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House of Representatives

The House convened at 8 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Roll call showed 56 members present.

Absent and excused - Barbieri, Berch, Bingham, Cornilles, Crane(13), Galaviz, Hall, Manwaring, Mendive, Mickelsen, Petzke, Sauter, Tanner(14), and Wheeler. Total - 14.

Total - 70.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Dougherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kraten Barker, Page.

3RD ORDER

Approval of Journal

January 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have read and approved the House Journal of the Eleventh Legislative Day and recommend that same be adopted as corrected.

SKAUG, Chairman

Mr. Skaug moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Gannon. Report adopted.

4TH ORDER

Consideration of Messages from the Governor and the Senate

January 22, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I return herewith [HCR 22](#) which has passed the Senate.

NOVAK, Secretary

[HCR 22](#) was referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for enrolling.

5TH ORDER

Report of Standing Committees

January 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have printed [H 511](#), [H 512](#), [H 513](#), [H 514](#), [H 515](#), [H 516](#), [H 517](#), and [HJR 7](#).

SKAUG, Chairman

[H 511](#) was referred to the Resources and Conservation Committee.

[H 512](#), [H 513](#), and [H 514](#) were referred to the Business Committee.

[H 515](#) and [H 516](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[H 517](#) and [HJR 7](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Seventh Order of Business.

7TH ORDER

Motions, Memorials, and Resolutions

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Idaho's children is a matter of the highest priority for the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program serve millions of meals daily to American schoolchildren, including thousands of Idaho students; and

WHEREAS, six artificial sweeteners are currently approved by the United State Food and Drug Administration for use in food and beverages, which are aspartame, acesulfame potassium, advantame, neotame, saccharin, and sucralose; and

WHEREAS, sufficient long-term research does not exist regarding the impacts of artificial sweeteners on children's development, metabolism, and dietary habits, warranting a precautionary approach to the use of artificial sweeteners in school nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, Idaho ranks second in the nation for the production of sugar beets and is home to Amalgamated Sugar Company, the second-largest sugar beet processor in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the sugar beet industry contributes more than one billion dollars annually to Idaho's economy and supports thousands of jobs across rural communities, serving as a cornerstone of the state's agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, real sugar produced from Idaho sugar beets is a natural, minimally processed ingredient that provides a safe, stable, and locally sourced sweetener for food manufacturers and consumers alike; and

WHEREAS, supporting the use of real sugar in school nutrition programs aligns with Idaho's values of agricultural sustainability, economic self-reliance, and transparency in food labeling; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the federal government to ensure that the meals served to children in public schools are free from artificial sweeteners and based on wholesome, natural ingredients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature respectfully urges the President of the United States, members of the United States

Congress, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to prohibit the inclusion of artificial sweeteners, specifically aspartame, acesulfame potassium, advantame, neotame, saccharin, and sucralose, in all school meal programs administered under federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature supports the use of real sugar as a natural and locally produced alternative to artificial sweeteners in school meal programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

[HJM 10](#) was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for printing.

8TH ORDER

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills and Joint Resolutions

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AMENDING SECTION 18-8605, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL HAVE CERTAIN AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

HOUSE BILL NO. 519

BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 63-3004, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; AMENDING SECTION 63-3029B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT; AMENDING SECTION 63-3029G, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CREDITS FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE AND CERTAIN CARRYFORWARD PROVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

[H 518](#) and [H 519](#) were introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for printing.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

10TH ORDER

Second Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

[HR 20](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 489](#), [H 491](#), [H 492](#), and [H 493](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

There being no objection, the House returned to the Fifth Order of Business.

5TH ORDER

Report of Standing Committees

January 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have enrolled [HCR 22](#).

SKAUG, Chairman

The Speaker announced he was about to sign enrolled [HCR 22](#) and, when so signed, ordered it transmitted to the Senate for the signature of the President.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

13TH ORDER

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

The following House Standing Committee changes have been made:

BUSINESS (18)

Redman, Chairman
Wheeler, Vice Chairman

Crane(13)
Palmer
Barbieri
Cornilles
Crane(12)
Ehlers
Monks
Cannon
Harris
Marmon
Rasor
Thompson
Cheatum
Veile

Berch
Green

There being no objection, the House advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

15TH ORDER Announcements

Announcements were made to the body.

16TH ORDER Adjournment

Mr. Monks moved that the House adjourn until 11 a.m., Monday, January 26, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Rubel. Motion carried.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

MIKE MOYLE, Speaker

ATTEST:

CYRUS VORE, Acting Chief Clerk