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**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Nichols and Ricks, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Butler, 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 28, 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

#### SJM 108

#### BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has abundant wildlife and open space and relies on the agricultural and livestock industries, which, in turn, rely on Idaho's open space. However, these industries are often negatively impacted by depredating wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears; and

WHEREAS, owners and operators of livestock operations within the State of Idaho often have federal livestock grazing permits to graze livestock on land managed by the United States Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents and policymakers have been struggling for years to address the negative impact depredating wildlife has on the agricultural and livestock industries; and

WHEREAS, even though Idaho law supports hunters helping control wolf populations, livestock is still being slaughtered by depredating wildlife, primarily by wolves and grizzly bears; and

WHEREAS, livestock depredation directly and significantly harms the owners' livelihoods, the local community's morale, and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, to help offset the loss of the livestock, the state has created the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board and the Idaho Depredating Wildlife Appeals Board, both of which oversee claims of depredation and distribute compensation; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Idaho Legislature that owners and operators of livestock operations are not reporting claims of depredation to the state depredation boards for fear of federal retaliation in the form of materially modifying or revoking their federal grazing permits; and

WHEREAS, the nation is reliant on the agricultural and livestock industries, and the livelihoods of the owners and operators of such industries are persistently threatened by depredating wildlife, which state law attempts to redress but cannot when our citizens fear federal retaliation.

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 Legislature hereby calls on the Trump administration and Congress to protect Idaho's agricultural and livestock industries by mandating that claims of depredation are not a basis for materially modifying or revoking federal grazing permits and directing the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to promulgate rules protecting grazing permittees from the federal government modifying or revoking grazing privileges based on claims of wildlife depredation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and the United States Secretary of the Interior.

#### SCR 116

#### BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE RELATED TO WATER DISTRICT 1 AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS ASSOCIATED PROJECTS.

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

WHEREAS, Water District 1 of the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB), encompassing the Panhandle region including Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho counties, is a region of vital hydrologic importance to the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the efficient management of water resources in District 1 is essential for maintaining the region's agricultural productivity, sustaining the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, managing flood risks in the Kootenai and St. Joe River Valleys, and preserving the recreational and economic value of North Idaho's lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, IWRB has identified, funded, and overseen numerous projects critical to modernizing aging infrastructure and ensuring long-term water sustainability in the region.

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 Legislature hereby formally recognizes the importance of and supports the continuation of existing and future water projects in Water District 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued development and active management of the Priest Lake Outlet Dam Modification in Bonner County and recognizes that IWRB's oversight of this structure is indispensable for maintaining statutorily established lake levels, thereby safeguarding North Idaho's tourism economy, protecting shoreline property values, and ensuring adequate downstream flows for the Priest River ecosystem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature prioritizes the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District's Lower Clearwater Exchange Project in Nez Perce County as a model of regional water sustainability and acknowledges the critical nature of this exchange, currently in the design phase, which shifts reliance from unstable ground water sources and the Sweetwater Creek system to the Clearwater River, thereby stabilizing the local aquifer and benefitting Endangered Species Act listed steelhead populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends the successful deployment of Aging Infrastructure Grants to vital agricultural systems, specifically recognizing the Burnett Water Users Association project in Clearwater County. The rehabilitation of this diversion and conveyance infrastructure is declared essential for preventing catastrophic failure and ensuring that water rights remain beneficially used to support the rural economy of the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the critical modernization efforts undertaken by the Hayden Lake Irrigation District in Kootenai County and affirms that the replacement of failing pipelines and the improvement of pumping efficiency are necessary actions to reduce energy costs and protect the water quality of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, which serves as the primary drinking water source for the rapidly growing populace of the Spokane-Rathdrum region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares the projects herein identified as vital to the strategic interests of District 1 as they, among other benefits, secure economic stability for agricultural and high-tech industries, preserve the recreational tax base of the region's lakes, and provide essential protections for sole-source aquifers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that the maintenance of water security requires a sustained commitment to future investment, particularly as District 1 faces the compounding pressures of rapid population growth and aging infrastructure, and that proactive funding for planning, modernization, and aquifer management is fiscally responsible and essential to prevent the significantly higher costs associated with deferred maintenance and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued appropriation of funds to IWRB to ensure the completion and long-term viability of these critical projects in Water District 1.

#### SCR 117

#### BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING WATER DISTRICT 4 AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS ASSOCIATED PROJECTS.

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

WHEREAS, Water District 4 of the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB), encompassing the headwaters of the Snake River system in East Idaho including Bonneville, Bingham, Jefferson, Madison, Fremont, Clark, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lake, and Teton counties, serves as the primary "water tower" for the agricultural and economic prosperity of Southern Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the region is home to the world-renowned Henrys Fork and South Fork of the Snake River, supporting a premier recreational economy while simultaneously providing the essential irrigation water for the state's massive potato and grain production sectors; and

WHEREAS, IWRB has identified, funded, and overseen numerous projects critical to optimizing water storage, enhancing winter snowpack, and recharging the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) at its hydrologic source.

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 Legislature hereby formally recognizes the importance of and supports the continuation of water projects within Water District 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature prioritizes the continued expansion and optimization of managed aquifer recharge infrastructure in the Upper Snake River Valley and specifically supports the ongoing development of recharge sites on the Henrys Fork River, Teton River, and main stem of the Snake River above American Falls Reservoir that benefit reach gains to the Snake River, as well as IWRB's continued efforts to identify additional recharge locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges that capturing early season runoff and injecting it into the aquifer in District 4 is the most effective method for sustaining ground water levels across the entire Eastern Snake Plain, thereby benefiting users hundreds of miles downstream.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends surface water and ground water users for their efforts to find meaningful long-term solutions and recognizes that these IWRB funds are a key to the success of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the Upper Snake River Cloud Seeding Program and recognizes this as a sophisticated, cost-effective technology that enhances winter snowpack in the high-elevation watersheds. This program, which occurs only in the high mountain ranges during the winter season, is a critical active management strategy that increases the total water budget available for storage, recharge, and irrigation during the dry summer months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends the collaborative efforts regarding the Upper Snake Basin Study and associated storage optimization initiatives and acknowledges the importance of identifying new or enhanced surface water storage opportunities and water marketing strategies to mitigate the impacts of increasingly variable precipitation patterns in this high-altitude basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the vital improvements made through Aging Infrastructure Grants to irrigation entities in East Idaho, including the Bear River Valley. The Legislature recognizes that the rehabilitation of major diversion structures and the automation of canal headgates are essential for precise water management, including the modernization efforts of the Progressive Irrigation District and the Enterprise Canal Company. These projects not only prevent system failure but allow for the tight control

necessary to deliver water rights and facilitate aquifer recharge operations with less waste.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares these projects collectively vital to the strategic interests of District 4 as they, among other benefits:

(1) Secure the water supply. By enhancing snowpack and capturing runoff, these projects increase the total volume of water available to the state;

(2) Sustain the aquifer. District 4 serves as the primary recharge zone for the upper portion of the ESPA and the recharge program supports the objectives of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan, a prerequisite for success in Water District 3; and

(3) Modernize delivery. Investments in canal infrastructure ensure that the region's agricultural producers remain globally competitive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature emphasizes that as the headwaters of the Snake River system, District 4 requires robust and consistent funding to maintain the storage and recharge infrastructure on which the entire southern portion of the state relies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that the maintenance of water security requires a sustained commitment to future investment, particularly as District 4 faces the compounding pressures of hydrologic variability and increased demand, and that proactive funding for planning, modernization, and aquifer management is fiscally responsible and essential to prevent the significantly higher costs associated with deferred maintenance and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued appropriation of funds to IWRB to ensure the completion and long-term viability of critical projects in Water District 4.

### SCR 118

#### BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING WATER DISTRICT 3 AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS ASSOCIATED PROJECTS.

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

WHEREAS, Water District 3 of the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB), encompassing the agricultural heartland of the Magic Valley and Wood River basins including Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Cassia, Blaine, Lemhi, Custer, Butte, and Camas counties, is a region of paramount economic productivity for the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the region supports the nation's most concentrated dairy industry and vast acreage of irrigated row crops, all of which rely heavily on the conjunctive management of the Snake River and the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA); and

WHEREAS, IWRB has identified, funded, and overseen numerous projects critical to sustaining the ESPA, mitigating flood risks in the Wood River basin, and modernizing the century-old canal systems that form the backbone of the local economy.

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 Legislature hereby formally recognizes the importance of and supports the continuation of the existing and future projects within Water District 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature prioritizes the Milner Dam Emergency Spillway Project and acknowledges IWRB's recent approval of funding for design and engineering studies to repair this critical structure. As Milner Dam serves as the "check valve" for the entire Upper Snake River system, ensuring its structural integrity is a matter of public safety and water security for the entire Magic Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the Little Wood River Channel and City of Gooding Flood Control Project and, recognizing the history of devastating floods in this area, commends IWRB's continued financial commitment to this project as it moves through environmental compliance. This multi-phase effort is essential to protecting the City of Gooding's municipal infrastructure and residential neighborhoods from high-flow events while improving channel capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends the launch of the Twin Falls Canal Company Operational Efficiencies Project and recognizes this as a landmark sustainability effort where the lining of the High Line Canal and the construction of new recharge basins will save tens of thousands of acre-feet of water annually. This project exemplifies the collaborative spirit of the region, reducing seepage to improve efficiency while simultaneously creating new avenues for aquifer recharge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the Upper Snake River Cloud Seeding Program and recognizes this as a sophisticated, cost-effective technology that enhances winter snowpack in the high-elevation watersheds. This program, which occurs only in the high mountain ranges during the winter season, is a critical active management strategy that increases the total water budget available for storage, recharge, and irrigation during the dry summer months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued aggressive implementation of ESPA Managed Aquifer Recharge across District 3 and affirms that sites, such as the Milepost 31 recharge facility, and partnerships with the North Side Canal Company are indispensable tools for stabilizing the aquifer and meeting the state's obligation to recharge 350,000 acre feet per year to ensure that ground water levels remain viable for future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends surface water and ground water users for their efforts to find meaningful long-term solutions and recognizes that these IWRB funds are a key to the success of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges that the stabilization of the ESPA is a decadal challenge that cannot be solved with one-time funding, but requires a perpetual commitment to infrastructure renewal and recharge operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the vital improvements made through Aging Infrastructure Grants to the North Side Canal Company and the Milner Irrigation District and recognizes that grant funding for canal lining, headgate automation, and diversion rehabilitation prevents catastrophic system failures and allows these legacy systems to operate with the precision required by modern agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares these projects collectively vital to the strategic interests of District 3 as they, among other benefits:

(1) Sustain the agricultural economy. By stabilizing the ESPA and modernizing delivery systems like the Twin Falls Canal Company and North Side, these projects protect the water supply for Idaho's dairy and crop sectors;

(2) Enhance public safety. The Milner Dam and Gooding Flood Control projects directly protect citizens and property from hydrologic hazards; and

(3) Secure water certainty. Investments in efficiency and recharge reduce conflict between surface water and ground water users, fostering a stable regulatory environment for business investment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that the maintenance of water security requires a sustained commitment to future investment, particularly as District 3 faces the compounding pressures of hydrologic variability and increased demand, and that proactive funding for planning, modernization, and aquifer management is fiscally responsible and essential to prevent the significantly higher costs associated with deferred maintenance and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued appropriation of funds to IWRB to ensure the completion and long-term viability of critical projects in Water District 3.

### SCR 119

#### BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

##### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

#### STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING WATER DISTRICT 2 AND SUPPORTING VARIOUS ASSOCIATED PROJECTS.

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

WHEREAS, Water District 2 of the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB), encompassing the rapidly growing Southwest region including Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties, represents the population and economic hub of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the reliable management of water resources in District 2 is essential for sustaining the agricultural heritage of the Treasure and Payette Valleys, supporting the rapid urbanization of the Boise metropolitan area, ensuring the operational viability of Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), and managing the delicate balance of the Treasure Valley Aquifer System; and

WHEREAS, IWRB has identified, funded, and overseen numerous projects critical to expanding storage capacity, stabilizing declining aquifers, and modernizing legacy infrastructure to meet future demands.

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 Legislature hereby formally recognizes the importance of and supports the continuation of existing and future projects within Water District 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature prioritizes the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project in the Boise River Basin as a critical investment in the region's future water security and acknowledges that the partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation to raise the dam by six feet will create approximately 29,000 acre-feet of new storage capacity, which is a vital step for capturing additional water supplies to mitigate drought, ensuring reliable supplies for the Boise River system's irrigators, and supporting the municipal needs of the Treasure Valley's rapidly expanding population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the ongoing Treasure Valley Managed Aquifer Recharge initiatives and recognizes that, as urbanization reduces natural incidental recharge from flood irrigation, it is necessary to develop infrastructure that actively recharges the Treasure Valley

Aquifer, thereby preventing the resource depletion seen in other regions and ensuring a stable, long-term water supply for municipal and industrial users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commends the active construction of the water treatment plant by the Air Force at the MHAFB and the completion of the pipeline and pump station by IWRB, and declares that this project, which includes a conveyance system to deliver Snake River surface water to the base, is essential for national security and the Idaho economy, as it effectively secures the longevity of a military installation that contributes over \$1 billion annually to the state economy while protecting local ground water resources for surrounding agricultural and community uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the vital improvements made through Aging Infrastructure Grants to the Last Chance Canal Company in Gem and Payette Counties and recognizes that the rehabilitation of this century-old infrastructure ensures the continued delivery of water to the renowned agricultural lands of the Payette River basin, preventing system failures that would devastate local crop production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the reconstruction of the headworks of the Ridenbaugh Canal, located on the Boise River near Barber Park, as replacing this century-old infrastructure will improve the reliability and predictability of water management on the Boise River and ensure that local recreational activities, including boating and fishing, can continue while also ensuring the continued delivery of water to the neighborhoods and agricultural lands stretching from Boise to Caldwell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the modernization efforts of the Boise City Canal Company and Water District 63 in Ada and Canyon Counties, and affirms that, as the interface between urban development and historic irrigation canals becomes more complex, these projects, which range from piping open canals to automating headgates, are crucial for public safety, water conservation, and the efficient delivery of water rights amidst a densifying urban landscape.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature declares the projects herein identified are independently and collectively vital to the strategic interests of District 2 as they, among other benefits, secure municipal growth through new storage and recharge, strengthen national defense through the MHAFB resilience project, and modernize the agricultural roots of the region through critical canal improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that the maintenance of water security requires a sustained commitment to future investment, particularly as District 2 faces the compounding pressures of rapid population growth and aging infrastructure, and that proactive funding for planning, modernization, and aquifer management is fiscally responsible and essential to prevent the significantly higher costs associated with deferred maintenance and emergency response.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the continued appropriation of funds to IWRB to ensure the completion and long-term viability of these critical projects in Water District 2.

**SJM 108, SCR 116, SCR 117, SCR 118, and SCR 119** were 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 29, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1235](#), [S 1236](#), and [S 1237](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1235](#), [S 1236](#), and [S 1237](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 29, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Senate amendments to [S 1225](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

Senator Nichols was recorded present at this order of business.

January 29, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1225](#), as amended, has been correctly engrossed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1225](#), as amended, was filed for first reading.

January 28, 2026

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

Carl Rey to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board, term to expire April 20, 2027;

Kenneth Long to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board, term to expire April 20, 2027.

BURTENSCHAW, 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 28, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1227](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1227](#) was filed for second reading.

January 28, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1226](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1226](#) was filed for second reading.

January 28, 2026

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

Alan Cavener to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2026;

Alan H. Cavener to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2029.

LAKEY, 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 27, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Michael Lyden of Post Falls, Idaho, was appointed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to serve a term commencing May 14, 2025, and expiring July 1, 2028.

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

Sincerely,  
/s/ Brad Little  
Governor

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

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

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

**Motions and Resolutions**

On request by Senator Harris, granted by unanimous consent, [SCR 115](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

Senator Ricks was recorded present at this order of business.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Hyatt Erstad was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Hyatt Erstad as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Janice Fulkerson was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Janice Fulkerson as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial reappointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Education Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Jennifer White was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Carlson, the Gubernatorial appointment of Jennifer White as the Executive Director of the Office of the State Board of Education was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

The President announced that the Education Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Peter Koehler was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Blaylock, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Peter Koehler as a member of the State Board of Education was confirmed by voice vote.

The President declared the report adopted and directed the Secretary of the Senate to prepare a letter of the Gubernatorial appointment confirmation for his signature, attested to by the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Governor informing him of the action of the Senate.

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 1238**

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
AN ACT**

RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION SETTING OF ANY SEASON OR LIMIT ON THE TAKING OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1239**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE  
AN ACT**

RELATING TO SEX OFFENDERS; AMENDING SECTION 18-8329, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1240**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE  
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, AND OTHER PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS ACT; REPEALING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY AND THEIR PROPERTY; AMENDING TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CHAPTER HEADING; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH GENERAL PROVISIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 2, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP OF AN ADULT; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 4, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CONSERVATORSHIPS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 5, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING OTHER PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 6, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A RESERVED SPACE FOR FORMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART 7, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 15, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-201, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 15-12-108, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 18-211, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 18-212, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 18-1508B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 18-1508C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 18-3302, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-2515, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-2914A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-4204, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-4207, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-5703, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-6009, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE

REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-6010, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 31-3201G, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 32-1806, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-4504, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-214, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 59-1317, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 63-3022E, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 63-3025D, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 66-356, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 66-402, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS AND TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; REPEALING SECTION 66-404, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS; REPEALING SECTION 66-404A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO TEMPORARY GUARDIANS; REPEALING SECTION 66-405, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO AN ORDER IN PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 66-408, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP; AMENDING SECTION 68-1404, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1241**

**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 25-3514B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKING ANIMALS AND TO CLARIFY APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1242**

**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 22-1204, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE AN OUTDATED PROVISION REGARDING RULES; REPEALING SECTION 22-1211A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REFERENDUM OF CONTINUANCE OF ADDITIONAL TAX; REPEALING SECTION 22-1215, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ACCESS TO RECORDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1243**

**BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO ONEPLAN; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 22-2717, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE IDAHO ONEPLAN; AMENDING SECTION 22-2718, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING THE IDAHO ONEPLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1238](#), [S 1239](#), [S 1240](#), [S 1241](#), [S 1242](#), and [S 1243](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[S 1225](#), as amended, by Education Committee, was read the first time at length and filed for second reading.

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 11:13 a.m. until the hour of 9:45 a.m., Friday, January 30, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary