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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.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristian Fusco, 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 February 2, 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

February 2, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1232](#) and [S 1233](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1232](#) and [S 1233](#) were filed for second reading.

February 2, 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:

Amy Anderson to the Commission of Pardons and Parole, term to expire January 1, 2029.

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.

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

Messages from the House

February 2, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 493](#) and [H 514](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 493](#) and [H 514](#) were filed for first reading.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Salvador Cruz 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 Salvador Cruz as the Director of the Department of Finance 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 Health and Welfare Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Clayton Steele was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Carlson, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Clayton Steele as a member of the Board of Environmental Quality 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 Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Carl Rey was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Guthrie, seconded by Senator Taylor, the Gubernatorial appointment of Carl Rey as a member of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing 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.

The President announced that the Resources and Environment Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Kenneth Long was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Grow, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Kenneth Long as a member of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing 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.

The President announced that the Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Alan Cavener was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial appointment of Alan Cavener as a member of the Commission of Pardons and Parole 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 Judiciary and Rules Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial reappointment of Alan H. Cavener was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Lakey, seconded by Senator Ruchti, the Gubernatorial reappointment of Alan H. Cavener as a member of the Commission of Pardons and Parole 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.

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 1248

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING SECTION 19-5908, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE FUND AUTHORIZED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1249

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-524A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OUTDATED LANGUAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1250

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO RECORDS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE; AMENDING SECTION 74-105, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECORDS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO DEFINE A TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1251

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AMENDING SECTION 67-1401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1248](#), [S 1249](#), [S 1250](#), and [S 1251](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 493](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[H 514](#), by Business Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

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

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1221](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Guthrie arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—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 (Toews), VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 33.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Adams, Woodward. Total - 2.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1221](#) 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 11:37 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary