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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

House of Representatives

The House convened at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Roll call showed 68 members present.
Absent and excused - Beiswenger and Mathias. Total - 2.
Total - 70.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Dougherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ethan Cowell, Page.

3RD ORDER

Approval of Journal

January 28, 2026

Mr. Speaker:
We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have read and approved the House Journal of the Sixteenth 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.

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

14TH ORDER

Presentation of Petitions and Communications

House of Representatives
State of Idaho

January 26, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honor to inform you that, pursuant to Title 67-412, Idaho Code, I have designated Guillermo Sarriera of 1803 S. Atlantic Street, Boise, Idaho 83705, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 17, Seat B, Ada County, State of Idaho.

This designation is effective January 28, 2026, and will continue through January 30, 2026.

Sincerely,
Representative Megan Egbert

The letter was ordered filed in the office of the Chief Clerk.

The Speaker announced the oath of office had previously been administered to Guillermo Sarriera.

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

4TH ORDER

Consideration of Messages from the Governor and the Senate

January 27, 2026

Mr. Speaker:
I transmit herewith [SJM 107](#) which has passed the Senate.
NOVAK, Secretary

[SJM 107](#) was filed for first reading.

5TH ORDER

Report of Standing Committees

January 28, 2026

Mr. Speaker:
We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have printed [H 532](#), [H 533](#), [H 534](#), [H 535](#), [H 536](#), [H 537](#), [H 538](#), and [H 539](#).
SKAUG, Chairman

[H 532](#), [H 533](#), [H 534](#), and [H 535](#) were referred to the Transportation and Defense Committee.

[H 536](#) was referred to the Local Government Committee.

[H 537](#), [H 538](#), and [H 539](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 27, 2026

Mr. Speaker:
We, your COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, report that we have had under consideration [H 514](#) and recommend that it do pass.
REDMAN, Chairman

[H 514](#) was filed for second reading.

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

7TH ORDER

Motions, Memorials, and Resolutions

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides the states with the authority, upon application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to require the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states; and

WHEREAS, this power provides the states with the leverage to force Congress to act when it does not want to; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, a body of citizen legislators, desires to restore rotation in office for members serving in Congress; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho and 22 other states have passed statutes or state constitutional amendments placing term limits on members of Congress, but such laws were ruled as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature hereby joins with other states in instructing Congress to draft a term limits amendment and send it to the states for ratification; failing this, the states will act on their own.

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 hereby formally applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from this state. The Secretary of State is further directed to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and this application shall be aggregated with the same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. This application supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HONORING BATTALION CHIEFS FRANK HARWOOD AND JOHN MORRISON JR., FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF KOOTENAI COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE AND THE COEUR D'ALENE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THEIR HEROIC SERVICE AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY, HONORING CRITICALLY INJURED ENGINEER DAVID TYSDAL OF THE COEUR D'ALENE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2025, Battalion Chief Frank Harwood of Kootenai County Fire and Rescue (Local 2856) and Battalion Chief John Morrison Jr. of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (Local 710) responded to a reported brush fire on Canfield Mountain near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, only to be ambushed and tragically killed in the line of duty by a premeditated attack; and

WHEREAS, a third firefighter, Engineer David Tysdal of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department, was critically wounded in the same incident but demonstrated remarkable resilience in his recovery; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Harwood dedicated years of selfless service to protecting the lives and property of Idahoans, exemplifying courage, leadership, and commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Morrison served with distinction, embodying the highest ideals of the fire service through his bravery, expertise, and unwavering dedication to public safety; and

WHEREAS, these fallen heroes made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their fellow citizens, highlighting the daily risks faced by firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, and other first responders across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the families of fallen first responders endure profound loss and hardship, yet their strength and resilience inspire gratitude and support from the people of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the State of Idaho to recognize and honor the sacrifices of all first responders who risk their lives to safeguard our communities and to affirm that their contributions and difficulties should not be forgotten.

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 honors the memory of Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood and John Morrison Jr. for their heroic actions and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and extends its deepest condolences to their families, colleagues, and the communities they served.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the bravery of Engineer David Tysdal of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and extends its support and gratitude to him, his family, his colleagues, and the community that he has served.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the bravery of all first responders and commits to supporting measures that enhance their safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an enrolled copy of this resolution be presented to the families of Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood and John Morrison Jr. and Engineer David Tysdal, the International Association of Fire Fighters, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue, and the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department as an expression of our gratitude and respect.

HCR 23 and **HCR 24** were introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for printing.

SJM 107, by Resources and Environment Committee, was introduced, read the first time by title, and referred to the Resources and Conservation Committee.

8TH ORDER**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference
of Bills and Joint Resolutions****HOUSE BILL NO. 540****BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AMENDING SECTION 74-105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 541**BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENTICING A CHILD; AMENDING SECTION 18-1509A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING ENTICING A CHILD THROUGH USE OF THE INTERNET OR OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICE, TO DEFINE A TERM, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 542**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STOP HARMS FROM ADDICTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA ACT; AMENDING TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 21, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING AGE ESTIMATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CHILDREN, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN WAIVERS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 543**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 59-1308, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFIED PRE-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS AND CERTAIN QUALIFIED ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 544**BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR MILITARY DUTY; AMENDING SECTION 46-216, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LEAVES OF ABSENCE

FROM REGULAR DUTIES FOR MILITARY DUTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 545**BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENSURE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED AS A CHAPLAIN IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-3405A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENSURE AS A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED AS A CHAPLAIN IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 546**BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE RESTROOM ACCESS ACT; AMENDING TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 21, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CUSTOMER ACCESS TO RESTROOM FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE A LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 547**BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICES ACT; AMENDING SECTION 54-5810, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE REGARDING COSMETOLOGISTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 548**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO SAFE BOATING ACT; AMENDING SECTION 67-7028, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 549**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPITAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 39-1325A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 550**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MIDWIFERY; AMENDING SECTION 54-5504, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 55, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-5504A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED MIDWIFE MAY OBTAIN AND ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION INDICATED FOR MATERNAL CARE OR NEONATAL CARE FOR WHICH THE MIDWIFE POSSESSES THE REQUISITE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE; AMENDING SECTION 54-5510, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 24.26.01. SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 551
BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; AMENDING SECTION 63-301A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

[H 540](#), [H 541](#), [H 542](#), [H 543](#), [H 544](#), [H 545](#), [H 546](#), [H 547](#), [H 548](#), [H 549](#), [H 550](#), and [H 551](#) 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 Eleventh Order of Business.

11TH ORDER
Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [H 493](#) retain its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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., Thursday, January 29, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Rubel. Motion carried.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

MIKE MOYLE, Speaker

ATTEST:

CYRUS VORE, Acting Chief Clerk