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House of Representatives

The House convened at 10:30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Roll call showed 69 members present.
Absent and excused - Church. Total - 1.
Total - 70.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Dougherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kasen Obregon, Page.

3RD ORDER
Approval of Journal

February 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have read and approved the House Journal of the Fortieth 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

February 20, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I return herewith enrolled [H 514](#) and [H 515](#) which have been signed by the President.

NOVAK, Secretary

Enrolled [H 514](#) and [H 515](#) were referred to the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee for delivery to the Governor.

5TH ORDER
Report of Standing Committees

February 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have printed [H 742](#), [H 743](#), [H 744](#), [H 745](#), [H 746](#), [H 747](#), [H 748](#), [H 749](#), [H 750](#), and [H 751](#).

SKAUG, Chairman

[H 751](#) was filed for second reading.

[H 742](#) was referred to the Transportation and Defense Committee.

[H 743](#) was referred to the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

[H 744](#) was referred to the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee.

[H 745](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[H 746](#) was referred to the Resources and Conservation Committee.

[H 747](#), [H 748](#), and [H 749](#) were referred to the Local Government Committee.

[H 750](#) was referred to the Business Committee.

February 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have transmitted enrolled [HJM 9](#) and [HJM 11](#) to the Secretary of State at 3:12 p.m., as of this date, February 20, 2026.

SKAUG, Chairman

February 23, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, report that we have had under consideration [H 591](#) and recommend that it do pass.

VANDER WOUDE, Chairman

[H 591](#) 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 JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 16
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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, Idaho seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries rely on access to affordable Medicare and prescription drug coverage that meets their health care needs; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides a limited annual enrollment period during which Medicare beneficiaries must select health coverage options for the upcoming plan year; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) oversees Medicare Advantage plans, including plan approval, bid review, and federal program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Insurance regulates insurer licensure, solvency, and market conduct within the State of Idaho, including Medicare Supplement products and insurance producer activity; and

WHEREAS, effective Medicare oversight relies on clear coordination between federal regulators and state insurance regulators; and

WHEREAS, CMS and the Idaho Department of Insurance maintain a memorandum of understanding allowing cooperation and information sharing regarding violations of applicable laws, rules, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining stability and predictability in Medicare Advantage plan availability is essential to protecting Medicare beneficiaries during the annual enrollment period; and

WHEREAS, Medicare beneficiaries have limited time during the annual enrollment period to make informed decisions regarding their health care coverage options; and

WHEREAS, Medicare beneficiaries often rely on licensed insurance producers to assist with plan selection, and sudden changes to producer compensation structures may reduce consumer access to informed guidance during the annual enrollment period; and

WHEREAS, insurers seeking to offer Medicare Advantage plans in Idaho must submit bids to CMS and receive approval to offer plans while complying with applicable federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, insurance companies are required to actuarially develop their rates using appropriate justification; and

WHEREAS, sudden limitations, withdrawal of plan availability, or market conduct that discourages enrollment during the annual enrollment period may disrupt consumer choice and market stability for Medicare beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, before the 2025 open enrollment period, certain companies, after actuarially pricing, voluntarily applying for, and being awarded the Medicare contract, attempted to dissuade or steer consumers away from their products; and

WHEREAS, certain companies withdrew their enrollment applications, denied access to Idaho seniors and those who qualify for Medicare, and created market disruption; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Insurance issued a bulletin identifying these practices as unfair trade practices under Idaho law; and

WHEREAS, due to some companies continuing to operate in a harmful manner to Idaho seniors, Medicare recipients, and to the Medicare market, the Idaho Department of Insurance issued cease and desist orders; and

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Idaho that insurers operating within the state comply with all applicable laws governing licensure, solvency, and trade practices, and that Medicare beneficiaries have meaningful access to approved coverage options; and

WHEREAS, it is further the public policy of the State of Idaho that insurance companies who apply to offer coverage should not engage in practices that discourage enrollment or limit plan availability after approval to offer such coverage.

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 Idaho Legislature supports the ongoing efforts of the Idaho Department of Insurance to protect Idaho Medicare beneficiaries and promote a stable and fair insurance marketplace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Idaho Department of Insurance to continue working with CMS to ensure Idaho Medicare beneficiaries are protected against unfair or disruptive market practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests CMS to continue collaboration with Idaho and other state insurance regulators and to provide clear guidance regarding

federal and state oversight responsibilities related to Medicare Advantage plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests CMS to provide guidance regarding changes to producer compensation structures after plan approval and its impact on consumer access and market stability.

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 Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, and to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

[HJM 16](#) 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. 752

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO INDECENCY AND OBSCENITY; AMENDING CHAPTER 41, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-4117, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM ENTERING A RESTROOM OR CHANGING ROOM OF THE OPPOSITE SEX, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO DEFINE A TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HOUSE BILL NO. 753

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 22, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 56-2208, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS REGARDING ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT; AMENDING TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 25, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND TEAMS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING MEASURES AND OUTCOMES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING FIDELITY STANDARDS AND PAYMENT FOR SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

HOUSE BILL NO. 754

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE ACT; AMENDING SECTION 39-9203, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[H 752](#), [H 753](#), and [H 754](#) 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

[H 731](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 603](#), [H 689](#), [H 690](#), and [H 698](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 641](#) and [H 642](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[S 1221](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 563](#), by Business Committee, was read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

[H 623](#) and [H 728](#), by Education Committee, were read the second time by title and filed for third reading.

11TH ORDER

Third Reading of Bills and Joint Resolutions

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that [HJM 12](#) be returned to the Transportation and Defense Committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

[H 652](#) - STATE SYMBOLS

[H 652](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Stone to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 652](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Berch, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Haws, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 63.

NAYS—None.

Absent—Bingham, Church, Crane(13), Dygert, Mickelsen, Petzke, Raybould. Total - 7.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 652](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 556](#) - STATE PRISONERS HOUSED IN COUNTY JAILS

[H 556](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Skaug to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 556](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Berch, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dygert, Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Haws, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Mitchell, Nelsen, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Thompson, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski. Total - 59.

NAYS—Cannon, Crane(12), Crane(13), Miller, Monks, Palmer, Petzke, Tanner(14), Vander Woude, Mr. Speaker. Total - 10.

Absent—Church. Total - 1.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 556](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 602](#) - FOREIGN LAWS

[H 602](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Tanner(13) to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 602](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Garner, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 61.

NAYS—Egbert, Galaviz, Gannon, Green, Mathias, Rubel. Total - 6.

Absent—Berch, Church, Haws. Total - 3.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 602](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 654](#) - POLICE DOGS

[H 654](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Veile to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 654](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles,

Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 67.

NAYS–None.

Absent–Berch, Church, Haws. Total - 3.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 654](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 549](#) - HOSPITAL DISTRICTS

[H 549](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Ms. Thompson to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 549](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Berch, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 68.

NAYS–None.

Absent–Church, Haws. Total - 2.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 549](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 673](#) - ELECTIONS

[H 673](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Ms. Raybould to open debate.

Ms. Raybould asked unanimous consent that [H 673](#) be placed on General Orders for consideration. Mr. Cayler objected.

Ms. McCann moved that [H 673](#) be placed on General Orders for consideration. Seconded by Ms. Rubel.

The question being, "Shall the motion carry?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Berch, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Haws, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Manwaring,

Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 63.

NAYS–Cayler, Hostetler, Leavitt, Marmon, Razor, Thompson. Total - 6.

Absent–Church. Total - 1.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the motion carried and [H 673](#) was placed on General Orders for consideration.

[H 628](#) - MOTOR VEHICLES

[H 628](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Mendive to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 628](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Alfieri, Barbieri, Beiswenger, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Garner, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Haws, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Price, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Sauter, Scott, Shepherd, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Wisniewski, Mr. Speaker. Total - 63.

NAYS–Berch, Egbert, Gannon, Green, Mathias, Rubel. Total - 6.

Absent–Church. Total - 1.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 628](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

[H 663](#) - LICENSE PLATES

[H 663](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the House for final consideration.

At this time, the Speaker recognized Mr. Raymond to open debate.

The question being, "Shall [H 663](#) pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES–Barbieri, Beiswenger, Berch, Bingham, Boyle, Bruce, Burgoyne, Cannon, Cayler, Cheatum, Cornilles, Crane(12), Crane(13), Dygert, Egbert, Ehardt, Ehlers, Erickson, Fuhriman, Furniss, Galaviz, Gannon, Garner, Green, Hall(Stone), Handy, Harris, Hawkins, Haws, Healey, Hill, Holtzclaw, Hostetler, Leavitt, Manwaring, Marmon, Mathias, McCann, Mendive, Mickelsen, Miller, Mitchell, Monks, Nelsen, Palmer, Petzke, Pickett, Pohanka, Razor, Raybould, Raymond, Redman, Rubel, Sauter, Scott, Shirts, Skaug, Tanner(13), Tanner(14), Thompson, Vander Woude, Veile, Weber, Wheeler, Mr. Speaker. Total - 65.

NAYS–Alfieri, Price, Wisniewski. Total - 3.

Absent–Church, Shepherd. Total - 2.

Total - 70.

Whereupon the Speaker declared that [H 663](#) passed the House. Title was approved and the bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Monks asked unanimous consent that the remaining bills on the Third Reading Calendar retain their places 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., Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Rubel. Motion carried.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

MIKE MOYLE, Speaker

ATTEST:

CYRUS VORE, Acting Chief Clerk