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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**

Senate Chamber

President Pro Tempore Anthon called the Senate to order at 10:45 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Carlson, Toews, Woodward, and Zuiderveld, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Hart and Kohl, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emmy Roberts, Page.

The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of January 22, 2026, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SCR 114

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW JOINT RULE 24 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature values the principles of limited and efficient government; and

WHEREAS, the consideration of a large volume of legislation is not necessarily compatible with Idaho's part-time, citizen legislature; and

WHEREAS, at least 24 state legislative chambers have undertaken measures to reduce the amount of legislation entering the legislative process in order to allow legislators to more efficiently consider and debate the most important issues facing their states; and

WHEREAS, the Senate and the House of Representatives deem it necessary and desirable to add a new Joint Rule 24 to the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be amended by the addition thereto of a new Joint Rule 24 to read as follows:

JOINT RULE 24

LIMITATIONS ON DRAFTING REQUESTS AND ROUTING SLIPS – Except as otherwise provided for in this rule, each member of the Legislature may request from the Legislative Services Office the drafting of no more than 25 pieces of draft legislation and no more than 10 completed routing slips (RSs) during the period from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

For the purposes of this rule, variations of the same draft legislation revised through the drafting process shall count as a single piece of draft legislation, and whenever a completed RS is revised as a change RS or as a new RS, it shall count as a single RS. Additionally, the limitations provided for in this rule shall not apply:

(a) If an exception is expressly granted in writing by the Senate Pro Tempore, for members of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for members of the House of Representatives;

(b) To legislation pertaining to appropriations drafted by the Budget and Policy Division of the Legislative Services Office;

(c) To drafts or RSs of amendments or trailer bills; or

(d) To legislation sponsored by legislative interim committees.

[SCR 114](#) was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

January 23, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SJM 106](#), [SJM 107](#), [S 1226](#), and [S 1227](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SJM 106](#) and [SJM 107](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1226](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1227](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

January 22, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Dylan Hobson to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2027.

LAKEY, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 22, 2026

The COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Cynthia Fairfax to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029;

Hyatt Erstad to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029;

Janice Fulkerson to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029.

FOREMAN, Chairman

The Gubernatorial reappointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

January 22, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial appointments listed below and the Committee recommends that said appointments be confirmed by the Senate:

Jennifer White as the Executive Director of the Office of the State Board of Education, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor;

Peter Koehler to the State Board of Education, term to expire July 1, 2030.

LENT, Chairman

The Gubernatorial appointments were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eighth Order of Business.

Messages from the Governor

January 22, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Senator Todd Lakey of Nampa, Idaho, was reappointed to the State Insurance Fund Board to serve a term commencing January 20, 2025, and expiring November 30, 2026.

This reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of reappointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

January 22, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that James Keating of Hailey, Idaho, was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to serve a term commencing June 30, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2031.

This reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, and notice of reappointment is hereby given.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

January 23, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [HCR 22](#) for the signature of the President.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

The President Pro Tempore signed Enrolled [HCR 22](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

S 1228 BY WINTROW

AN ACT

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5901, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY IS A CIVIL RIGHT AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 67-5902, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5909, IDAHO CODE, TO

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1229

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 40-1404A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-702, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-702A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-703, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-704, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-705, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-706, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-708, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-712, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-714, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-715, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1230

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AMENDING SECTION 23-509B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A FORM OF APPLICATION AND TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FEE; AMENDING SECTION 23-904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1004, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1005A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1007A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1014, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1309A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING REGISTRATION FEES, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1315, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE FEES; AMENDING SECTION 23-1317, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS

REGARDING LICENSE FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 23-1336, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING PERMIT FEES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1228](#), [S 1229](#), and [S 1230](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:04 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Monday, January 26, 2026.

KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON, President Pro Tempore

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary