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**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

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 Finn Mecham, 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 4, 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

#### SJR 103

#### BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE IX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, RELATING TO STATE TRUST LANDS; STATING THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PREPARE THE STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

[SJR 103](#) was introduced, read the first time 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

February 5, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1252](#), [S 1253](#), [S 1254](#), [S 1255](#), [S 1256](#), and [S 1257](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1252](#) was referred to the Finance Committee.

[S 1253](#), [S 1254](#), [S 1255](#), and [S 1256](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1257](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

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The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [SCR 115](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

BURTENSHAW, 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.

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1239](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1239](#) was filed for second reading.

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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:

Michael Kennedy to the Idaho Judicial Council, term to expire July 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.

February 4, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [S 1234](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[S 1234](#) was filed for second reading.

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

### Messages from the House

February 4, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 515](#), [H 511](#), [HJM 9](#), [H 518](#), [HJM 10](#), and [H 504](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 515](#), [H 511](#), [HJM 9](#), [H 518](#), [HJM 10](#), and [H 504](#) were filed for first reading.

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 1258**

**BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR; AMENDING SECTION 23-903, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE LICENSURE FOR A DISTILLERY; AMENDING SECTION 23-910, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF A DISTILLERY; AMENDING SECTION 23-912, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR A DISTILLERY; AMENDING SECTION 23-944, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR A DISTILLERY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1259**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 20-516, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS TO ARREST A JUVENILE PROBATIONER WITHOUT A WARRANT FOR PROBATION VIOLATIONS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**S 1260**

**BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IMMIGRATION COOPERATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT; AMENDING SECTION 18-9002, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 18-9003, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ILLEGAL ENTRY AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING ILLEGAL ENTRY; AMENDING SECTION 18-9004, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1258](#), [S 1259](#), and [S 1260](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 515](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

[H 511](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[HJM 9](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 518](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[HJM 10](#), by Agricultural Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[H 504](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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 11:17 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, February 6, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary