3% of the state's population, a proportion that has steadily increased, reflecting the growing importance of urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's localities collectively maintain 34,556 miles of roads and vital infrastructure that support the state's transportation and economic systems, making up 64.8% of the total roads in the state; and

WHEREAS, over 71% of Idaho's businesses are located within city boundaries, contributing significantly to the state's economy, with urban areas generating the majority of retail, service, and industrial activity; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments provide essential services, including public safety, utilities, parks and recreation, and more, which directly impact the quality of life of Idaho's more than 2 million residents; and

WHEREAS, local governments collectively spend over \$1.1 billion annually on first responders and public safety, which makes up the majority of city and county property tax budgets, demonstrating the commitment of cities to the safety and well-being of their residents; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a critical role in public safety by employing 2,716 patrol officers certified in Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training to serve Idaho communities, which is nearly seven times the number of such officers provided by the state, underscoring the indispensable role of municipal law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, local officials are excellently positioned to address the unique needs of their communities, as they possess firsthand knowledge and direct accountability to their constituents; and

WHEREAS, state-imposed mandates and preemption of local authority can hinder cities' ability to implement innovative, tailored solutions to address housing, infrastructure, and public safety challenges; and

WHEREAS, adequate local revenue tools are necessary for cities to maintain services and infrastructure without overreliance on property tax or other restrictive funding mechanisms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes the value of local governance and encourages a collaborative approach that respects the ability of cities and municipal governments to make decisions in the best interests of their residents. The Legislature encourages meaningful consultation between state agencies, the Governor, and municipal governments when developing policies that impact local communities. Additionally, the Legislature generally supports efforts to uphold and reinforce local decision-making authority, enabling municipal governments to effectively address essential needs, such as housing, infrastructure, and public safety. Lastly, the Legislature affirms the importance of local control, recognizing that decision-making at the community level leads to effective and responsive outcomes for Idaho residents.

[SR 105](#), [SCR 106](#), and [SCR 107](#) 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

February 10, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 105](#), [S 1066](#), [S 1067](#), [S 1068](#), [S 1069](#), [S 1070](#), [S 1071](#), [S 1072](#), [S 1073](#), [S 1074](#), and [S 1075](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SCR 105](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1066](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1067](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1068](#), [S 1069](#), and [S 1070](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1071](#) and [S 1072](#) were referred to the Transportation Committee.

[S 1073](#) and [S 1074](#) were referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[S 1075](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 7, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 35](#) and [SJR 101](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 35](#) and [SJR 101](#) were filed for second reading.

February 10, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1038](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1038](#) 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

February 7, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Paul Amador of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was reappointed to the Public Charter School Commission to serve a term commencing May 12, 2024, and expiring May 12, 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 Education Committee.

February 7, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Representative James Petzke of Meridian, Idaho, was appointed to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board to serve a term commencing January 29, 2025, and expiring April 11, 2028.

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

February 7, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 102](#) and [H 93](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 102](#) and [H 93](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 2](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [HCR 2](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Carlson, seconded by Senator Lenney, [HCR 2](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 103](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SCR 103](#) was before the Senate for final consideration.

Moved by Senator Rabe, seconded by Senator Bjerke, that [SCR 103](#) be adopted. The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Grow, Guthrie, Lakey, Lent,

Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 23.

NAYS—Carlson, Foreman, Galloway, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 10.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [SCR 103](#) adopted, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SR 104](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SR 104](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Zito, seconded by Senator Zuiderveld, [SR 104](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution 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 Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1076

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT; AMENDING SECTION 67-5226, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY RULES AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1077

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PREGNANCY; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 62, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER GRANT FUND, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR SCOPE OF GRANT SUPPORT AND AWARD CRITERIA, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE GRANT AWARD SCHEDULE, AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ON GRANT APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 18-622, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN CASES OF RAPE OR INCEST; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1078

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 59-904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING VACANCIES IN STATE OFFICES; AMENDING SECTION 20-217A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE DIRECTOR, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 36-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE DIRECTOR; AMENDING SECTION 40-503, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE DIRECTOR; AMENDING SECTION 58-105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 67-4222, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE DIRECTOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1079**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE IDAHO PATIENT ACT; AMENDING SECTION 48-305, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, OR JUDGMENTS FOUNDED ON OR DERIVED FROM A JUDGMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1080**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO VETERANS; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 48-603H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING VETERANS BENEFITS CONSUMER PROTECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1081**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS; AMENDING SECTION 67-2320, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE SECURING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CONTRACTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1076](#), [S 1077](#), [S 1078](#), [S 1079](#), [S 1080](#), and [S 1081](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 102](#), by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 93](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 29](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1025](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1026](#) 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

NAYS—Cook, Foreman, Guthrie, Shippy, Taylor, Wintrow. Total - 6.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Paired and voting included in roll call:

AYE - Okuniewicz NAY - Taylor

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1026](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1035](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Wintrow 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

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

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1035](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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

Reading of Communications

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

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 12:03 p.m. until the hour of 4 p.m. of this day.

**RECESS
AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Senate reconvened at 4 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Lenney, Okuniewicz, and Toews, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Grow, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Fifth Order of Business, Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials.

SJM 101

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
A JOINT MEMORIAL**

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, THE MEMBERS OF THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD, THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation completed the construction of the Teton Dam in 1976 to provide irrigation water, flood protection, electrical power, and water-based recreation; and

WHEREAS, the dam suffered a catastrophic failure as the reservoir was being filled with water for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the investigation of the dam's failure determined that, although geological factors played a role in the disaster, design and operational decisions and a lack of information also played a role and that the collapse of the dam was avoidable; and

WHEREAS, additional water storage in the Eastern Snake Plain continues to be a priority to help address extended periods of drought, population growth, and other demands associated with limited water resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Idaho Department of Water Resources identified the Teton Dam reconstruction as one of two potential large-scale storage projects that warrant consideration; and

WHEREAS, studies on other river basins have concluded that there are several potential sites that would provide additional water storage, could be built safely and economically, and would provide significant long-term benefits to the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, potential projects include rebuilding the Teton Dam and enlarging the Minidoka Dam, Jackson Lake Dam, Twin Springs Dam, Galloway Dam, and Lost Valley Dam; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's water resources are vital to the state's economy, agriculture, and growing population, making long-term water storage solutions a critical priority; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding the Teton Dam would assist with the production of affordable electricity, provide greater security of

water supplies to the region, and create valuable new recreation opportunities for the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we support an update to recent studies conducted by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and other water policy organizations on the total water storage available in Idaho and additional opportunities for new storage, including the replacement of the Teton Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Idaho Water Resource Board, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and other federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate with the residents of the State of Idaho in updating or conducting studies to identify and construct additional water storage in Idaho, including reconstruction of the Teton Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the members of the Idaho Water Resource Board, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

SCR 108

**BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE INCLUSION OF PRAGERU KIDS' SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION RESOURCES IN IDAHO'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

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

WHEREAS, PragerU is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides supplemental education resources to public schools for K-12 students across America through PragerU Kids; and

WHEREAS, PragerU offers its supplemental education resources for free, with no fiscal impact to the state; and

WHEREAS, PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources are not mandatory; teachers and principals are free to use or reject any or all of the content; and

WHEREAS, PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources are fully available online, offering principals, teachers, parents, students, and others full transparency of the content; and

WHEREAS, PragerU Kids' content is pro-American and wholesome yet fair and balanced when it comes to addressing America's shortcomings and ultimately makes the case for American exceptionalism; and

WHEREAS, PragerU offers "edu-taining" and balanced content for all ages, from fun and patriotic crafts for young children to time-traveling historical cartoons for elementary students, as well as shows covering civics, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship for middle school students and older students; and

WHEREAS, Idaho and eight other states, including Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, New Hampshire, Arizona, South Carolina, and Louisiana, have adopted PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education approved a list of more than 400 PragerU Kids' resources for use in

classrooms, making Idaho the ninth state in the nation to embrace PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature declares its support for the inclusion of PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources in Idaho's public school system, recognizes the profound importance of public education and its continuing need for improvement and innovation, and commends the State Department of Education for incorporating PragerU Kids' supplemental education resources into Idaho's public school system.

[SJM 101](#) and [SCR 108](#) 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

February 10, 2025

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [H 15](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1040](#), and [S 1041](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[H 15](#), [S 1020](#), [S 1040](#), and [S 1041](#) were filed for second reading.

February 10, 2025

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

James Keating to the Parks and Recreation Board, term to expire June 30, 2025;

Lonnie Allen to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board, term to expire April 20, 2027.

BURTENSHAW, 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.

February 10, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [H 7](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[H 7](#) was filed for second reading.

February 10, 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:

Colonel William Gardiner as the Director of the Idaho State Police, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

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 Eleventh Order of Business.

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

S 1082

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSESSMENT LIENS; AMENDING SECTION 43-706, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ASSESSMENT LIENS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1083

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC WATER USES; AMENDING SECTION 42-111, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR MULTIPLE WATER RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 42-227, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DRILLING AND USE OF WELLS FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 42-351, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ILLEGAL DIVERSION OR USE OF WATER; AMENDING CHAPTER 17, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1701C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC PURPOSE AND DOMESTIC USE LIMITATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 42-1805, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; REPEALING SECTION 31-3805, IDAHO CODE, RELATED TO DELIVERY OF WATER; AMENDING CHAPTER 38, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-3805, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DELIVERY OF WATER WITHIN SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 31-3806, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CIVIL ACTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 50-1334, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF WATER SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTION 67-6508, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PLANNING DUTIES; AMENDING SECTION 67-6537, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING THE USE OF SURFACE WATER FOR IRRIGATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1084

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK; AMENDING SECTION 42-1764, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING WATER RIGHT FORFEITURE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1085

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO RECREATIONAL FEES; AMENDING SECTION 67-7008, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION

67-7008A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION 67-7014, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7103, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7106, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7115, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-7116, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN HANDLING FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7118, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A COMMISSION AMOUNT; AMENDING SECTION 67-7122, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISPLAY OF RENTAL VALIDATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 67-7124, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES; AMENDING SECTION 67-7126, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN FEES AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 67-7128, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7130, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MULTIPLE YEAR CERTIFICATES AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FEE; REPEALING SECTION 57-1901, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF AN OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNT; AMENDING CHAPTER 19, TITLE 57, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 57-1901, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1086

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO TRESPASS; AMENDING CHAPTER 70, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-7045, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A VIOLATION OF LANDOWNER RULES FOR PERMISSIBLE USE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1087

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL RECORDS; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 73, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING COPIES OF CERTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1088

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2302, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 54-2304, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A

REQUIREMENT FOR THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2305, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COLLABORATION; AMENDING SECTION 54-2307, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2312, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK; AMENDING SECTION 54-2312A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK; REPEALING SECTION 54-2313, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE; AMENDING SECTION 54-2316, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 54-2317, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION; AMENDING SECTION 54-2318, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY; REPEALING SECTION 54-2320, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO AN ADVISORY PANEL TO REVIEW AND ADVISE THE BOARD ON PROPOSED PRESCRIPTIVE RULES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1089

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING; REPEALING CHAPTER 65, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 65, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING WASTE TIRE STORAGE SITES, TO PROVIDE FOR WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSPORT OF WASTE TIRES, TO ESTABLISH A WASTE TIRE RECYCLING FEE, TO ESTABLISH A WASTE TIRE RECYCLING AND REMEDIATION FUND, TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A WASTE TIRE RECYCLING FEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT, TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON REIMBURSEMENT, TO ESTABLISH PROHIBITED ACTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECYCLING AND REUSE OF WASTE TIRES, TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1090

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 16-1622, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REVIEW HEARINGS; AMENDING SECTION 16-2002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 16-2005, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TERMINATION MAY BE GRANTED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1091
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-5605, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATED MONEYS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1092
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1204, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING VALIDITY, DURATION, RENEWAL, LAPSE, AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1093
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADULT ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-143, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ADULT ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE APPROVAL CRITERIA, TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS TO QUALIFIED PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-919, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ADULT ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1094
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL LEVIES; AMENDING SECTION 33-802, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1095
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1004B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CAREER LADDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1096
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1001, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1004, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING

SECTION 33-1009, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND; AMENDING SECTION 33-1018, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING VARIABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 33-1614, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 33-1632, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING FUNDING; AMENDING SECTION 33-5207, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCIAL SUPPORT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1097
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-5203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING APPROVAL OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1098
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1203A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A REGISTERED TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 33-1201, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REQUIRED CERTIFICATES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ACCREDITED TEACHER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1099
BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO MANSLAUGHTER; AMENDING SECTION 18-4007, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A PENALTY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 18-8005, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL INFORM A DEFENDANT OF CERTAIN INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTION 18-8006, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL INFORM A DEFENDANT OF CERTAIN INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTION 18-8004A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1100
BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTION 49-1431, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE POLICIES AGAINST MOTORCYCLE PROFILING AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN TRAINING REGARDING MOTORCYCLE PROFILING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1101
BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO CORONERS; AMENDING SECTION 19-4301, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING WHEN A COUNTY CORONER SHALL INVESTIGATE A DEATH, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A COUNTY CORONER SHALL INVESTIGATE A DEATH, AND TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE DEATH OF A CHILD; AMENDING SECTION 19-4301B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST, TO DEFINE TERMS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 28, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-2801A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A COUNTY CORONER; AMENDING SECTION 31-2808, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY; REPEALING SECTION 31-2809, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO A CORONER APPOINTING DEPUTIES; AMENDING SECTION 31-2810, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CORONERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SPONSORED OR APPROVED COURSES; AMENDING CHAPTER 28, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-2811, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 31-3107, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CORONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-622, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-252, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1102
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO RESIDENTIAL CARE OR ASSISTED LIVING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 39-3301, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND DECLARATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3303, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYMENT LEVELS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3305, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RULES; AMENDING SECTION 39-3307, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ADMISSIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3308, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ASSESSMENT; AMENDING SECTION 39-3309, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3316, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RESIDENT RIGHTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3316A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING NOTICE OF RESIDENTS RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3318, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A FACILITY'S RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3321, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF ADMINISTRATORS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3322, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITY

STAFF; AMENDING SECTION 39-3326, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MEDICATION; AMENDING SECTION 39-3340, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSING; AMENDING SECTION 39-3351, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXEMPTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3352, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING UNLICENSED RESIDENTIAL CARE OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; REPEALING SECTION 39-3354A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PERMITTING SPECIAL WAIVERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3355A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING INSPECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-3355B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING PLANS OF CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-3356, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COMPLAINTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3357, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS; AMENDING SECTION 63-701, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.22 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1082](#), [S 1083](#), [S 1084](#), [S 1085](#), [S 1086](#), [S 1087](#), [S 1088](#), [S 1089](#), [S 1090](#), [S 1091](#), [S 1092](#), [S 1093](#), [S 1094](#), [S 1095](#), [S 1096](#), [S 1097](#), [S 1098](#), [S 1099](#), [S 1100](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1102](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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 5:45 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

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

Senator Shippy was 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 February 10, 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 11, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 105](#), [SCR 106](#), [SCR 107](#), [SJM 101](#), [SCR 108](#), [S 1076](#), [S 1077](#), [S 1078](#), [S 1079](#), [S 1080](#), [S 1081](#), [S 1082](#), [S 1083](#), [S 1084](#), [S 1085](#), [S 1086](#), [S 1087](#), [S 1088](#), [S 1089](#), [S 1090](#), [S 1091](#), [S 1092](#), [S 1093](#), [S 1094](#), [S 1095](#), [S 1096](#), [S 1097](#), [S 1098](#), [S 1099](#), [S 1100](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1102](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

On request by Senator Lent, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 108](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

[SR 105](#), [SCR 106](#), [SCR 107](#), and [SJM 101](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1076](#), [S 1077](#), [S 1078](#), [S 1079](#), [S 1080](#), and [S 1081](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1082](#), [S 1083](#), [S 1084](#), [S 1085](#), and [S 1086](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1087](#), [S 1088](#), and [S 1089](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1090](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1091](#), [S 1092](#), [S 1093](#), [S 1094](#), [S 1095](#), [S 1096](#), [S 1097](#), and [S 1098](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1099](#), [S 1100](#), and [S 1101](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1102](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

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The AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1016](#) and [S 1033](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

NICHOLS, Chairman

[S 1016](#) and [S 1033](#) were filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the House

February 10, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 26](#) and [H 83](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 26](#) and [H 83](#) were filed for first reading.

February 10, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [SCR 102](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[SCR 102](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

February 10, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 3](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [HCR 3](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

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

[H 26](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 83](#), 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

[H 35](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[SJR 101](#) and [S 1038](#), by State Affairs Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 15](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1020](#), [S 1040](#), and [S 1041](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 7](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Lent, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1025](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1021](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Shippy 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1021](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1032](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Bernt 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [S 1032](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[H 50](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 50](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 52](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 52](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

[H 56](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Toews. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President Pro Tempore declared [H 56](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned 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 Ruchti, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 12:03 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

KELLY ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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**THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brett Poggi, 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 February 11, 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

President Pro Tempore Anthon was recorded present at this order of business.

February 12, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 102](#) has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [SCR 102](#) and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

February 11, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [H 55](#) and [S 1056](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

FOREMAN, Chairman

[H 55](#) and [S 1056](#) were filed for second reading.

February 11, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1045](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1045](#) was filed for second reading.

February 11, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1007](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1007](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 12, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1031](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

VANORDEN, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1031](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 12, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 32](#) and [HCR 5](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 32](#) was filed for second reading.

[HCR 5](#) 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

February 11, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 87](#), [H 53](#), [H 54](#), [H 59](#), and [H 104](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 87](#), [H 53](#), [H 54](#), [H 59](#), and [H 104](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

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

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

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Shippy, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Allan Schneider as a member of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired 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.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Joshua Whitworth was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Lakey, the Gubernatorial appointment of Joshua Whitworth as a member of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho 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 relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Mark Watkins was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ricks, seconded by Senator Den Hartog, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Mark Watkins as a member of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired 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,
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S 1103

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO CREDIT UNION ACT; AMENDING SECTION 26-2155, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS TO BE DESIGNATED AS STATE DEPOSITORIES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1103 was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

H 87, by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

H 53 and **H 54**, by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

H 59, by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

H 104, by Local Government Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

S 1016 and **S 1033**, by Agricultural Affairs 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

On request by Senator Okuniewicz, granted by unanimous consent, **SJR 101** was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate went at ease and resolved itself into the Committee for the Lincoln Day Service.

Lincoln Day Service

The Lincoln Day Service was presented to the members of the Senate with Co-chair Senator Keyser providing opening remarks. The prayer was offered by Co-chair Senator Shippy.

David Leroy, former Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General of the State of Idaho, offered remarks on President Abraham Lincoln's role in the establishment of the State of Idaho.

The Co-chairs extended their gratitude to all who helped with the program and the Lincoln Day Service was dissolved.

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 11:54 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Woodward, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Adams, 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 February 12, 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

Senator Adams was recorded present at this order of business.

SR 106

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE AND PROVIDING THAT ALL TEMPORARY AND PENDING RULES OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AND THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee reviewed temporary and pending rules adopted by the Idaho Department of Labor, the Industrial Commission, the Idaho

Department of Insurance, and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

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 Department of Labor, the Industrial Commission, the Idaho Department of Insurance, and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee with the following exceptions that were not approved:

- (1) IDAPA 09.01.35, Idaho Department of Labor, Unemployment Insurance Tax Administration Rules, Docket No. 09-0135-2401, Section 011., Subsection 07., only; and
- (2) IDAPA 24.37.01, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission, Docket No. 24-3701-2401, Section 150., Subsection 02.a., only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee held that the following pending rule docket become effective upon sine die of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature: IDAPA 24.39.10, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Rules of the Idaho Electrical Board, Docket No. 24-3910-2402.

SCR 109

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REJECTING CERTAIN RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UNDER THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature is vested with authority to reject executive agency rules under the provisions of Section 67-5291, Idaho Code, in the event that the Legislature finds that the rules are not consistent with legislative intent; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Legislature that certain rules of the Industrial Commission relating to Administrative Rules Under the Worker's Compensation Law are not consistent with legislative intent and should be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that final rule contained in IDAPA 17.01.01, Section 305., Subsection 01.a., relating to Administrative Rules Under the Worker's Compensation Law, Rules of the Industrial Commission, only, be, and the same is hereby rejected and declared null, void, and of no force and effect as of July 1, 2025.

[SR 106](#) and [SCR 109](#) 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

February 13, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1103](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1103](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 12, 2025

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [S 1011](#) and [S 1013](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[S 1011](#) and [S 1013](#) were filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1043](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1043](#) was filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports it has had under consideration the recommendations of the Joint Printing Committee, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-905, the Committee recommends the report be adopted.

LAKEY, Chairman

The recommendations of the Joint Printing Committee and the Judiciary and Rules Committee report were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions.

February 12, 2025

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 93](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 93](#) was filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 44](#) and [S 1044](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 44](#) and [S 1044](#) were filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1046](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1046](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 13, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 89](#) and [S 1051](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[H 89](#) and [S 1051](#) were 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

February 12, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Anna "Janie" Dressen of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole 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

February 12, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 38](#), [H 144](#), [H 80](#), and [H 98](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 38](#), [H 144](#), [H 80](#), and [H 98](#) were filed for first reading.

February 12, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 2](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [HCR 2](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

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 1104 **BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE** AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTION; AMENDING SECTION 18-1511, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN COUNSELING SERVICES AND THAT CERTAIN NOTICE BE PROVIDED TO BIRTH PARENTS AND TO MAKE CODIFIER'S CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1105
BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO DON'T TREAD ON ME LICENSE PLATES AND FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-420S, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DON'T TREAD ON ME LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402D, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR THE BENEFIT OF FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 33-1628, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION AND TO ESTABLISH THE IDAHO FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

[S 1104](#) and [S 1105](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 38](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 144](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 80](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 98](#), 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

[H 55](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1056](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1045](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 32](#), 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 Fourteenth Order of Business.

General Calendar

On request by Senator Shippy, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1034](#), having previously been on the Second Reading Calendar, was returned to the Twelfth Order of Business, Second Reading of Bills.

The President declared the Senate resolved into the Committee of the Whole and called Senator Harris to the Chair to preside during the sitting of the Committee of the Whole.

Following the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole, the President called the Senate to order.

Report of the Committee of the Whole

Senator Harris, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported out [S 1027](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1030](#), [S 1042](#), and [S 1025](#), without recommendation, amended as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1027

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 2 of the printed bill, in line 46, following "tail of" insert: "knives,".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1023

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3

On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 11, and insert:

"(3) "Medical intervention" means a procedure, treatment, device, drug injection, medication, or action taken to diagnose, prevent, or cure a disease or alter the health or biological function of a person."

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4

On page 3, following line 38, insert:

"(9) The prohibition on medical interventions shall not apply to any situation where personal protective equipment, devices, items, or clothing are required by employers in the public or private sectors based on traditional and accepted industry standards, health or personal safety protocols, or federal regulations, including occupational safety and health administration rules. These exemptions to the prohibition on medical interventions shall not apply to or include any vaccines, mask requirements, or other medical interventions introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic."

; and in line 39, delete "(8) (9)" and insert: "(8) (10)".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1030

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, in line 33, delete "Affiliate" and insert: "Affiliate Inactive"; and following line 38, insert:

"(c) Senior members: for each calendar year, seventy dollars (\$70.00)."

On page 2, in line 22, delete "seventy dollars (\$70.00)" and insert: "~~seventy dollars (\$70.00)~~ eighty dollars (\$80.00)".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1042

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 20 through 22, and insert: "days, unless the property owner or property manager advertises that the rental unit is reasonably expected to become available for rent at a future date beyond sixty (60) days, or unless the rental applicant ac-"; and delete lines 35 through 37, and insert:

"(2) Rental application fees may only be charged to each legal adult within a rental applicant household."

On page 2, in line 4, delete "shall conform to industry standards and".

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1025

AMENDMENT TO THE BILL

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 17 through 40; on page 2, delete lines 1 through 29; and renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3

On page 3, in line 18, following "board," insert: "but not including childcare,"; delete lines 28 and 29; in line 30, delete "(7) (8)" and insert: "(7)"; in line 32, delete "(8) (9)" and insert: "(8)"; in line 34, delete "(10)" and insert: "(9)"; in line 40, following

"providing" insert: "eligible"; in line 43, delete "(11)" and insert: "(10)"; and delete lines 44 through 49, and insert:

- (a) Meets one (1) of the following qualifications:
- (i) Is a secondary school accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the state board of education; or
 - (ii) Is an elementary school that creates and maintains a student learning portfolio;
- (b) Does not discriminate regarding student admission or enrollment based on a student's or a parent's religion, disability, or race;
- (c) Respects the dignity of others, acknowledges the right of others to express differing opinions, and fosters and defends intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association;
- (d) Respects requests for reasonable accommodations, which means requests by a student's parent or legal guardian requiring the school to make its best effort to enable parents or legal guardians to exercise their rights without substantial impact to staff and resources, including employee working conditions, safety and supervision on school premises for school activities, and the efficient allocation of expenditures, while balancing the parental rights of parents and legal guardians, the educational needs of other students, the academic and behavioral impacts to a classroom, a teacher's workload, and the assurance of the safe and efficient operations of the school;"

On page 4, in line 2, following "education" insert: "to verify student enrollment and progress"; in line 12, delete "(9) (12)" and insert: "(9) (11)"; and in line 14, delete "(13)" and insert: "(12)".

AMENDMENT TO THE BILL

On page 6, delete lines 37 through 46; delete page 7; delete page 8; on page 9, delete lines 1 through 40; and renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

CORRECTION TO TITLE

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 5, and insert: "RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION"; and delete lines 10 through 14, and insert: "REGARDING THE EMPOWERING PARENTS GRANT PROGRAM FUND; PROVIDING SEVER-".

HARRIS, Chairman

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the report was adopted by voice vote.

The Committee also has [H 6](#), [H 13](#), [S 1007](#), [S 1031](#), and [SJR 101](#) under consideration, reports progress, and begs leave to sit again.

[S 1027](#), as amended, [S 1023](#), as amended, [S 1030](#), as amended, [S 1042](#), as amended, and [S 1025](#), as amended, were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for engrossing and the amendments thereto were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Third Reading of Bills

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

Reports of Standing Committees

February 13, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Senate amendments to [S 1027](#), [S 1023](#), [S 1030](#), [S 1042](#), and [S 1025](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

February 13, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1027](#), as amended, [S 1023](#), as amended, [S 1030](#), as amended, [S 1042](#), as amended, and [S 1025](#), as amended, have been correctly engrossed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1027](#), as amended, [S 1023](#), as amended, [S 1030](#), as amended, [S 1042](#), as amended, and [S 1025](#), as amended, 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 1027](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1023](#), as amended, by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1030](#), as amended, and [S 1042](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, were read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

[S 1025](#), as amended, by Education Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second 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 11:57 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FORTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Keyser, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Rabe and Shippy, absent and excused.

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.

Senator Shippy was 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 February 13, 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 14, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 106](#), [SCR 109](#), [S 1104](#), and [S 1105](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 106](#) and [SCR 109](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1104](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1105](#) was referred to the Transportation Committee.

February 13, 2025

The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [S 1071](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1071](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 13, 2025

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports out [S 1066](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

FOREMAN, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1066](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 13, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1102](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chairman

[S 1102](#) was filed for second reading.

February 13, 2025

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION Committee reports out [H 40](#) and [S 1073](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

RICKS, Chairman

[H 40](#) and [S 1073](#) were filed for second reading.

February 13, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 79](#), [S 1069](#), and [S 1096](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[H 79](#), [S 1069](#), and [S 1096](#) were filed for second reading.

February 12, 2025

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [H 41](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

LENT, Chairman

There being no objection, [H 41](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 14, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 8](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 8](#) was filed for second reading.

February 14, 2025

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

Representative James Petzke to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2028.

GUTHRIE, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

February 13, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Nancy Merrill of Eagle, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Personnel Commission to serve a term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring July 1, 2030.

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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 106](#) and [H 172](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 106](#) and [H 172](#) were filed for first reading.

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) for the signature of the President.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 50](#), [H 52](#), and [H 56](#) and ordered them returned to the House.

February 13, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SCR 102](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SCR 102](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of State.

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 1106

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM EXPENSE CLASS AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1107

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, AND THE IDAHO STATE POLICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIFIC PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1108

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF YOUTH SAFETY AND PERMANENCY, SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, DIVISION OF WELFARE, DIVISION OF MEDICAID, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, AND THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE FUND; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM INTEGRITY; CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CERTAIN CHILDREN IN STATE CARE; DIRECTING THE USE OF CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION TREATMENT ACT FUNDS; PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL COSTS; REQUIRING MONTHLY MEDICAID TRACKING REPORTS; ALLOWING FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MEDICAID PROGRAMS; REQUIRING A REPORT ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IMPLEMENTATION; REQUIRING COST-SHARING FOR SERVICES; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUDGET

INTEGRITY FOR MEDICAID; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE COOPERATIVE WELFARE (GENERAL) FUND TO THE RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE FUND; ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR THE HOME VISITATION PROGRAM; ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR SMOKING CESSATION; DIRECTING EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECT FILTER; REQUIRING REPORTS ON FACILITY LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS; LIMITING THE TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION; DIRECTING AN INTERAGENCY PAYMENT FOR A JUVENILE DETENTION CLINICIANS CONTRACT; REQUIRING REPORTS REGARDING FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTERS; DIRECTING THE USE OF THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT; DIRECTING USES OF THE IDAHO MILLENNIUM INCOME FUND; PROVIDING FOR IDAHO DRUG FREE YOUTH OVERSIGHT; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1109
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS, THE IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES, THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY, THE STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN, THE COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE, AND THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPREDATION OF LIVESTOCK AND PREVENTION FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO BROADBAND FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND; DIRECTING THE USE OF BROADBAND GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT

OF FINANCE; REAFFIRMING STATUTORY COMPLIANCE REGARDING TELEHEALTH FACILITIES FOR THE IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE IDAHO STATE LOTTERY; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS FOR THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1110
BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE CAPITOL COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION ON AGING, THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS, THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, THE OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY, THE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES, THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, THE STATE LIQUOR DIVISION, THE MILITARY DIVISION, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION, THE STEM ACTION CENTER, THE WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS, AND THE STATE TAX COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE PERMANENT BUILDING FUND TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES FUND; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE CAPITOL MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND TO THE CAPITOL COMMISSION OPERATING FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR ENERGY RESILIENCY GRANTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING REVENUE REPORTS FOR THE STATE LIQUOR DIVISION; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY THE MILITARY DIVISION; PROVIDING CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IN-DEMAND CAREERS FUND; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FUND; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR PLAN STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR

CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1111
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 48-603H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TRUTH IN DIGITAL ADVERTISING SALES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), [S 1110](#), and [S 1111](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 106](#), by Agricultural Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

[H 172](#), by Local Government 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

On request by Senator Foreman, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1023](#), as amended, was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

[S 1011](#) and [S 1013](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1043](#), by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 93](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 44](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1044](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 89](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1051](#) and [S 1034](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1027](#), as amended, by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1030](#), as amended, and [S 1042](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1025](#), as amended, by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

Moved by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Anthon, that all rules of the Senate interfering with the immediate

consideration of [S 1025](#), as amended, be suspended. The question being, "Shall the rules be suspended?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Keyser. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

More than two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the rules suspended and announced that [S 1025](#), as amended, was before the Senate for final consideration.

[S 1025](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lent arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Burtenshaw, Cook, Lent, VanOrden. Total - 6.

NAYS—Adams, Bjerke, Blaylock, Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

Absent and excused—Keyser. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared that [S 1025](#), as amended, had failed to pass the Senate and ordered the bill 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 Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:29 a.m. until the hour of 10 a.m., Monday, February 17, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elise Ballard, 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 February 14, 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 17, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), [S 1110](#), and [S 1111](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), and [S 1110](#) were referred to the Finance Committee.

[S 1111](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 14, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SCR 102](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 3:26 p.m., February 14, 2025.

LAKEY, Chairman

The report was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

February 17, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [H 34](#) and [S 1103](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[H 34](#) and [S 1103](#) were filed for second reading.

February 17, 2025

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1080](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1080](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

February 17, 2025

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

Dayn Hardie to the Public Utilities Commission, term to expire January 31, 2031.

GUTHRIE, 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 Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

February 14, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Joe McNeal of Mountain Home, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights 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 State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 14, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 231](#), which has passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 231](#) 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 1112
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; AMENDING SECTION 31-4401A, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4403, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SOLID WASTE SITES, FACILITIES, AND SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4407, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING EXISTING AND FUTURE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 31-4407A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CHANGES IN STATUS OF MAJOR WASTE GENERATORS AND MUNICIPALITIES; AMENDING SECTION 31-4902, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 31-4906, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A SOLID WASTE OR DOMESTIC SEPTAGE DISTRICT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1112](#) was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 231](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1102](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 40](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1073](#), by Local Government and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 79](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1069](#) and [S 1096](#), by Education Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 8](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Shippy, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1034](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

General Calendar

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [H 41](#) was ordered held at the desk of the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate went at ease and resolved itself into the Committee for the Memorial Service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Service was conducted by Memorial Service Committee Co-chairs Senator James Woodward and Senator Camille Blaylock. The Invocation was delivered by Captain David Brown. "Amazing Grace" was performed by Hailey Upson, accompanied by Tina Upson. The service was coordinated by Claudia Simplot-Nally, Secretary to the Secretary of the Senate.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Senator DENNIS HANSEN passed on since the close of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Legislature to wit, March 9, 2024.

WHEREAS, the late Senator DENNIS HANSEN served in the interest of Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, and Oneida Counties during the Forty-ninth through the First Regular Session of the Fifty-third Legislatures of the State of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator DENNIS HANSEN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the DENNIS HANSEN family.

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Bernt, the Memorial to the late Senator Hansen was adopted by voice vote.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Senator JOHN PEAVEY passed on since the close of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Legislature to wit, June 16, 2024.

WHEREAS, the late Senator JOHN PEAVEY served in the interest of Blaine, Camas, Elmore, Gooding, Lincoln, and Minidoka Counties during the Forty-first through the Forty-third Legislatures and the Forty-sixth through the Fifty-second Legislatures of the State of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator JOHN PEAVEY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the JOHN PEAVEY family.

On motion by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Memorial to the late Senator Peavey was adopted by voice vote.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Senator DARREL MCROBERTS passed on since the close of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Legislature to wit, November 13, 2024.

WHEREAS, the late Senator DARREL MCROBERTS served in the interest of Twin Falls County during the Forty-eighth through the Forty-ninth Legislatures of the State of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator DARREL MCROBERTS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the DARREL MCROBERTS family.

On motion by Senator Kohl, seconded by Senator Galloway, the Memorial to the late Senator McRoberts was adopted by voice vote.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Senator BERNIE RAKOZY passed on since the close of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Legislature to wit, December 7, 2024.

WHEREAS, the late Senator BERNIE RAKOZY served in the interest of Ada County during the Forty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator BERNIE RAKOZY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial

upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the BERNIE RAKOZY family.

On motion by Senator Semmelroth, seconded by Senator Burtenshaw, the Memorial to the late Senator Rakozy was adopted by voice vote.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Senator JOYCE MCROBERTS passed on since the close of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Legislature to wit, January 2, 2025.

WHEREAS, the late Senator JOYCE MCROBERTS served in the interest of Gooding and Twin Falls Counties during the Fiftieth through the Fifty-third Legislatures of the State of Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator JOYCE MCROBERTS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the JOYCE MCROBERTS family.

On motion by Senator Kohl, seconded by Senator Galloway, the Memorial to the late Senator McRoberts was adopted by voice vote.

The Memorial Service Committee was dissolved.

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 11:09 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary

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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucy Barton, 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 February 17, 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

Senator Den Hartog, by unanimous consent, requested that [H 41](#), be referred back to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

There being no objection, [H 41](#), having previously been held at the Secretary's Desk, was referred back to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1112](#) has been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1112](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

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The FINANCE Committee reports out [S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), and [S 1110](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GROW, Chairman

[S 1106](#), [S 1107](#), [S 1108](#), [S 1109](#), and [S 1110](#) were filed for second reading.

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The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [S 1012](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), and [S 1086](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[S 1012](#), [S 1061](#), [S 1062](#), and [S 1086](#) were filed for second reading.

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

Albert Barker to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Brian Olmstead to the Idaho Water Resource Board, term to expire January 1, 2029;

Mike Edmondson as the Administrator of the Office of Species Conservation, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

BURTENSHAW, 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.

February 17, 2025

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1090](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1104](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1090](#), [S 1101](#), and [S 1104](#) were filed for second reading.

February 17, 2025

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

Marianne King as the Administrator of the Office of Drug Policy, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

LAKEY, 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.

February 18, 2025

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1087](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

VANORDEN, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1087](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Messages from the Governor

February 17, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Kevin Settles of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights 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 State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 17, 2025

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 202](#), [H 62](#), [H 107](#), [H 64](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 16](#), [H 116](#), [H 120](#), [HJM 3](#), [H 46](#), and [H 125](#), which have passed the House.

MCGINNIS, Chief Clerk

[H 202](#), [H 62](#), [H 107](#), [H 64](#), [H 66](#), [H 67](#), [H 16](#), [H 116](#), [H 120](#), [HJM 3](#), [H 46](#), and [H 125](#) 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 1113

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ADOPTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 20, TITLE 16, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 16-2013A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING POSTADOPTION CONTACT AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1114

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2602, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING

SECTION 39-2603, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2604, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2605, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2606, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2607, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AMENDING SECTION 39-2608, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL COMMON FIREWORKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1115

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 40, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 40-529, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN STUDIES REGARDING EFFICIENT AND SAFE HIGHWAY LINKAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1116

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET; AMENDING SECTION 67-3531, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; REPEALING SECTION 67-5285, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, COST ESTIMATES, AND THE ASSESSMENT OF RECIPIENT AGENCIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 52, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5285, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE BILLING OF STATE AGENCIES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1113](#), [S 1114](#), [S 1115](#), and [S 1116](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 202](#) and [H 62](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[H 107](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 64](#), [H 66](#), and [H 67](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 16](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 116](#) and [H 120](#), by Business Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[HJM 3](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 46](#) and [H 125](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

H 34, by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

S 1103, by State Affairs Committee, was 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 29 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Wintrow 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **H 29** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

H 35 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 31.

NAYS—Carlson, Kohl, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **H 35** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned to the House.

S 1038 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman 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, Bjerke, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 29.

NAYS—Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Grow, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Woodward. Total - 6.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1038** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, **H 15** retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

S 1020 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1020** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1040 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1040** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1041 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Taylor 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1041** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

H 7 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Shippy 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, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Harris, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 27.

NAYS—Guthrie, Hart, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 8.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [H 7](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered returned 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 12:13 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary