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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 Foreman, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senator VanOrden, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jace Rackham, 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 6, 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

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The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1261](#), [S 1262](#), [S 1263](#), [S 1264](#), [S 1265](#), [S 1266](#), [S 1267](#), and [S 1268](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1261](#), [S 1262](#), and [S 1263](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1264](#) was referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1265](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1266](#) and [S 1267](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1268](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

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

Messages from the Governor

Senator VanOrden was recorded present at this order of business.

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Trent Nate of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board to serve a term commencing April 10, 2025, and expiring April 10, 2029.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial reappointment was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

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Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [HCR 25](#), which has passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[HCR 25](#) was filed for first reading.

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Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith Enrolled [H 559](#) for the signature of the President.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

The President signed Enrolled [H 559](#) and ordered it returned to the House.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that [SCR 116](#), having been held, was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Taylor, [SCR 116](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

The President announced that [SR 113](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Toews, [SR 113](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The President announced that [SCR 115](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SCR 115](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered transmitted to the House.

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**

[HCR 25](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

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

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1233](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar for one legislative day.

[S 1239](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Nichols 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1239](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1234](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Carlson 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, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 34.

NAYS—None.

Absent and excused—Foreman. Total - 1.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1234](#) 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 11:44 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary