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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 11 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Woodward, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator Rabe, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deacon Davis, 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 30, 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.

The Senate advanced to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

Senator Rabe was recorded present at this order of business.

January 29, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Elisha Toews of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 83814, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 4, Kootenai County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective Tuesday, February 3, 2026, through Thursday, February 5, 2026. I will resume my duties on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Ben Toews

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

The correspondence was 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

February 2, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SR 113](#), [S 1244](#), [S 1245](#), [S 1246](#), and [S 1247](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SR 113](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1244](#) and [S 1245](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1246](#) and [S 1247](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

January 30, 2026

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

David Dean to the Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board, term to expire April 11, 2029.

GUTHRIE, 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.

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

Messages from the Governor

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that I have withdrawn my reappointment of Estella Zamora to the Idaho Human Rights Commission ("Commission") and that her service on the Commission has concluded effective immediately.

Given that no further action is warranted regarding Ms. Zamora's prior appointment, please return Ms. Zamora's appointment packet to my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

The correspondence was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Brian

Scigliano was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Shippy, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Brian Scigliano as a member of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights 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 State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Leighton Linning was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial appointment of Leighton Linning as a member of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights 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 Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Gregory Donaca was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Gregory Donaca 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 appointment of Nora Carpenter was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Wintrow, seconded by Senator Harris, the Gubernatorial appointment of Nora Carpenter 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 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 Lakey, granted by unanimous consent, [SJM 106](#) was referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [SJM 108](#) was placed before the Senate for final consideration at this time.

The President announced that [SJM 108](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Harris, [SJM 108](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered transmitted to the House.

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

Second Reading of Bills

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

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1227](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Cook arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Lakey, Lent, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 26.

NAYS—Galloway, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 8.

Absent and excused—Woodward. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1227](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1226](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Wintrow arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Woodward. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1226](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1225](#), as amended, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Den Hartog arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Adams, Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke, Blaylock, Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Woodward. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1225](#), as amended, passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

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 12:08 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary