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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10 a.m.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Carlson and Lenney, absent and formally excused by the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Butler, 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 13, 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

February 10, 2026

Dear President Pro Tempore,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Zach Brooks of Kuna, Idaho, 83634, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 23, Canyon County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and will continue until Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Todd Lakey

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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

February 10, 2026

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to Title 67-412, I have designated Joan Hawkins of Malad City, Idaho, 83252, as a qualified substitute for Legislative District 27, Oneida County, State of Idaho.

This appointment is effective on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and will continue until Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Sincerely,
/s/ Senator Kelly Arthur Anthon

The President announced that the Oath of Office would be administered to the designated Acting Senator upon their arrival on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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

The Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

SJM 110 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AMBASSADOR, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, Idaho is the second-largest producer of sugar beets in the United States, with approximately 170,000 acres of sugar beet farmland under production, generating more than \$1 billion annually and supporting over 500 farm families; and

WHEREAS, sugar beets are the heartbeat of Idaho's rural communities, sustaining farm families, processors, and local economies that depend on a strong agricultural base; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's sugar processing industry employs approximately 2,000 people, providing well-paying jobs in rural Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. sugar market is experiencing a historic oversupply, largely driven by foreign imports that are benefiting from government subsidies and the dumping of sugar at prices below the cost of production, thereby eroding domestic sugar beet prices and forcing farmers to harvest at a loss; and

WHEREAS, sugar beet market prices have declined by more than 42% over the past two years, placing severe financial strain on domestic producers; and

WHEREAS, since the 2018 Farm Bill's enactment, on-farm production costs have increased by more than 30%, while interest costs have surged by 73% since 2020, thereby dramatically increasing the cost of operating a farm; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the U.S. sugar beet industry has been forced to close eleven sugar beet processing factories, resulting in lost processing capacity, lost jobs, and long-term economic harm to rural communities; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's America First agenda prioritizes protecting American farmers and workers, confronting unfair foreign trade practices, and strengthening domestic supply chains critical to the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the tier-2 over-quota duty on imported sugar is intended to function as a prohibitive safeguard against excessive foreign imports, ensuring fair trade practices and protecting

domestic sugar beet growers and workers from unfairly traded sugar; and

WHEREAS, the tier-2 duty has not been adjusted since 2000, reducing its effectiveness in preventing foreign sugar from entering the U.S. market at prices that undermine domestic production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature urges immediate action to raise the tier-2 duty on imported sugar to restore its intended protective function and to prioritize American farmers, workers, and rural communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully calls on Congress and the Trump Administration to put American interests first by preventing policies that enrich foreign governments at the expense of American farmers and workers and to take decisive action to address the devastating effects of oversupply caused by unfairly traded imports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, the United States Trade Representative Ambassador, the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

[SJM 110](#) was introduced, read 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 16, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1282](#), [S 1283](#), [S 1284](#), [S 1285](#), [S 1286](#), [S 1287](#), [S 1288](#), [S 1289](#), [S 1290](#), [S 1291](#), [S 1292](#), [S 1293](#), [S 1294](#), [S 1295](#), [S 1296](#), and [S 1297](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[S 1282](#) and [S 1283](#) were referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee.

[S 1284](#) and [S 1285](#) were referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1286](#) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1287](#) was referred to the Transportation Committee.

[S 1288](#), [S 1289](#), [S 1290](#), and [S 1291](#) were referred to the Education Committee.

[S 1292](#), [S 1293](#), and [S 1294](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1295](#), [S 1296](#), and [S 1297](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 13, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [S 1225](#), as amended, has been correctly enrolled.

LAKEY, Chairman

The President signed Enrolled [S 1225](#), as amended, and ordered it transmitted to the House for the signature of the Speaker.

February 13, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that Enrolled [SJM 107](#) was delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State at 1:27 p.m., February 13, 2026.

LAKEY, Chairman

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

February 16, 2026

The TRANSPORTATION Committee reports out [H 533](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

OKUNIEWICZ, Chairman

[H 533](#) was filed for second reading.

February 16, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [HCR 24](#) and [S 1258](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[HCR 24](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1258](#) was filed for second reading.

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

Messages from the Governor

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Cally Younger of Nampa, Idaho, was appointed as the Administrator of the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources to serve a term commencing March 17, 2025, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Gaston Patterson of Rathdrum, Idaho, was appointed to the Aeronautics Advisory

Board to serve a term commencing January 31, 2026, and expiring January 31, 2031.

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

Sincerely,
/s/ Brad Little
Governor

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

The Gubernatorial appointment was referred to the Transportation Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 13, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 613](#), [H 587](#), [H 573](#), and [H 624](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 613](#), [H 587](#), [H 573](#), and [H 624](#) 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 1298 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO SELF-DEFENSE; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 19, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 19-202B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING IMMUNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE AND DEFENSE OF SELF, OTHERS, AND CERTAIN PLACES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1299 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-2364, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING LIMITATIONS ON DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1300 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 59-904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING VACANCIES IN STATE OFFICES; AMENDING SECTION 36-106, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BY THE GOVERNOR; AMENDING SECTION 40-503, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR; AMENDING SECTION 67-4222, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BY THE GOVERNOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1301 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO BEER; AMENDING SECTION 23-1003, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING SALES BY CERTAIN LICENSED BREWERS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1302 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 40-1404A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-625, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A CERTAIN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-625A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING A CERTAIN DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-702, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-702A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-703, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-704, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-705, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-706, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-708, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-712, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-714, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-715, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-905A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN HIGHWAY DISTRICT BALLOTS; REPEALING SECTION 34-905A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO NONPARTISAN BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND PLURALITY REQUIRED FOR ELECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 34, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 34-905A,

IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR NONPARTISAN BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF CERTAIN HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND TO REQUIRE PLURALITY FOR ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

[S 1298](#), [S 1299](#), [S 1300](#), [S 1301](#), and [S 1302](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 613](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 587](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[H 573](#), by State Affairs Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[H 624](#), by Education Committee, was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Education Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[S 1261](#) and [S 1262](#), by Commerce and Human Resources Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1265](#) and [S 1266](#), by Health and Welfare Committee, were read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 504](#), by State Affairs 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 Memorial Service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Service was conducted by Memorial Service Committee Co-chairs Senator James Woodward and Senator Camille Blaylock. The Invocation was delivered by former Superintendent of Education, Tom Luna. "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" was performed by Hailey Upson. The Service was coordinated by Claudia Simplot Nally, Secretary to the Secretary of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE A SENATE MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the late Senator CARL CRABTREE passed on since the close of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature to wit, May 26, 2025.

WHEREAS, the late Senator CARL CRABTREE served in the interest of Bonner, Clearwater, Idaho, and Shoshone Counties during the Sixty-fourth through the Sixty-sixth Legislatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator CARL CRABTREE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the CARL CRABTREE family.

On motion by Senator Woodward, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Memorial to the late Senator Crabtree was adopted by voice vote.

IN THE SENATE A SENATE MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the late Senator REESE VERNER passed on since the close of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature to wit, June 28, 2025.

WHEREAS, the late Senator REESE VERNER served in the interest of Canyon County during the Forty-fifth Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator REESE VERNER; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the REESE VERNER family.

On motion by Senator Adams, seconded by Senator Harris, the Memorial to the late Senator Verner was adopted by voice vote.

IN THE SENATE A SENATE MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the late Senator WAYNE KIDWELL passed on since the close of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature to wit, November 7, 2025.

WHEREAS, the late Senator WAYNE KIDWELL served in the interest of Ada County during the Fortieth through the Forty-first Legislatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Senator WAYNE KIDWELL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the WAYNE KIDWELL family.

On motion by Senator Ward-Engelking, seconded by Senator Guthrie, the Memorial to the late Senator Kidwell was adopted by voice vote.

**IN THE SENATE
A SENATE MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the late Secretary of the Senate, JEANNINE WOOD passed on since the close of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature to wit, July 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the late Secretary of the Senate, JEANNINE WOOD served in the interest of the Idaho State Senate, as the Secretary of the Senate during the Fifty-first through the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Legislatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Legislature of the State of Idaho draws public attention by this Memorial to the life and works of Secretary JEANNINE WOOD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature extends to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this entire body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby instructed to spread this Memorial upon the Journal of the Senate and to mail copies to the JEANNINE WOOD family.

On motion by President Pro Tempore Anthon, seconded by Senator Harris, the Memorial to the late Secretary Wood was adopted by voice vote.

The Memorial Service Committee was dissolved.

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

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 11:16 a.m. until the hour of 4:30 p.m. of this day.

**RECESS
AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Senate reconvened at 4:30 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except Senators Carlson, Lenney, and Ward-Engelking, absent and formally excused by the Chair; and Senators Adams, Galloway, and Toews, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Fifth Order of Business, Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials.

SJM 111

**BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
A JOINT MEMORIAL**

TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, Idaho's public lands contain unique landscapes, including the timberlands of north Idaho, the canyon rivers of central Idaho, the rangelands that provide livestock forage across southern Idaho, and the habitat that provides hunting and angling opportunities across the state for all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, public lands, and access to those lands, are a cornerstone of Idaho's identity, and once sold these lands will be lost forever; and

WHEREAS, these lands are more than empty spaces, they offer a level of freedom that defines what it means to be an Idahoan and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution preserves and protects U.S. citizens' right to bear arms, and Idahoans frequently exercise this right on public lands within the state as those lands provide the freedom and space to do so; and

WHEREAS, section 23, article I of the Idaho Constitution guarantees the right to hunt, fish, and trap, including by the use of traditional methods, thereby recognizing such right as a valued part of Idaho's heritage that shall forever be preserved for the people and ensuring that the right is protected and preserved through any law, rule, or proclamation; and

WHEREAS, our public lands remain a shared resource, accessible to all Idahoans, not just the wealthy or well-connected; and

WHEREAS, public lands serve as lifelines for Idaho's small businesses, communities, and families; and

WHEREAS, the vital contributions of the grazing, timber, mining, and outdoor recreation industries, which collectively generate more than \$15 billion annually for Idaho's economy, must be safeguarded; and

WHEREAS, selling or transferring these lands would not only jeopardize access and tradition, but also place unsustainable and unpredictable financial burdens on states, local governments, and Idaho's taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship and collaborative land management practices that include local, state, federal, and tribal governments keep public lands in public hands while giving the State of Idaho and local stakeholders more input and decision-making power for critical public land management decisions; and

WHEREAS, removing the threat of mass disposal of public lands will allow decision makers and stakeholders to focus on solutions for improved management, increased funding for counties with public lands, wildfire response, shared stewardship agreements, and mutually beneficial land exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the commitment to keeping public lands public reflects a principled, conservative approach to stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature commends the Idaho congressional delegation for opposing efforts to sell or transfer Idaho's cherished public lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Idaho congressional delegation to continue fighting for Idahoans by, among other related activities, introducing or cosponsoring legislation such as the Public Lands in Public Hands Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress and to the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

[SJM 111](#) was introduced, read 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

Senator Toews was recorded present at this order of business.

February 16, 2026

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [H 502](#) and [HJM 9](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[H 502](#) was filed for second reading.

[HJM 9](#) was referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

February 16, 2026

The EDUCATION Committee reports out [HJM 11](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

LENT, Chairman

[HJM 11](#) 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 Eleventh Order of Business.

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

S 1303

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY RESOURCES FUND; AMENDING SECTION 57-1306, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FUND AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1304

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION CONDUIT RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AMENDING SECTION 42-1102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE RIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN IRRIGATION EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1201, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AMENDING SECTION 42-1201, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IRRIGATION CONVEYANCE FACILITIES AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 42-1207, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF IRRIGATION CONDUITS, TO PROVIDE FOR A RIGHT OF AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF AN IRRIGATION EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION, AND

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 42-1208, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND OTHER REAL PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO ADVERSE PROPERTY AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 42-1209, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ENCROACHMENTS ON EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 18-4308, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1305

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 42-612, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WATER DISTRICT BUDGETS AND TO PROVIDE THAT WATER USERS MAY AUTHORIZE A WATER DISTRICT TO CHARGE A FIXED FEE TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1306

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 43-1104, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING IRRIGATION DISTRICTS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS HEARING PETITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 43-1107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COSTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1307

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO DELIVERY OF WATER; REPEALING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO CONSUMERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1210, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR THE DAMAGE OF HEADGATES; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1211, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH LIABILITY FOR THE WASTE OF WATER; REPEALING SECTION 42-1301, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO LATERAL DITCH WATER USERS' ASSOCIATIONS ORGANIZATION; REPEALING SECTION 42-1302, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO LATERAL MANAGERS; REPEALING SECTION 42-1303, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO LATERAL DITCHES; REPEALING SECTION 42-1304, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS; REPEALING SECTION 42-1305, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DELINQUENT USERS; REPEALING SECTION 42-1306, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS; REPEALING SECTION 42-1307, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ACTION FOR ASSESSMENTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES; REPEALING SECTION 42-1308, IDAHO CODE,

RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF LATERAL MANAGERS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; REPEALING SECTION 42-1309, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSOCIATION'S ABILITY TO BORROW MONEY; REPEALING SECTION 42-1313, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF WATER USERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1301, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1302, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE LATERAL WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE LATERAL MANAGER; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1303, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE LATERAL MANAGER; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1304, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE APPOINTMENT OF THE LATERAL MANAGER BY A WATER DELIVERY ORGANIZATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1305, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE APPOINTMENT OF THE LATERAL MANAGER BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1306, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF LATERALS BY THE ASSOCIATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1307, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ASSESSMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1308, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DELINQUENT USERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1309, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1310, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR ACTIONS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES; AMENDING SECTION 42-1311, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1312, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ASSOCIATION'S AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY OR MORTGAGE OR PLEDGE ASSETS; AMENDING SECTION 42-1312, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WITHDRAWAL FROM A LATERAL WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 42-1310, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING WATER DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING LATERALS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 42-1315, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DIVERSION STRUCTURES AND MEASURING DEVICES; AMENDING SECTION 18-4310, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE

PROVISIONS REGARDING INTERFERENCE WITH THE DELIVERY OF WATER; AMENDING SECTION 43-404A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1308

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIFORM MEDIATION ACT; AMENDING SECTION 9-807, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING WHAT A MEDIATOR MAY DISCLOSE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1309

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 32, TITLE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-3201K, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS IN CASES UNDER THE JUVENILE CORRECTIONS ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1310

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN FETAL TISSUE; AMENDING TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 69, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF HUMAN FETAL TISSUE IN PRODUCTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1311

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTION 18-8008, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1312

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-265, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROVIDER PAYMENT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONTAINED IN IDAPA 16.03.26 SHALL BE NULL, VOID, AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1313

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR LICENSING AND NATUROPATH REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5902, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5905, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE VOLUNTARY LICENSURE

OF PHARMACISTS AS NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-5912, IDAHO CODE, TO SPECIFY THAT A CERTAIN BOARD MEMBER SHALL NOT BE LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 59, TITLE 54, IDAHO CODE, BUT SHALL BE LICENSED AS A PHARMACIST PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1314
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1001, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING SUBSTATE ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS; REPEALING SECTION 56-1005, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AMENDING SECTION 56-1006, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RULES SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AMENDING SECTION 59-904, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FILLING AND CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICES; AMENDING SECTION 39-3123, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; REPEALING SECTION 39-3124, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE IDAHO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COOPERATIVE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3125, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3127, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3129, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 39-3131, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS; REPEALING SECTION 39-3132, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS; REPEALING SECTION 39-3133, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS; REPEALING SECTION 39-3134, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO MEMBERS, TERMS, AND APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS; REPEALING SECTION 39-3135, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S 1315
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPITALS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-1397, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING MATERNITY PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1316
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY; AMENDING SECTION 39-907, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS

REGARDING EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1317
BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-321, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION, APPROVAL, AND POWERS OF REGIONAL SERVICE CENTERS, TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING CERTAIN OPERATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-322, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER CONTRACTS FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

[S 1303](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), [S 1307](#), [S 1308](#), [S 1309](#), [S 1310](#), [S 1311](#), [S 1312](#), [S 1313](#), [S 1314](#), [S 1315](#), [S 1316](#), and [S 1317](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

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

Miscellaneous Business

Senator Galloway was recorded present at this order of business.

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary