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**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present except Senator Guthrie, absent and excused.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shayla Tyler, 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 11, 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 12, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SJM 109](#), [SR 115](#), [S 1272](#), [S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), [S 1275](#), [S 1276](#), [S 1277](#), [S 1278](#), [S 1279](#), [S 1280](#), and [S 1281](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SJM 109](#) and [SR 115](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1272](#) was referred to the Transportation Committee.

[S 1273](#), [S 1274](#), [S 1275](#), [S 1276](#), and [S 1277](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1278](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1279](#) and [S 1280](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1281](#) was referred to the Local Government and Taxation Committee.

February 11, 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:

Ryan Lanham as the State Athletic Commissioner, term to expire October 1, 2026.

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.

February 11, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports out [S 1250](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1250](#) was filed for second reading.

February 12, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1236](#) and [S 1247](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1236](#) and [S 1247](#) were filed for second reading.

February 12, 2026

The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [S 1254](#), [S 1255](#), [S 1256](#), and [S 1264](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[S 1254](#), [S 1255](#), [S 1256](#), and [S 1264](#) were filed for second reading.

February 11, 2026

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

Juliet Charron as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, term to continue at the pleasure of the Governor.

VANORDEN, Chair

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.

Senator Guthrie was recorded present at this order of business.

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

### Messages from the House

February 11, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 540](#) and [H 541](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 540](#) and [H 541](#) were filed for first reading.

February 11, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith [S 1222](#) and [SJM 108](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[S 1222](#) and [SJM 108](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for enrolling.

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

[H 540](#) and [H 541](#), by Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

#### Second Reading of Bills

[H 514](#), by Business Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 515](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1244](#), by Education Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1232](#), as amended, by Judiciary and Rules Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

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

#### Motions and Resolutions

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate went at ease and resolved itself into the Committee for the Lincoln Day Service.

#### Lincoln Day Service

The Lincoln Day Service was presented to the members of the Senate with Co-chair Senator Shippy providing opening remarks. The prayer was offered by Senator Kohl.

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State, offered remarks on President Abraham Lincoln's role in the establishment of the State of Idaho.

Co-chair Shippy extended his gratitude to all who helped with the program and the Lincoln Day Service was dissolved.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report, having been held, relative to the gubernatorial appointment of Dr. Karen Cabell was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bjerke, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the gubernatorial appointment of Dr. Karen Cabell 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.

The President announced that the Commerce and Human Resources Committee report, having been held, relative to the gubernatorial reappointment of Robert Cuoio was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Ruchti, seconded by Senator Lakey, the gubernatorial reappointment of Robert Cuoio 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 Kevin Settles 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 reappointment of Kevin Settles 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 Senator Todd Lakey was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Foreman, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the gubernatorial reappointment of Senator Todd Lakey as a member of the State Insurance Fund 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.

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 Winrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary