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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Adams, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chayse Van Eps, 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 27, 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 Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

January 28, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SCR 115](#), [S 1232](#), [S 1233](#), and [S 1234](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SCR 115](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1232](#) and [S 1233](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1234](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

January 27, 2026

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

Brian Scigliano to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights, term to expire July 1, 2028;

Leighton Linning to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights, term to expire July 1, 2027.

GUTHRIE, 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.

January 27, 2026

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

Gregory Donaca to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029;

Nora Carpenter to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board, term to expire April 10, 2029;

Salvador Cruz as the Director of the Department of Finance, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

FOREMAN, 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.

January 27, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports it has had under consideration the Gubernatorial reappointment listed below and the Committee recommends that said reappointment be confirmed by the Senate:

Clayton Steele to the Board of Environmental Quality, term to expire July 1, 2029.

VANORDEN, Chair

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

Senator Adams was recorded present at this order of business.

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 1235 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE OFFICE VACANCIES; AMENDING SECTION 59-904, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT IS EXPRESSLY REJECTED BY THE SENATE, THE REJECTED APPOINTEE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR TO ANY POSITION REQUIRING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR ONE YEAR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

S 1236**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION;
REPEALING CHAPTER 60, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE,
RELATING TO THE IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1237**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO VOTERS; REPEALING SECTION 34-1114,
IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO A VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT
IN LIEU OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION; AMENDING
SECTION 34-409, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE
REFERENCE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;
AMENDING SECTION 34-1012, IDAHO CODE, TO
REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A
TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION
34-1106, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION
REGARDING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION AFFIDAVITS
AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1235](#), [S 1236](#), and [S 1237](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1222](#), by Resources and Environment Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

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

General Calendar

The President declared the Senate resolved into the Committee of the Whole and called Senator Harris to the Chair to preside during the sitting of the Committee of the Whole.

Following the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole, the President called the Senate to order.

Report of the Committee of the Whole

Senator Harris, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported out [S 1225](#), without recommendation, amended as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT TO S 1225**AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1**

On page 1 of the printed bill, following line 35, insert:

"(5) The name of the sole finalist shall be made available to the public no less than ten (10) business days before the final decision is made by the board.";

and in line 36, delete "(5)" and insert: "(6)".

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2

On page 2, delete lines 20 and 21, and insert: "available to the public"; in line 22, delete "hiring authority"; and in line 24, delete "his the applicant's" and insert: "his".

CORRECTION TO TITLE

On page 1, in line 5, delete "EXEMPT CERTAIN RECORDS" and insert: "REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN RECORDS EXEMPT".

HARRIS, Chairman

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the report was adopted by voice vote.

[S 1225](#), as amended, was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for engrossing and the amendments thereto were 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 11:07 a.m. until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary