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Senate Chamber

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

Roll call showed all members present.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Easton Chandler, 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 16, 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 17, 2026

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that [SJM 110](#), [SJM 111](#), [S 1298](#), [S 1299](#), [S 1300](#), [S 1301](#), [S 1302](#), [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](#) have been correctly printed.

LAKEY, Chairman

[SJM 110](#) and [SJM 111](#) were referred to the Tenth Order of Business, Motions and Resolutions, and ordered held at the Secretary's desk for one legislative day.

[S 1298](#), [S 1299](#), [S 1300](#), [S 1301](#), and [S 1302](#) were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

[S 1303](#), [S 1304](#), [S 1305](#), [S 1306](#), and [S 1307](#) were referred to the Resources and Environment Committee.

[S 1308](#) and [S 1309](#) were referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1310](#) was referred to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.

[S 1311](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

[S 1312](#), [S 1313](#), [S 1314](#), [S 1315](#), and [S 1316](#) were referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

[S 1317](#) was referred to the Education Committee.

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The HEALTH AND WELFARE Committee reports out [H 555](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

VANORDEN, Chair

[H 555](#) was filed for second reading.

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The AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1270](#) and [S 1271](#) with the recommendation that they be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

NICHOLS, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1270](#) and [S 1271](#) were referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

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

Messages from the Governor

February 16, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that Jeff Cilek of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Board to serve a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring July 1, 2030.

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

February 16, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 576](#), [H 577](#), [H 632](#), and [H 607](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 576](#), [H 577](#), [H 632](#), and [H 607](#) were filed for first reading.

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Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [S 1222](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

Enrolled [S 1222](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Governor.

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Dear Mr. President:

I return herewith Enrolled [SJM 108](#), which has been signed by the Speaker.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

Enrolled [SJM 108](#) was referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Senate advanced to the Tenth Order of Business.

Motions and Resolutions

The President announced that [SR 114](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Cook, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, [SR 114](#) 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 [SJM 109](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Bjerke, seconded by Senator Harris, [SJM 109](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered transmitted to the House.

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

On motion by Senator Bernt, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, [SR 115](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the resolution ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [HCR 24](#) retained its place on the calendar for one legislative day.

The President announced that [HJM 9](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Taylor, [HJM 9](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that [HJM 11](#) was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the memorial be adopted?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(C), a roll call vote was requested by Senator Zito. The request was not supported.

On motion by Senator Burtenshaw, seconded by Senator Semmelroth, [HJM 11](#) was adopted by voice vote, title was approved, and the memorial ordered returned to the House.

The President announced that the State Affairs Committee report relative to the Gubernatorial appointment of Ryan Lanham was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator Adams, seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking, the Gubernatorial appointment of Ryan Lanham as the State Athletic Commissioner 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 appointment of Juliet Charron was before the Senate for final consideration, the question being, "Shall the report be adopted?"

On motion by Senator VanOrden, seconded by Senator Wintrow, the Gubernatorial appointment of Juliet Charron as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 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 Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

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

[H 576](#) and [H 577](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Transportation Committee.

[H 632](#) and [H 607](#), by State Affairs Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 533](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[S 1258](#), by State Affairs Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 502](#), by Resources and Conservation 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 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 11:51 a.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary