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**EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**

House of Representatives

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

Roll call showed all 70 members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Dougherty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paisley Hall, Page.

### 3RD ORDER

#### Approval of Journal

January 19, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

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

### 5TH ORDER

#### Report of Standing Committees

January 19, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have printed [H 489](#), [H 490](#), [H 491](#), [H 492](#), and [H 493](#).

SKAUG, Chairman

[H 489](#), [H 490](#), [H 491](#), [H 492](#), and [H 493](#) were referred to the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

January 19, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

We, your COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION, report that we have transmitted enrolled [HCR 20](#) to the Secretary of State at 9:23 a.m., as of this date, January 16, 2026.

SKAUG, Chairman

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

### 7TH ORDER

#### Motions, Memorials, and Resolutions

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

##### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

##### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, DECLARING 2026 TO BE THE YEAR OF VOLUNTEERISM AND THE AMERICA250 IN IDAHO SERVICE CHALLENGE, RECOGNIZING A THEME SONG TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY, ENCOURAGING ALL IDAHOANS TO COMMEMORATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY BY SIGNING IDAHO'S REPLICA OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS TO PLANT TREES AS PART OF THE LIBERTY GROVES: ROOTS OF FREEDOM INITIATIVE IN COMMEMORATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY.

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has invited all Idahoans to promote an awareness and understanding of the principles contained in the nation's founding documents, including representative government, personal responsibility, individual liberty, and equal and inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has encouraged Idahoans to reflect on American and state history and heritage, develop deeper connections within their communities, and advance Idaho's contributions and values for the benefit of our children and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is proudly joining the nation in celebrating America's 250th birthday by implementing America250 in Idaho, a statewide effort to honor our nation's founding, engage families and students, and create lasting memories for future generations; and

WHEREAS, using Spuddy Buddy, the official mascot of the Idaho Potato Commission, the Revolutionary Spud characters were created to honor historic revolutionary leaders, and each was given a personality as well as handcrafted costumes to make history fun, approachable, and unforgettable for Idahoans of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Revolutionary Spuds are official America250 in Idaho ambassadors and have traveled thousands of miles throughout the state visiting community events and collecting signatures for the historic capitol rotunda Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Idahoans have already signed Idaho's replica of the Declaration of Independence, which hangs in the capitol rotunda; and

WHEREAS, "Forever Idaho" is the official theme song for America250 in Idaho ambassadors and the Revolutionary Spuds and was created as a gift for all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, the song "Forever Idaho" celebrates Idaho's breathtaking landscapes, resilient communities, and shared love of home as we come together to honor America's 250th birthday and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the America250 in Idaho ambassadors are setting a bold vision and challenging Idahoans to collectively perform 250,000 acts of service from January until July 4, 2026, inviting every generation, from our youngest students to our wisest seniors, to join hands in this shared endeavor and fill our communities with hope and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Groves: Roots of Freedom is an America250 in Idaho initiative that celebrates Idaho's growth and resilience through the establishment of groves of working forests

across the state to symbolize liberty, unity, and renewal, while engaging communities, schools, veterans, and civic organizations in honoring America's founding principles and preserving Idaho's natural and historical heritage for future generations.

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 declares 2026 to be the Year of Volunteerism and the America250 in Idaho Service Challenge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature recognize "Forever Idaho" as the theme song of the America250 in Idaho ambassadors and the Revolutionary Spuds and invite all Idahoans to include this song in their celebrations throughout 2026 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature encourage all Idahoans to commemorate America's 250th birthday by signing Idaho's replica of the Declaration of Independence, so that their names will be included in this powerful display of American patriotism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature encourage the Idaho Department of Lands to plant trees as part of the Liberty Groves: Roots of Freedom initiative, establishing groves of working forests throughout Idaho in commemoration of America's 250th birthday.

**HCR 21** 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. 494

#### BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS; AMENDING TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 25, TITLE 56, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN BACKGROUND CHECKS AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING RULES AND FEES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING SUITABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE A LIMITATION ON LIABILITY; REPEALING SECTION 56-1004A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS; AMENDING SECTION 32-1805, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-5-308, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 15-5-311, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 15-5-316, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-1105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 66-404, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES

AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 495

#### BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTURITRY; AMENDING SECTION 54-907, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; AMENDING SECTION 54-909, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; REPEALING SECTION 54-912, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-912, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; AMENDING SECTION 54-913, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSES AND RECORDS; REPEALING SECTION 54-918, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 54-918, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXAMINATIONS; REPEALING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF DENTURES ACT; AMENDING TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 33, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH A LICENSURE REQUIREMENT, TO ESTABLISH EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR A STAY OF ELIGIBILITY AFTER LICENSE REVOCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS, TO REQUIRE DENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES TO INCLUDE DENTURIST SERVICES, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A NOTICE REQUIREMENT, PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES, AND A GUARANTEE ON SERVICES, AND TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING INJUNCTION PROCEDURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 496

#### BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO PODIATRISTS; REPEALING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PODIATRISTS; AMENDING TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 6, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE PODIATRY, TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSURE IS A PREREQUISITE TO PRACTICE, TO ESTABLISH POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FOR LICENSE, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS, TO ESTABLISH GROUNDS FOR LICENSE SUSPENSION, DENIAL, REFUSAL TO RENEW, OR REVOCATION, TO DEFINE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO ESTABLISH PROCEEDINGS FOR SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR

OTHER DISCIPLINE OF LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE SHALL BE A FELONY; AMENDING SECTION 54-1805, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF MEDICINE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 39-1395, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-4401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 497**  
**BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 37-2705, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2707, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2709, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2711, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2713, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHEDULE V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 37-2716, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2717, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 37-2718, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DISCIPLINE; AMENDING SECTION 37-2719, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE; AMENDING SECTION 37-2720, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING RECORDS, DRUG STORAGE, AND INVENTORY; AMENDING SECTION 37-2722, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ISSUING, DISTRIBUTING, AND DISPENSING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 37-2726, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTIONS DATABASE; AMENDING SECTION 37-2731, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING INFORMATION REQUIRED ON LABELS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 498**  
**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-465A, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EMPLOY COUNSEL IN ADDITION

TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PURSUE ACTIONS AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[H 494](#), [H 495](#), [H 496](#), [H 497](#), and [H 498](#) 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 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, January 20, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Rubel. Motion carried.

Whereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

MIKE MOYLE, Speaker

ATTEST:  
CYRUS VORE, Acting Chief Clerk