

MINUTES  
**SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Nichols, Vice Chairman Zito, Senators Lakey, Lent, VanOrden, Blaylock, Kohl, Semmelroth, and Taylor

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Nichols** called the meeting of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m..

**WELCOME:** **Chairman Nichols** welcomed all Committee members to the first Committee meeting of the session. She emphasized how agriculture was crucial to the State of Idaho. She welcomed the new Senate Page, Gage Griffin, to the podium to introduce himself to the Committee and to answer questions.

**PAGE INTRODUCTION:** **Mr. Griffin** stated that he was a senior at Emmett High School. He expressed his interest in vintage cars and car restoration. He wished to attend Boise State University for marketing. He mentioned that he was the owner of a clothing brand called Cyanide. Suicide prevention and mental health awareness was the focal point of Cyanide. **Mr. Griffin** stated he wanted to learn more about agriculture and expressed his excitement to help the Committee as a Page.

**DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chair Zito and Senator Taylor** inquired about his clothing brand Cyanide and its mission. **Senator Kohl and Senator Lent** commented about his automobile passion. **Senator Lakey and Chairman Nichols** asked questions that related to his time here as a Page. **Chairman Nichols** continued to senator introductions.

**INTRODUCTION:** The Senators stated what district they represented, how long they had been a part of the legislature, their professions, and their personal relevances to agriculture. **Chairman Nichols** concluded with an overview of Thursday's Committee meeting.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Nichols** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m..

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Senator Nichols  
Chair

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Rachel Verrette  
Secretary